

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
February 2, 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 Chief Deputy Clerk of Court Tyler McNeill.

ITEM 2: Public Announcements, Presentations and Awards

1. Commissioner Fulford presented an award the county received from FEMA for the NIFP / Flood Plain Management.

ITEM 3: Consent Agenda

2. Commissioner Barfield requested that, when doing the minutes in the future, the Clerk's Office list where money comes from (what fund) and where refunds go. **On motion by Commissioner Monroe, seconded by Commissioner Fulford and unanimously carried, the Consent Agenda, consisting of the approval of the agenda and the minutes of the January 5th and January 19th regular sessions was approved.**

ITEM 5(a): Mine Update

3. Mine Consultant Randy Hatch stated his 3-month contract was coming to a close and gave a presentation on the mine operation. He stated that the rock being produced had a LBR rating of 156, which was 50% better than FDOT required. He also stated that the mine could produce 150,000 tons per year if operated as a full-time mine, adding equipment as needed. Mr. Hatch made several recommendations: separating the mine and road department in the budget; determining where to place equipment currently owned by the county; purchasing equipment that the mine operation will need; continuing current safety practices/training; and keeping mine employees at the mine with employees working zones (no lead worker/supervisor). Commissioner Barfield inquired about the 10 hour work day, to which Mr. Hatch responded that after breaks, refueling and required maintenance, the mine was productive about 7 hours a day. Mr. Hatch added that for more production, one possibility would be to have the miners work overtime on Friday. Commissioner Barfield asked about the longevity of the mine, to which Mr. Hatch said at 150,000 tons per year with approximately 100,000 tons per acre and 100 acres, it would be approximately 50 years. Commissioner Nelson praised Mr. Hatch was a true professional and inquired about a retainer to maintain him on staff. Mr. Hatch requested time and permission to research programs for acquiring equipment. Chairman Boyd commented that the whole concept of the mine had changed and the county may not have budgeted for the expenses, but it also did not budget for the revenue. Mr. Hatch commented that SCRAP and SCOP projects both had uses for lime rock. He also said that the mine needed another blast to lengthen the key cut, not to see what we have but to start production. On motion by Commissioner Monroe, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and unanimously carried, the Board approved the motion to have another blast at the mine. Deputy Finance Clerk Nick Flynt stated that the mine had the budget authority for the blast, but the personnel costs are still being expensed to the Road Department. Chief Deputy Clerk Tyler McNeill stated that the personnel costs were approximately \$120,000 (salaries and benefits). Commissioner Barfield requested a workshop to discuss the mine in more depth.

ITEM 6: PUBLIC HEARING - Comprehensive Plan and FLUM

4. Attorney Scott Shirley introduced the ordinance to amend the Comprehensive Plan and FLUM. Commissioner Monroe stated he had no problems with the changes. Commissioner Barfield expressed her desire to have separate votes on the Comp Plan and FLUM. Citizen John Walker thanked the Board for all of their help and stated he did not know why his parcel of land was such an issue. **Commissioner Monroe made a motion to approve the changes to the Comp Plan and FLUM, to which Commissioner Fulford seconded for discussion. Commissioner Barfield made a motion to amend the original motion to exclude Mr. Walker's parcel of land. The motion as amended died for lack of a second. Commissioner Barfield made a motion to amend the original motion to separate the vote on the Comp Plan and FLUM amendments. The motion as amended died for lack of a second. The original motion passed 4 to 1 (Barfield opposed).**

ITEM 5(b): Park Electrical Update

5. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher stated he was working with Alan Wise to get bid specifications. He also noted they would be advertising locally as well as in the *Tallahassee Democrat* for services.

ITEM 5(c): Horse Arena Update

6. Commissioner Barfield gave an update on the Horse Arena and expressed gratitude for the Board's support. She said they were currently within the \$10k budget, even with the PA system being a bit more expensive and the purchase of the hot water heater. She said that currently the Advisory Board was looking over user fees, rules and regulations to bring back with recommendations to the Board.
7. Citizen Chuck Sarkisian expressed frustration that the county could not support a Boys and Girls Club but could spend \$10k on a horse arena that would benefit very few people. He requested that the Board stop spending money on non-essential items.
8. Citizen Paul Henry agreed with Mr. Sarkisian and said the county needed to practice fiscal responsibility.
9. Road Superintendent David Harvey said he had put a lot of effort and resources into the Horse Arena and he wanted to see the project finished.
10. Dick Bailar on behalf of the Legislative Committee stated the county should do anything possible to promote economic development and tourists. He also noted that only Marion County had more horses per capita than Jefferson County.
11. Chairman Boyd said many of the above citizens brought up interesting points about public versus private sector but that the county had the obligation of stewardship of these public buildings and facilities.

ITEM 5(d): Brahman Discussion

12. Commissioner Barfield requested Attorney Shirley to discuss how the county could deal with unsafe, unsightly buildings such as the Brahman Restaurant. Attorney Shirley stated there was already unsafe building abatement in the code and it required the Board to notify the owner and then have an appeal process. He said it was important the due

process was preserved and recommended to agenda the procedures/appeals and other issues related to unsafe buildings for discussion at the next meeting. Citizen Dick Bailar said these are not new issues and that the owner would love for us to demolish the unsightly building and clear the land. Chairman Boyd inquired as to why the county could not condemn the building and put a lien on the property, to which Attorney Shirley stated a process needed to first be established.

ITEM 5(e): LobbyTools Software Discussion

13. Commissioner Barfield introduced the LobbyTools software which could be used to track legislation and noted that the county was offered a full-blown version of the software as an in-kind gift. She recommended the BOCC to decide if the Legislative Committee could receive training and use this software as a tool to help track legislation. Commissioner Nelson noted that IT Director Johnnie Abron from the Clerk's Office should be involved if it involved installation on county machines. Commissioner Barfield stated that the software was server based and users would log in to the server to utilize. Citizen Paul Henry said "free software" was a definite good thing. Dick Bailar with the legislative committee stated he could see how the software would help some people but not sure who would utilize it. Chairman Boyd asked Commissioner Barfield to speak with the Legislative Committee to see who would be interested. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher noted there would be more usage if more people had access and said that the Legislative Committee was pretty isolated and it might be better for certain people in County Government to have access. Chairman Boyd asked Commissioner Barfield to bring back a recommendation of how and where to use this software.

ITEM 5(f): Naming Opportunities

14. Commissioner Barfield introduced this issue by stating that if a piece of equipment, land or facility was named, the county and its residents should know why it was named after this person and also the history. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher stated that generally something could be named based on physical contribution or sponsorship/monetary contribution. Commissioner Nelson commended Commissioner Barfield and County Coordinator Schleicher for the comprehensive document they provided. He stated that a workshop would be beneficial, possibly coupled with the Coordinator's workshop. Commissioner Barfield stated that she wanted to have the naming discussion first but would then provide information on fundraising guidelines.

ITEM 5(g): Fire Station Task Order Request

15. Fire Chief Mark Matthews recapped the Fire Station situation to this point. He requested to move forward with the task order to have civil and architectural designs put out to bid in order to see the approximate cost of a new Fire Station. Chief Matthews said that whether or not the county decided to build the Fire Station now, the plans could be used in the future. **On motion by Commissioner Fulford, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried 4 to 1 (Boyd opposed), the motion to move forward with the task order was approved.**

ITEM 7(a): County Coordinator's Report / Position Hiring Schedule

16. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher stated that the position hiring schedule would be addressed at the upcoming workshop.

ITEM 7(b): County Coordinator's Report /Report on Solid Waste Sites

17. Solid Waste Director Beth Letchworth gave a brief presentation of different Solid Waste sites in the county. She talked about employee Charles Preston and how greatly improved the sites he was assigned (Pinckney Hill, Fulford Road). She also discussed the award Jefferson County Solid Waste received from Veolia Environmental Services and noted that the county recycled over 11 miles worth of fluorescent bulbs the previous year.
18. Solid Waste Director Beth Letchworth also stated that she was misquoted in the local newspaper in regards to the County Coordinator. She praised him as a leader and implored the Board to find a replacement of his caliber.

ITEM 9: Commissioner Discussion Items

19. County Attorney Buck Bird discussed liability insurance and said that Mr. Paul Dawson, the county's broker with PRIA, would be attending a future meeting to give a presentation regarding liability and the possibility of the county purchasing a TULIP rider.
20. Commissioner Monroe stated that an update on the dredging at the Wacissa River would be forthcoming as soon as he heard anything.
21. Commissioner Fulford stated he would be attending the Regional Planning Council at TCC to address challenges to economic growth and development in our region.
22. Commissioner Nelson said that FAC had been very helpful in providing information and would be of great assistance in working on a description for the County Coordinator's position.
23. Commissioner Fulford provided a brief update on the JCI closure and stated that Clerk of Court Kirk Reams was not at the meeting because he was meeting with Representative Grimsley along with the county's lobbyists. He said that the issue was not yet over.
24. Commissioner Barfield announced the bike race to be held in the county on February 11th and 12th. She also noted that she wanted to make progress in regards to the County Coordinator discussion and stated that in order for decisions to be made, the Board's discussions would need to be more focused and have more structure.
25. Chairman Boyd said there were rays of hope in regards to the prison and that he was thankful for the community's support. He said that no matter what happens with the prison, economic development is critical.
26. The warrant register was reviewed and bills ordered paid.

ITEM 10: Adjournment

27. **On motion by Commissioner Monroe, seconded by Commissioner Fulford and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.**

Chairman

Attest: _____

Clerk