

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
April 04, 2013

The Board met this date in regular session. Present were Chairman John Nelson, Commissioners Betsy Barfield, Benjamin “Benny” Bishop, Hines Boyd and Stephen Walker. Also present were County Coordinator Parrish Barwick, County Attorney Buck Bird and Clerk of Court Kirk Reams.

ITEM 3: Consent Agenda

1. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Bishop and unanimously carried, the consent agenda—consisting of the approval of the agenda— was approved.**

ITEM 5(a): Road Maintenance on Fishburn Lane

2. Commissioner Walker introduced this item and stated that this road used to be maintained by the county. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick stated that the easement had changed and had not been maintained since. Chairman Nelson recommended going back and doing further research on the history of the road and bringing this information back to a future meeting.

ITEM 5(b): Road Bond Budgeting

3. Commissioner Boyd presented his proposed plan for Road Bond expenditures. **Commissioner Boyd made a motion to add his presented roads to the list. This motion died for lack of a second.** Commissioner Barfield stated that there was a unanimous vote to move forward with the list of roads already presented. Chairman Nelson stated that staff was given the task to move forward with a list of roads. Commissioner Boyd stated the Board had never voted on how the money was to be allocated, which he called irresponsible.

ITEM 5(c): Board Meeting Time/Date

4. Commissioner Barfield introduced this item and asked that the Board consider moving the date and time of the BOCC meetings to avoid numerous conflicts. **Commissioner Barfield made a motion to move the meetings to the first and third Tuesdays, both at 6 pm, to which Commissioner Walker seconded for discussion.** Commissioner Bishop stated that Commissioners were elected knowing that Thursdays were the meeting dates. Citizen Dick Bailar informed the Board that the City meets on the first Tuesday evening of the month. **Commissioner Barfield amended her original motion to keep the first meeting of the month at 9 am, to which Commissioner Walker seconded. The amendment passed 3 to 2 (Bishop, Nelson opposed). The motion as amended passed 3 to 2 (Bishop, Nelson opposed).** Citizen C.P. Miller stated that the Board was making a major change without a public hearing on the matter.

ITEM 6(a): Proposed FLUM Amendments

5. Planning Official Bill Tellefsen and Planning Attorney Scott Shirley introduced this item. The first group of amendments presented were parcels located near the city limits that were in need of a county land use designation that was mistakenly omitted. Attorney Shirley stated that state law required these parcels to have a designation. Mr. Tellefsen requested that he be allowed to move forward with the process of designating these

parcels as mixed use business residential. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried, this request was approved.** The second group of amendments pertained to a recommended change of parcels in the Limestone Road area from AG-20 to AG-5. Commissioner Barfield expressed concern about potentially adding more homes in this area and stated that land owners needed to petition the Planning Commission if they desired this change. Commissioner Bishop agreed that if land owners came forward, there should be no problem. Chairman Nelson stated that the consensus of the Board was that this be a property owner-driven request.

ITEM 6(b): Briefing on Proposed Firing Range Ordinance

6. Attorney Shirley informed the Board that firing ranges were currently permitted as a special exception. He recommended removing this requirement and instead having any firing ranges go through a site plan review. He also recommended a minimum parcel size of 20 acres. Attorney Shirley stated he would bring this back to a future meeting for another briefing.

ITEM 6(c): Fire Station Construction Budget

7. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick stated that staff had brought back a proposal that would not require the county borrowing funds. Engineer Alan Wise stated he had worked with a contractor to reduce the cost of the project. Fire Rescue Chief Mark Matthews presented the construction budget to the Board. Commissioner Boyd voiced concerns about depleting the Fire Assessment fund and using fiscally constrained monies. Citizen Paul Henry commended staff for cutting \$414,000 from the original budget. Citizen Dick Bailar stated that fiscally constrained funds should be used to benefit the county for years to come. County Coordinator Barwick stated that the General Fund was required to participate in the funding of this facility, as it was not a “fire only” operation. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Bishop and carried 4 to 1 (Boyd opposed), the Board approved moving forward with the Fire Station construction.**

ITEM 6(d): ARPC Hazardous Waste Management Practices

8. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick presented this item and stated that the county was required to do this on an annual basis. He further added that ARPC has consistently performed this function for the county. Commissioner Barfield requested that this item be postponed until later in the meeting in order for her to review the documentation.

ITEM 6(e): Martin Road Update

9. County Engineer Alan Wise stated that he had been meeting with the Tractor Supply developers and they were amenable to performing the repairs on Martin Road. Commissioner Boyd requested to be included in the discussions and stated that the road could not be fixed by patching. Citizen Anne Phillips presented pictures of the damage and asked that it be resolved. Chairman Nelson recommended bringing a resolution to this matter back before the Board at a future meeting.

ITEM 6(d) – cont’d: ARPC Hazardous Waste Management Practices

10. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried, the Board approved the agreement with ARPC.**

ITEM 7: Citizen's Forum

11. Citizen Henry Gohlke voiced concerns about the progress of the new concession stand at the Recreation Park. Commissioner Barfield stated that plans were being revised in order to keep costs down.

ITEM 8: Commissioner Discussion Items

12. Commissioner Walker stated he was working with Alan Wise on a grant to clean up the springs at the Wacissa River Park.
13. Commissioner Barfield requested that the Fire Assessment study proceed and also requested that the contract extension for Dr. Dallas Garrett be placed on the next agenda.
14. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams announced that Commissioner Walker had turned in the proper paperwork for his recusal at the last meeting.

ITEM 9: Adjournment

15. The warrant register was reviewed and bills ordered paid.
16. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Bishop and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.**

Attest: _____
Clerk

Chairman