

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
April 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. Mine Consultant Randy Hatch informed the Board that there was a possibility of purchasing a dragline for the mine operations. Chairman Boyd stated that this could be further discussed at the workshop on Monday.
2. Citizen Jack Carswell announced the Southern Music Rising Festival would be held this upcoming weekend.
3. Citizen Anne Holt announced a benefit for Main Street at the Old County Jail on the evening of May 12th.

ITEM 3: Consent Agenda

4. **On motion by Commissioner Monroe, seconded by Commissioner Barfield and unanimously carried, the Consent Agenda, consisting of the approval of the agenda and the minutes from the March 23rd, 2012 Emergency Session, was approved.**

ITEM 5(a): Discussion of Small Business Development RFP

5. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher introduced the two responses to the RFP: one from Dr. Dallas Garrett for a six month term at \$24,000; the other from Metropolitan Design Consulting Group for a six month term at \$48,000. Citizen Cetta Barnhart presented a letter of support for MDCG and proposed allowing both groups to work together. Ms. Barnhart stated she wanted to make sure there was fair representation for the entire community. Commissioner Barfield stated that she wanted everyone in the community to be served equally and there should be a partnership and outreach formed with the FAMU Small Business Development. **Commissioner Barfield made a motion to approve Dr. Dallas Garrett with the above conditions, to which Commissioner Monroe seconded for discussion.** Chairman Boyd stated he was confident that everyone would be served and served well. Citizen C.P. Miller asked what the county would provide, to which Chairman Boyd responded that the county would provide office space and supplies. Chairman Boyd stated that this was an attempt to engender entrepreneurial community, not to attract industry. Commissioner Nelson stated his hesitance to move forward without knowing the demand for this kind of service. Citizen and business owner Margie Stern stated there was a need for this service and that Dr. Garrett had the background for it. Commissioner Fulford stated he was confident in the proactive ability of Dr. Garrett. Executive Chamber Director Melanie Mays stated that people at the Chamber were excited to have someone of Dr. Garrett's caliber. Commissioner Barfield asked where the funding would come from, to which Clerk of Court Kirk Reams responded that there was budget authority in the professional services line item. **The above motion passed 4 to 1 (Nelson opposed).**

ITEM 5(b): Update on County Coordinator Hiring Process

6. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher gave an update on the County Coordinator Hiring Process and stated that the deadline for applications was April 24th and the discussion was scheduled for the next regular session.

ITEM 5(c): SCOP Update on CR-259

7. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams introduced the item by stating that he had spoken to officials FDOT who stated there would be no more funds available on this project. CRTPA Director Harry Reed stated that he had confirmed this information before the meeting. Commissioner Monroe stated his desire to not take a chance on the availability of funds if FDOT stated there would be none. Commissioner Fulford stated that ten foot lane width was not adequate for agricultural and heavy truck traffic. Commissioner Monroe stated that the highway would be safer with eleven foot travel lanes and that FDOT would be more willing to help in the future if the county began to place funds with these projects. **On motion by Commissioner Monroe, seconded by Commissioner Fulford and carried 3 to 2 (Boyd and Barfield opposed), the Board approved eleven foot travel lanes with a two foot paved shoulder for County Road 259 with a \$90,000 contribution towards the project from fiscally constrained county funds.**

ITEM 5(d): SCOP/SCRAP 2016-2017 Submittal Recommendations

8. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams, on behalf of Engineer Alan Wise, introduced Big Joe Road and St. Augustine Road from US-27 to SR-59 as the recommended submissions for SCOP. He also recommended Piney Woods Road for as the submission for SCRAP. Commissioner Nelson stated his desire to support these recommendations as this process has been successful in the past. **On motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Fulford and unanimously carried, the Board approved the SCOP and SCRAP submittal recommendations.**

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

9. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher presented the Department Head reports to the Board and informed them of Fire/EMS employees' desire to donate to Dexter Walker in light of the recent tragedy. The Board expressed no objection to this request.

ITEM 6(b): County Coordinator's Report / Draft of Inter-Departmental Sharing

10. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher presented a draft policy on inter-departmental sharing of assets. Commissioner Barfield expressed satisfaction with the draft. Chairman Boyd requested that it be brought back before the Board at the next meeting for approval.

ITEM 8: Commissioner Discussion Items

11. Attorney Buck Bird stated he would be bringing back some recommended amendments to the Local Business Preference language at a future meeting.
12. Commissioner Monroe stated that the county would be receiving a refund from the Regional Landfill. He also stated that the dredging project at the Wacissa River boat ramp was nearly complete.

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13. Commissioner Barfield expressed her desire to have the Board vote on whether it desired to have tax abatement on the referendum for voters. She also expressed a desire to discuss moving the night meeting in June due to a conflict with Florida Association of Counties' Commissioner Training classes and also to have a discussion about moving all Commission meetings from Thursdays to Tuesdays.

ITEM 9: Adjournment

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

Attest: _____
Clerk

Chairman