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JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR SESSION  
June 26, 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. Commissioner Nelson presented a plaque of recognition to Derrick Jennings, Director of the Jefferson Community Band.

**ITEM 3: Consent Agenda**

2. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Monroe and unanimously carried, the consent agenda, consisting of the approval of the agenda, the minutes of the May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Regular Session and the minutes of the June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Regular Session, was approved.**

**EMERGENCY ITEM: Local State of Emergency**

3. Emergency Management Director Carol Ellerbe presented a resolution declaring a local state of emergency in the aftermath of Tropical Storm Debby. **On motion by Commissioner Monroe, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and unanimously carried, the Board approved the resolution.**

**ITEM 5(a): Hiring Procedures**

4. Assistant County Coordinator Henry Gohlke presented Hiring Procedures to the Board. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher stated that these procedures are recommended to be followed in order to keep Department Heads out of trouble. **On motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Monroe and unanimously carried, the Board approved the hiring procedures.**

**ITEM 5(b): Volunteer Application**

5. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher presented the volunteer application of Jacqueline Seabrooks to the Board.

**ITEM 5(c): Coordinator's Role / Personnel Policy**

6. Commissioner Monroe stated his desire to have Department Heads have the final say-so over their own employees, and not the County Coordinator. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher stated that he mainly reviewed the process of hiring and firing with Department Heads and did not get involved in the actual hiring and firing decisions. Commissioner Monroe stated he did not want the new County Coordinator believing he had the authority to perform certain duties. Chairman Boyd recommended Commissioner Monroe have a meeting with the new County Coordinator to work on the language in the policy and bring back proposed language to the Board.

**ITEM 5(d): Replacement Restrooms/Concession Stand at Rec Park**

7. Parks Director Mike Holm stated the need for a new concession stand / restroom facility at the Recreation Park. Assistant County Coordinator Henry Gohlke informed the Board that the restrooms were in deplorable condition and not ADA compliant. Mr. Gohlke gave an overall cost estimate of \$134,000, with approximately \$13,000 in design fees and permitting included. Chairman Boyd stated his desire to have this included as part of the budget workshops to be held for the coming fiscal year. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams stated that there was professional services money available to begin the design process. Mr. Holm stated that the county had not put any money into the park in the last 35 years. Chairman Boyd stated it was not prudent to commit to spending \$134,000 this close to the budget process and stated his desire to wait until the new County Coordinator is on board before committing to build. Mr. Gohlke stated that the state of the Recreation Park and Fire Station was a disgrace to the county, to which Citizen Bill Brown agreed. Commissioner Nelson stated that the county was not locked into building by getting the design done. **On motion by Commissioner Monroe, seconded by Commissioner Barfield and unanimously carried, the Board approved spending up to \$13,000 on the design from the professional services line item.**

**ITEM 6: PUBLIC HEARING: Unsafe Building Abatement Ordinance**

8. Attorney Scott Shirley introduced the ordinance and stated that owner-occupied residences would be exempt. Commissioner Barfield stated her belief that the ordinance was biased and targeted businesses by excluding owner-occupied residences. Commissioner Nelson responded that the founding fathers did not intend to tell how to live in their homes. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and unanimously carried, the ordinance was approved on first reading.**

**ITEM 5(e): Earthwork at Recreation Park**

9. Parks Director Mike Holm appeared before the Board to ask permission for the Road Department to continue to perform earthwork at the Recreation Park. Commissioner Barfield stated that this was another example of Mr. Harvey using his resources but not being compensated. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher stated that the ball fields would be improved, which would result in a parking area that is needed. It was the consensus of the Board to allow Mr. Harvey to finish this project at the Recreation Park.

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

10. Dr. Dallas Garrett presented his report to the Board and stated he would like to see the county consider the Edenfield Hardware building as a potential small business incubator. He stated he would bring back a proposal at a future meeting. The consensus of the Board was to allow Dr. Garrett to bring a proposal back to the Board at a future meeting.

**ITEM 5(g): Mine Administration**

11. Commissioner Barfield asked for clarification on the status of the mine. She stated it was her understanding that Randy Hatch was the consultant and worked directly with Bill Ramsey and the other two employees at the mine. She further stated it was her understanding that if issues arose, Mr. Ramsey would go the County Coordinator. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher stated that all three employees had been working at the Road Department this week while the crusher at the mine is out of commission. He recommended that the new County Coordinator address the issues with mine

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administration moving forward. Commissioner Barfield stated she was working with the Clerk of Court on a proposed budget for the mine. Commissioner Monroe stated that Mr. Harvey should be in charge of the mine. Commissioner Barfield stated that there was no need to have Mr. Harvey involved as long as the county was paying Mr. Hatch as a consultant. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams reminded the Board that the three employees at the mine had not been designated mine employees via personnel action forms and were therefore not being charged to the salary line item related to the mine.

**ITEM 7(a): County Coordinator's Report / Department Head Reports**

12. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher presented Department Head reports to the Board.

**ITEM 9: Commissioner Discussion Items**

13. Citizen Paul Henry stated what a pleasure his dealings were with outgoing County Coordinator Roy Schleicher.
14. Assistant County Coordinator Henry Gohlke stated he had learned a lot from County Coordinator Roy Schleicher.
15. Attorney Buck Bird stated he will bring some next steps towards tax abatement to a future meeting.
16. Commissioner Nelson gave an update on the upcoming July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks program. Commissioner Nelson also stated that DOT denied any responsibility to address the situation on Rosey Road. Road Superintendent David Harvey stated his opinion that it was a drainage issue belonging to the county and that the county should address it. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher recommended that Engineer Alan Wise should give direction to Mr. Harvey and allow Mr. Harvey to perform the work. It was the consensus of the Board that this recommendation be followed.
17. Commissioner Barfield congratulated Commissioner Nelson on becoming a certified County Commissioner. Chairman Boyd extended congratulations to Commissioner Barfield as well.
18. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams stated that the ordinances had been updated and were available online. He stated that a codified ordinance may need to be completed. He further stated that the budget worksheets had been sent to the Department Heads and Constitutional Officers.
19. Commissioners Fulford and Nelson thanked County Coordinator Roy Schleicher for his service to the county. Sheriff Hobbs also thanked Mr. Schleicher for doing a good job. Chairman Boyd presented a gift of appreciation to Mr. Schleicher from the County Commission.

**ITEM 10: Adjournment**

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

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Chairman

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