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JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
July 5, 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 5(a): Wildflower Resolution

1. Nancy Wideman, representing the Tourist Development Council, presented a resolution of a commitment to the conservation of roadside native wildflowers on state and county roadways while partnering with FDOT on roadside management practices that would increase the visibility and enjoyment of native wildflowers. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Monroe and unanimously carried, the Board approved the resolution.**

ITEM 5(b): Rural Infrastructure Fund Grant / Industrial Park

2. County Engineer Alan Wise stated that the previously grant funded study showed a need to expand the existing stormwater infrastructure. Economic Development Director Julie Conley presented a resolution of support for the grant. Commissioner Barfield expressed her apprehension about approving the resolution without having an opportunity to first read it. Chairman Boyd suggested the Board take a break later in session to give Commissioner Barfield an opportunity to review the resolution. This matter was tabled to later in the meeting.

ITEM 5(c): NFBA In-Kind Leases

3. Attorney Bird informed the Board that the leases requested would be 20 years and would utilize space on county-owned towers at Beth Page Road and the Road Department as well as the fiber network at the Annex. Commissioner Fulford commented that these assets had been committed at the onset of the grant and the County was obligated to enter into the leases or provide a cash equivalent match. Attorney Bird stated he would continue his work on the leases and bring back to a later meeting.

ITEM 5(d): Workshop Request for Wants & Needs Priorities

4. Commissioner Barfield requested the Board have a workshop to discuss funding issues for various projects moving into the next budget cycle. She further stated she would like to discuss the mine budget and the decision on separating it from the Road Department. This workshop was set for 9 am on July 18th at the Courthouse Annex.
5. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams requested the Board set some upcoming budget workshops. These workshops were set for 2pm on July 24th, 1 pm on July 26th and 9 am on July 30th, all to be held at the Courthouse Annex.

ITEM 5(b) continued: Rural Infrastructure Fund Grant / Industrial Park

6. Chairman Boyd inquired as to whether the users of the parcels in that area of the Industrial Park could be required to construct their own stormwater infrastructure. Engineer Alan Wise stated that it was a possibility, but the resulting parcels would not be as attractive to build upon. Commissioner Barfield expressed concern over possibly having to provide matching funds for the grant. She further inquired as to whether the

Cooksey building could be built in proximity to where Harrell Nut Company was going. Commissioner Fulford responded that this possible solution still did not remove the need of a master stormwater facility that was the result of the original grant funded study. **On motion by Commissioner Fulford, seconded by Commissioner Monroe and unanimously carried, the Board approved applying for the grant and approved the resolution supporting it.**

7. County Engineer Alan Wise informed the Board that he spent time with FEMA on Tuesday assessing storm damage related to Tropical Storm Debby. He stated that negotiations with FEMA on cost to repair would take place in the upcoming weeks. Commissioner Nelson expressed concern that FEMA may not move too quickly. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams stated there was a need to have a planning workshop on this issue. Commissioner Monroe requested to be the contact person for the county with NRCS, to which there was no objection. Road Superintendent David Harvey stated that roads had been made passable and that he would be addressing the sinkhole on Brooks Road. A workshop on this issue was set for July 12th at 9 am. Citizen Tommy Graham informed the Board of damages on Tyson Road, making it nearly impassable. Chairman Boyd requested Clerk of Court Kirk Reams and Commissioner Monroe to prepare a letter for submittal to NRCS. Mr. Reams stated that this was a good opportunity to get many of the damaged roads in shape for any future paving projects. Engineer Alan Wise stated he would video Tyson Road in order for Mr. Harvey to make some needed repairs and he would negotiate with FEMA on the damages.

ITEM 6: County Coordinator's Report

8. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick presented his report to the Board. He stated that this was a good opportunity to make the county roads better.

ITEM 7: Citizen's Forum

9. Citizen Paul Henry stated he appreciated Mr. Barwick and his thoughts on efficient government for the least tax burden.

ITEM 8: Commissioner Discussion Items

10. County Attorney Buck Bird stated that the county had closed on the Hodge property adjacent to the Industrial Park.
11. Commissioner Nelson stated that there would be a celebration in honor of Ernest Sneed, tentatively scheduled for July 21st. He also spoke of a debris clean-up program within his district inside the City of Monticello.
12. Commissioner Barfield asked for an NFBA update. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams responded that the network was up and running and looking for last mile provider partners.
13. Commissioner Barfield presented a picture of flooding on Martin Road and expressed concern over the Fire/EMS Station being constructed there. Engineer Alan Wise stated that site grading would address any potential flooding issues. Commissioner Fulford stated that it was a drainage issue and that the property was in the flood plain. Commissioner Barfield further stated that it was not appropriate to bring items to the Board at the last minute.

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14. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams informed the Board he was working on a form to request reimbursement of \$50,000 from the Department of Economic Opportunity related to the property given to the Harrell Nut Company. He also stated that he was looking into whether or not Brownfield designation would be appropriate for the area surrounding the Industrial Park.
15. Commissioner Fulford stated there was much debris in county ditches after Tropical Storm Debby and that prison crews were needed to assist in addressing this issue.
16. Chairman Boyd responded that there many opportunities to take advantage of prison labor and informed the Board that he had signed an extension on the local state of emergency.

ITEM 9: Adjournment

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

Attest: _____
Clerk

Chairman