

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
March 1, 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. Charlie Howard, with the Suwannee River Water Management District, gave a slideshow presentation detailing the North Florida Regional Water Supply Partnership, a joint effort between DEP, SRWMD and St. Johns WMD. He invited the Board to become an interested stake holder in the work group.
2. Economic Development Director Julie Conley stated the Economic Development Council's desire to prioritize issues and go to work on Economic Development. She informed the Board that she had to ask Commissioners Fulford and Barfield as well as citizens Ron Cichon, Dave Woodyard and Thad Beshears to participate on the ad hoc committee.

ITEM 3: Consent Agenda

3. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Monroe and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Consent Agenda, consisting of the approval of the agenda and the minutes from the February 16th, 2012 Regular Session, was approved.**

ITEM 5(a): Briefing Regarding Unsafe Building Abatement Procedures

4. Attorney Scott Shirley reviewed the unsafe building abatement procedures contained in the code of ordinances to the Board. He explained that the building and fire officials must agree that the building is unsafe or that a portion of it is unsafe. The owner is then given notice and time to correct the issue if repairable. Mr. Shirley recommended following certain procedures to contact owners. He further stated that if the owner does not demolish the unrepairable building within the allotted time, then the county may perform the demolition and impose costs through a lien on the property. Mr. Shirley explained that many counties have the appeals process going to other entities such as Board of Adjustment or Code Enforcement. Currently, the appeals process is to the Board of County Commissioners. Chairman Boyd asked how this process could be linked to Code Enforcement, to which Attorney Shirley responded that unsafe building abatement procedures could be placed under Code Enforcement procedures and have the Code Enforcement Board making the decision with any appeals to the Circuit Court. **On motion by Commissioner Fulford, seconded by Commissioner Barfield and unanimously carried, the Board authorized Attorney Shirley to bring back recommended changes to the unsafe building abatement procedures at a future meeting.**

ITEM 5(b): CDBG Change Orders

5. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher presented two change orders related to additional foundation work being performed on two homes. Commissioner Barfield asked whether the contractors were complying with the local vendor preference, to which County

Coordinator Schleicher responded that these monies were tied to federal dollars that prohibited local preference. **On motion by Commissioner Monroe, seconded by Commissioner Fulford and unanimously carried, the Board approved the change orders.**

ITEM 5(c): College Park Horse Arena Administration

6. Commissioner Barfield expressed her desire to see the Horse Arena administration transferred from the County Extension back under the Parks & Recreation Department. Chairman Boyd gave a history of why the Arena was transferred to the Extension Office and stated that the activities to occur at the facility would likely involve Extension programs rather than Recreation. Commissioner Barfield responded that with the Horse Arena and surrounding property being a multi-use facility, Parks & Recreation may be a better fit. Commissioner Monroe stated that chances of receiving funding for an Agricultural center may not be enhanced by moving this facility under the administration of the Parks & Rec Department. Commissioner Fulford stated that there were more opportunities for programs through the Extension Office and he would like to have the opportunity to speak with the Rec Park Advisory Board.

ITEM 5(d): Solid Waste Administrative Building Update

7. County Engineer Alan Wise presented the floor plan and site plan for the Administrative Building. Commissioner Barfield commented that she would like to see a façade that was consistent with other buildings in the county. Chairman Boyd asked for an estimate of the total project costs, to which Mr. Wise responded that the project would not exceed the budget of \$242,000.

ITEM 5(e): Road Department Workshop Follow-Up

8. Chairman Boyd expressed his desire to combine the Mine and Road Department workshops. Commissioner Fulford stated that the discussion of road prioritization and how to address the roads was as separate discussion. Commissioner Nelson stated that each of the subject matters should be given their own workshop. Chairman Boyd responded that in the interest of time, he would like to see both workshops on the same day and that the issues were inter-connected. The workshop was set for Monday, March 12th at 10 AM with the Mine Workshop discussed first, followed by the Road Department Workshop.

ITEM 5(f): Role of the County Coordinator: Economic Dev. or Co. Coordination?

9. Commissioner Barfield expressed a desire for clarification on what direction the Board was going regarding the County Coordinator's position. Chairman Boyd responded that he was not suggesting disassembling the Coordinator's Office, but instead wanted to have a discussion on what activities the Board desired that Office to focus on. He further stated that the Board could always ask the Coordinator to shift priorities. Commissioner Barfield thanked Chairman Boyd for his comments and clarification on the issue. This issue was set to be discussed in depth at a future workshop.

ITEM 6(a): County Coordinator's Report / Communications-Emails

10. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher encouraged the Board to discontinue using "Bcc" (blind carbon copy) when sending government related emails. He also presented the Code Enforcement Board application of Ralph Burquist.

ITEM 7: Citizens' Forum

11. Citizen C.P. Miller stated that the county needed open minded people serving on the Code Enforcement Board.
12. Citizen Paul Henry explained of trouble developing business ideas due to government ethanol mandates.

ITEM 8: Commissioner Discussion Items

13. Commissioner Nelson announced the VFW 251 Banquet on March 24th at the JCMHS Cafeteria at 7 pm.
14. Commissioner Barfield gave an update on the work being performed at the Horse Arena in efforts to prepare for the March 17th event.

ITEM 9: Adjournment

15. The warrant register was reviewed and bills ordered paid.
- 16. On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Monroe and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.**

Attest: _____
Clerk

Chairman