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JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
January 19, 2012

The Board met this date in regular session. Present were Chairman Hines Boyd, Commissioners Betsy Barfield, Stephen Fulford, Danny Monroe and John Nelson. Also present were County Coordinator Roy Schleicher, County Attorney Buck Bird and Clerk of Court Kirk Reams.

ITEM 2: Public Announcements, Presentations and Awards

1. Citizen Phil Calandra presented the Board with its framed mission statement.

ITEM 3: Consent Agenda

2. Commissioner Barfield requested that the Water Supply Resolution be moved to General Business and that the horse arena discussion be moved to the end of General Business. **On motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Fulford and unanimously carried, the Consent Agenda, consisting of the approval of the agenda as amended and the Sunset Limited Route Resolution, was approved.**

ITEM 5(b): Prison Closure Resolution and Strategies

3. Commissioner Fulford gave an update on the progress of the local lobbying efforts to keep the Jefferson Correctional Institute open. **On motion by Commissioner Monroe, seconded by Commissioner Fulford and unanimously carried, the Board declared an emergency situation in hiring lobbyists on this issue. On motion by Commissioner Monroe, seconded by Commissioner Fulford and unanimously carried, the Board approved the hiring of Chris Doolin and Wendy Bitner as lobbyists on the prison closure issue and with payment of up to \$10,000 each. On motion by Commissioner Fulford, seconded by Commissioner Monroe and unanimously carried, the Board approved a resolution addressing its stance against the prison closure.** JCI employees Jerry Loggins and Mark Prevatt thanked the Board for their efforts.

ITEM 5(c): Strategies to Address Local Economic Crisis

4. Citizen Jack Carswell addressed the Board with concerns over dealing with the local economic crisis. He stated that he would like to see the county direct some of its resources towards economic development. Mr. Carswell informed the Board that he was putting together a group of citizens to work on creating an economic strategy for Jefferson County. Chairman Boyd announced the joint meeting with the Economic Development Council for February 13th at 9 am.

ITEM 5(d): Apalachee Regional Planning Council Appointment

5. **On motion by Commissioner Fulford, seconded by Commissioner Monroe and unanimously carried, the Board approved Commissioner Barfield as the Board's appointee to the ARPC.**

ITEM 6(a): PUBLIC HEARING – Aucilla River No Wake Zone

6. Attorney Bird presented the ordinance related to a No Wake Zone around the Nutall Rise / Taylor County Boat Ramp. **On motion by Commissioner Monroe, seconded by**

Commissioner Nelson and unanimously carried, the Board approved Ordinance No. 2012-01-19-12-01.

ITEM 6(b): PUBLIC HEARING – Petition to Vacate Portion of Sledge Road

7. Attorney Bird presented the application to vacate a portion of Sledge Road lying solely within the property owner's boundaries. **On motion by Commissioner Fulford, seconded by Commissioner Barfield and unanimously carried, the Board approved the petition to vacate.**

ITEM 5(e): Rec Park Lighting Bid

8. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher informed the Board that only one bid out of the two submitted was responsive to the bid request. The response was in the amount of \$54,529. Chairman Boyd stated that bids were needed based on the set of specs. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Monroe and unanimously carried, the Board approved re-bidding the lighting project based upon a set of specifications.** Recreation Park Director Mike Holm asked for approval of the Board to perform up to \$2500 of work at the Babe Ruth Field. Chairman Boyd responded that Mr. Holm had the Board's consent and there was authority within the current budget.

ITEM 5(f): Code Enforcement Board Application

9. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher presented the Code Enforcement Board application of David Hall. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Fulford and unanimously carried, the application was accepted.**

ITEM 5(a): Horse Arena Update and Funding Request

10. Commissioner Barfield gave an update on her work with the Big Bend Horsemen's Association and that entities desire to call the Horse Arena their home. She requested up to \$10,000 in improvements in order to combine this with sweat equity from volunteers with the BBHA in order to get the arena ready. Commissioner Barfield stated that putting the arena into use would help with economic development and that she wanted to make sure the county was not held liable. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams stated that the county's insurer required that any entity utilizing county property had to possess a \$1 million dollar general liability insurance policy. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Monroe and unanimously carried, the Board approved partnering with the BBHA and agreed to fund up to \$10,000 from fiscally constrained funds for arena improvements.**

ITEM 5(h): Water Supply Resolution

11. Commissioner Fulford introduced the resolution related to urging the legislature to create minimal flow standards. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and unanimously carried, Commissioner Fulford was appointed to the working group on this issue. On motion by Commissioner Fulford, seconded by Commissioner Monroe and unanimously carried, the resolution supporting legislative bills for better protection of water supplies in the region and the establishment of a multi-county water supply protection working group was approved.**

ITEM 7(a): County Coordinator's Report / Department Head Reports

12. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher presented Department Head reports to the Board.

ITEM 7(b): County Coordinator's Report / Hiring Process for Co. Coord. Position

13. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher presented a recommended process and schedule to follow in planning for his retirement. A workshop on the issue of the County Coordinator's position was scheduled for January 30th at 6 pm.
14. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher stated that Randy Hatch would be bringing information on the cost of a second blast at the mine to the next meeting. Commissioner Barfield stated that she would like to have a better understanding of the cost for mining this material.

ITEM 8: Citizen's Forum

15. Citizen Paul Henry stated that someone should be brought aboard while County Coordinator Schleicher is still here in an effort to bring the new hire up to speed.
16. Citizen Bud Wheeler stated that motorcycle activities should be allowed at the Go-Kart Track.
17. Citizen C.P. Miller stated he was waiting on public records request information from Attorney Bird. Attorney Bird stated he would put the requested information in writing and send via email. Mr. Miller inquired as to whether members of the audience could call for a point of order during a meeting. Mr. Miller stated that if the Board allowed points of order from some, then it should be allowed from all. Commissioner Nelson stated that a review of the meeting procedures process and Roberts Rules of Order was necessary to make sure the Board was applying these appropriately.
18. Citizen John Peck gave a hats-off to the Commission for coming together to work against the prison closure.

ITEM 9: Commissioner Discussion Items

19. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams gave an update on the NFBA and also informed the Board that Preble-Rish was hosting a public meeting regarding the Wacissa River Park planning on January 28th at 10 am at the Wacissa Methodist Church.
20. Commissioner Monroe stated his concern with the water levels and the dredging of the boat ramp at the Wacissa River.
21. Commissioner Fulford stated that he had spoken with the Boland's about Teague's Landing and that the Boland's were interested in possibly selling the property to the county.
22. Commissioner Nelson encouraged Board members to show support for the Jefferson Tigers Football Team and the students at the school.
23. Commissioner Barfield stated she would have an update on naming opportunities for county facilities at the next meeting.

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- 24. Chairman Boyd requested that the dirt being hauled the Recreation Park be halted until the engineers have a chance to analyze the situation.
- 25. The warrant register was reviewed and bills ordered paid.

ITEM 10: Adjournment

- 26. On motion by Commissioner Monroe, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.**

Attest: _____
Clerk

Chairman