

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
June 7, 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 Paula Sparkman and Clerk of Court Kirk Reams.

ITEM 2: Public Announcements, Presentations and Awards

1. Assistant County Coordinator Henry Gohlke and County Department Heads presented County Coordinator Roy Schleicher with a plaque in recognition of his retirement.
2. Merry Ann Frisby presented a plaque to Tim Peary in recognition of his seven years of service to the Tourist Development Council.

ITEM 3: Consent Agenda

3. Commissioner Monroe requested pulling item 5(o), Report on Ford Ranger and John Deere Rental. Commissioner Barfield stated she would like to keep this item on the agenda in order to receive answers to her questions from a few meetings ago. Chairman Boyd stated that the item could be left on, provided there would be no action taken in Mr. Harvey's absence. Chairman Boyd also stated that item 5(n), the NFBA in-kind leases, be removed and tabled to a later meeting. **On motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Barfield and unanimously carried, the agenda was approved as amended. On motion by Commissioner Fulford, seconded by Commissioner Monroe and unanimously carried, the minutes from the May 3rd, 2012 Regular Session, were approved.**

ITEM 5(a): American Legion / July 4th Fireworks

4. Citizen Buddy Westbrook representing American Legion requested that the Board donate \$5,000 to the July 4th Fireworks program. **On motion by Commissioner Fulford, seconded by Commissioner Barfield and unanimously carried, the decision to move \$5,000 from professional services to a line item supporting the fireworks program at a level of \$5,000 was approved.** Commissioner Nelson volunteered as the "point person" for community outreach for the fireworks program.

ITEM 5(b): CDBG Grant Closeout

5. Esrone McDaniels with Meridian requested approval of the closeout of the CDBG grant in order for the county to be able to apply for the next grant cycle. **On motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Monroe and unanimously carried, the Board approved the grant closeout.**

ITEM 5(c): Approval of LHAP/SHIP

6. Esrone McDaniels with Meridian explained that a new Local Housing Assistant Plan for the Ship Program representing years 2012-2015 was to be submitted to the Florida Housing Finance Corporation. Citizen Paul Henry stated that this could be done at the local level through community support rather than through federal and state funds. **On motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Monroe and unanimously carried, the Board approved the LHAP.**

ITEM 5(d): Drainage on Rosey Road

7. Chairman Boyd explained that this situation had previously not been addressed because this was on a private road and that the solution was to let the Road Department maintain the drainage ditch causing the flooding issues. Citizen Eddie Williams presented the Board with photos documenting the flooding problem. Commissioners Monroe and Fulford spoke of a desire to meet with FDOT on the issue, as it was a drainage problem coming off of a state-maintained highway. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher recommended looking at the issue with Road Superintendent David Harvey, County Engineer Alan Wise and FDOT. Commissioner Fulford expressed concern with setting a precedent of the county addressing drainage issues caused by state-maintained roads. Chairman Boyd stated that the problem could be addressed by the Road Department and it was wrong not to take action. Citizen Eddie Williams stated that at one time Rosey Road was maintained by the county. Commissioner Fulford volunteered to contact FDOT and report back to County Coordinator Roy Schleicher.

ITEM 5(e): Original Florida Tourism Taskforce Volunteer Position

8. Merry Ann Frisby, on behalf of the Original Florida Tourism Taskforce, introduced Dick Bailar as the lone volunteer applicant to serve. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and unanimously carried, the Board approved Dick Bailar.**

ITEM 5(f): Report on Small Business Development Program

9. This item was tabled for a future meeting, as Dr. Dallas Garrett was not present.

ITEM 5(g): Economic Development Ad Hoc Committee Preliminary Report

10. Economic Development Director Julie Conley presented a preliminary report to the Board. She also introduced the American Hunter / Cooksey proposal. Mrs. Conley stated that in her proposal the county would provide the building and the Cookseys would give back the property while providing lease payments on the building for a period of time, at the end of which the Cookseys would purchase the building outright. Mrs. Conley stated she would like to work on the details and bring back a concrete proposal at a later meeting. Commissioner Fulford stated he was happy with the plan. Chairman Boyd stated he could support the proposal if the numbers worked for both sides. He recommended pairing the Cookseys with Dr. Dallas Garrett to work on small business development planning. Commissioner Barfield expressed a desire to obtain the Cookseys financials. Commissioner Nelson stated he would like for the County Attorney to look at any potential legal issues, to which Attorney Sparkman responded that Attorney Bird was performing the proper research.

ITEM 5(h): June 1st Tax Roll Estimates

11. Property Appraiser Angela Gray presented the June 1st Tax Roll estimates to the Board along with Amendment 1 and Amendment 4 reimbursement estimates and senior citizen homestead exemption amounts.

ITEM 5(i): Recreation Park Lighting

12. Engineer Alan Wise presented a change order on the lighting project at the Rec Park due to some changes in the lighting quality. The change order was in the amount of \$7,800

which made the overall project cost \$72,800, coming from fiscally constrained funds. **On motion by Commissioner Monroe, seconded by Commissioner Fulford and unanimously carried, the Board approved the change order.**

ITEM 5(j): Fire Station Update

13. Engineer Alan Wise stated that all parties were working hard on the plans for the Fire Station and that he would bring back some finalized plans to the Board in the near future.

ITEM 5(k): Solid Waste Building Update

14. Engineer Alan Wise stated he would be bringing back final plans with the ability to go out for bid at a future meeting.

ITEM 5(l): CIGP Recommendation

15. Engineer Alan Wise presented Tecumseh Road as the CIGP DOT program recommendation. Commissioner Barfield requested being presented with a list of roads to choose from in the future. **On motion by Commissioner Fulford, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and unanimously carried, the recommendation was approved.**

ITEM 5(m): Redistricting Lawsuit Response

16. Attorney Paula Sparkman asked for approval to bring in Bryant, Miller & Olive as Co-Counsel for this matter, with a cap of \$10,000. **On motion by Commissioner Fulford, seconded by Commissioner Monroe and carried 4 to 1 (Nelson opposed), the request was approved.**

ITEM 5(o): Report on Ford Ranger and John Deere Rental

17. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher stated that he would be meeting with Road Superintendent David Harvey on Monday to discuss these issues, but that his written responses were adequate to address Commissioner Barfield's concerns. Commissioner Barfield expressed disappointment that Mr. Harvey did not inform Mr. Schleicher about the wreck of the Ford Ranger and further stated that Mr. Harvey was not asked to work on the horse arena, as he stated. Commissioner Barfield requested that any requests to perform work outside of a Department's scope should be brought before the Board. County Coordinator Schleicher stated that Mr. Harvey would have to perform differently under a new coordinator and be better at communicating.

ITEM 5(p): Solid Waste Assessment / Residential and Non-residential Discussion

18. Solid Waste Director Beth Letchworth requested that the decision on this issue be postponed until the next fiscal year in order to make a more accurate decision. Chairman Boyd expressed surprise at the request and stated that the county was charging too much in fees and this decision needed to be made this year. Ms. Letchworth stated that she had not been allowed to expend any reserved funds in the past in order to keep up her Department the way it should have been. She further stated that there would be no excess funds generated moving forward. Commissioner Fulford stated that the Board needed to take a step in the right direction in addressing the commercial rate structure. Commissioner Nelson stated he was not ready to make a decision on the commercial side because he did not have all of the data. Commissioner Fulford said the question was not

the budget process but the revenues available to support the budget. Property Appraiser Angela Gray presented the Board a request for the establishment of an agreement involving the reimbursement of administrative costs related to the assessment program.

ITEM 5(q): County Coordinator Selection

19. Chairman Boyd started the discussion by stating the Board had workshopped this matter previously and they wanted to find a County Coordinator the Board could agree on unanimously. Commissioner Fulford stated there was a candidate that had in-depth knowledge of where we are as a county on many issues and he would be remiss if he did not make a motion for this candidate who has worked well with Department Heads in the past. **Commissioner Fulford made a motion to hire Phil Calandra, to which Commissioner Nelson seconded for discussion.** Commissioners Monroe and Boyd expressed their opposition to the hiring of Mr. Calandra. Commissioner Barfield stated that Mr. Calandra needed to be at least the second choice if things did not work out with Mr. Barwick. **The motion failed 3 to 2 (Boyd and Monroe opposed), as this motion needed 4 votes to pass. On motion by Commissioner Fulford, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and unanimously carried, the Board voted to extend an invitation for the County Coordinator position to Parrish Barwick. On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and failed 3 to 2 (Boyd and Monroe opposed), the decision to select Phil Calandra as second choice did not pass, as this motion needed 4 votes to pass.** Commissioner Monroe stated it was a mistake to put the salary range of \$60,000 to \$80,000. Commissioner Barfield stated that the County should offer a \$60,000 salary with the same benefits offered to other county employees with a \$2000 cap on moving expenses. Commissioner Monroe stated he had a problem with the new County Coordinator receiving more money than present County Coordinator Mr. Schleicher. Attorney Bird and Chairman Boyd agreed to enter into contract negotiations with Mr. Barwick and a special meeting was set for its presentation on June 19th at 9 am. Citizen C.P. Miller asked if the County Coordinator had to live in the county, to which Mr. Schleicher responded in the affirmative within 12 months. Mr. Miller asked what was wrong with Mr. Calandra as a selection, as he had done a great job of volunteer work over the years and this was disservice to him.

ITEM 6: County Coordinator's Report

20. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher announced the joint workshop for the Board and Planning Commission, set for June 11th at 6 pm.

ITEM 8: Commissioner Discussion Items

21. Commissioner Nelson gave an update on the Montford Point recognition ceremony in Washington, D.C. for Ernest Snead.
22. Commissioner Barfield announced the in-kind contribution of Kenny Clark for work performed at the horse arena of 42 hours at \$35/hour for a total of \$1470 credit applied towards usage fees. She also spoke of small county issues such as K5-12 education, water issues and small business economic development that needed to be addressed through organizations such as the Apalachee Regional Planning Council.
23. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams stated he was working on the budget worksheets and would be sending them to the county departments via County Coordinator Schleicher.
24. Commissioner Monroe expressed concern over the County Coordinator's role in the personnel policy and requested that this be placed on the next agenda.

25. Commissioner Fulford stated he had been working on some economic development opportunities that he would be bringing to a future meeting.

ITEM 9: Adjournment

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

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

Attest: _____
Clerk

Chairman