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JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR SESSION  
March 15, 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. Anne Holt, representing Main Street, presented a framed set of architectural prints of the "A" Building.

**ITEM 3: Consent Agenda**

2. Chairman Boyd presented two resolutions and the lighting bid at the Recreation Park for the Board to consider adding to the agenda. Commissioner Barfield explained one resolution was expressing opposition to HB 5301 related to Medicaid Billing. The resolution was added as Item 5(c) with no objections. Chairman Boyd presented the second resolution, which was an appreciation of the JCI closure issue to the Governor, House, Senate and Department of Corrections. The resolution was added as Item 5(d) with no objections. Commissioner Fulford requested that the Recreation Park lighting bids be added to the agenda. This issue was added as Item 5(e) with no objections. Commissioner Nelson requested a Letter of Recognition for Bethel AME's 147<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. This item was approved with no objections.
3. **On motion by Commissioner Fulford, seconded by Commissioner Monroe and unanimously carried, the Consent Agenda, consisting of the approval of the agenda as amended and the minutes from the March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012 Regular Session, was approved.**

**ITEM 5(a): Consulting Agreement: Small Business Dev./Ec. Activity Strategies**

4. Dr. Dallas Garrett presented a proposal outlining Small Business Development and Economic Strategic Planning services for a 12 week period. Commissioner Fulford stated that services could be better positioned if advertised and solicited. Commissioner Monroe agreed that advertising would be the best option. Commissioner Nelson commented that the Board needed to follow the policies in place that the county departments were expected to follow. Commissioner Barfield stated that this would be more than just a three month process and that she would be comfortable with bidding out services for a six month to one year period. Chairman Boyd stated that these services could be bid out, with the results brought back at a future meeting.

**ITEM 5(b): Codification Update**

5. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams informed the Board that the 9 or so ordinances approved since codification have been submitted to Municipal Code Corporation for inclusion as a supplement to the original codification.

**ITEM 5(c): HB 5301 Resolution**

6. Commissioner Barfield explained that one aspect of HB 5301 would prohibit counties from having the opportunity to review Medicaid billing for accuracy. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams and Deputy Clerk Nick Flynt confirmed and stated that the overall impact would be approximately \$85,000. **On motion by Commissioner Fulford, seconded by Commissioner Barfield and unanimously carried, the resolution was approved.**

**ITEM 5(d): Resolution of Appreciation RE: JCI**

7. Dick Bailar, representing the Jefferson County Legislative Committee, introduced the resolution expressing appreciation to the Governor, House, Senate and DOC for sparing JCI. **On motion by Commissioner Fulford, seconded by Commissioner Monroe and unanimously carried, the resolution was approved.**

**ITEM 5(e): Rec Park Lighting Bids**

8. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher presented the bids for the Recreation Park lighting project and stated that Bass Electric had the winning bid after local preference was applied. **Commissioner Fulford made a motion to approve Bass Electric, to which Commissioner Nelson seconded for discussion.** Engineer Alan Wise requested that the motion be amended to allow the Chairman to sign the forthcoming contract. **The motion as amended passed unanimously.**

**ITEM 6(a): County Coordinator's Report / Department Head Reports**

9. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher presented Department Head reports to the Board. Commissioner Barfield inquired for an update from Kitty Brooks about the library's new check-out system. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher presented the Code Enforcement Board application of Robert Halbert.

**ITEM 7: Citizens' Forum**

10. Citizen Jack Carswell expressed concern about the proposed Solid Waste Building's façade and its consistency with county architectural design/culture. Engineer Alan Wise stated that he would place some brick façade components as a bid alternate.
11. Citizen C.P. Miller expressed concern with permitting fees of \$1000 for developments related to additions, especially for churches. Commissioner Nelson agreed that fees should not be so prohibitive. Commissioner Monroe stated his desire for the Planning Commission to look into this matter. Commissioner Fulford stated he would like to find out the cost of the process in order charge a fee that is relative. Mr. Miller asked about a waiver for the two churches he was about to begin work on. Commissioner Fulford responded that availability of waiving fees would have to be investigated in the code and asked County Coordinator Roy Schleicher to research the issue with Julie Conley.

**ITEM 8: Commissioner Discussion Items**

12. Commissioner Nelson announced the VFW 251 Banquet on March 24<sup>th</sup> at the JCMHS Cafeteria at 7 pm.
13. Commissioner Barfield announced that the Horse Show had been postponed until May and that the building at the arena site needed to be ADA compliant. She also stated that

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she has been meeting with Extension Director John Lilly and Patricia Garner of Green Industries/NFCC in order to discuss the Extension Office moving to the Green Industries/NFCC site.

14. Commissioner Monroe gave an update on the dredging permitting at the Wacissa Boat Ramp. Engineer Alan Wise stated that the permit had been finalized and would potentially be in hand early next week.

**ITEM 9: Adjournment**

15. The warrant register was reviewed and bills ordered paid.

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

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk

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Chairman