

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
April 16, 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. **Commissioner Boyd made a motion to add the extension of Dr. Dallas Garrett’s contract to the agenda, to which Commissioner Walker seconded for discussion.** Commissioner Barfield had requested that it not be on the agenda for this meeting in order to give Dr. Garrett time to compile information she had requested. Commissioner Boyd stated that the contract expired this week and therefore needed to be on the agenda for this meeting. Commissioner Barfield stated that she needed information to verify the results of Dr. Garrett’s efforts. Citizens Ann Holt, Matt Simpson, Eddie Yon, Tracey Jackson, Bobbie Golden, Marianne Arbulu, Vivian Royster and Jack Carswell spoke in favor of Dr. Garrett’s work. Citizen Mark Kessler stated Commissioners had a duty to verify their funds were being spent wisely. **The motion to have this item added to the general business agenda was carried 3 to 2 (Barfield and Nelson opposed). On motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried, the consent agenda—consisting of the approval of the agenda and the minutes of the February 7th and February 21st regular sessions—was approved.**

ITEM 5(a): RESTORE ACT Committee Discussion

2. Commissioner Barfield introduced this item and presented a proposed committee structure for the RESTORE ACT. She requested that each Commissioner submit three names of people that would like to serve on subcommittee areas by the next Board meeting. **On motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Barfield and unanimously carried, a committee consisting of one appointee by each Board member and one representative from the City and School Board was approved.**

ITEM 5(b): Dr. Dallas Garrett’s Small Business Development Contract Extension

3. **On motion by Commissioner Bishop, seconded by Commissioner Barfield and unanimously carried, the Board extended Dr. Garrett’s contract to the night meeting in May.**

ITEM 6(a): Resolutions of Support for USDA Rural Development Grant/Industrial Park Warehouse

4. Economic Development Director Julie Conley introduced this item and asked for a resolution of support for a grant of \$199,999 to help offset the cost of the American Hunter project. Commissioner Barfield asked if the resolution could be amended to include past grants and in-kind work to be listed in the application as already contributed. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried, the resolution of support as amended was approved.**
5. Citizen Paul Henry commented that this was government picking winners and losers.

6. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried, the Board approved the resolution approving the application.**

ITEM 6(b): NRCS Update

7. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams and County Engineer Alan Wise introduced this item. Mr. Wise stated that Thompson Valley #2, Indian Hills and Old Drifton Road were \$2000, \$5000 and \$12,000 short respectively. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Boyd and unanimously carried, the Board voted to move forward with Thompson Valley #2 and Indian Hills at this time.**

ITEM 6(c): SCOP Submittal Recommendations

8. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams and County Engineer Alan Wise introduced this item. **On motion by Commissioner Bishop, seconded by Commissioner Barfield and unanimously carried, the Board approved the SCOP recommendations of Big Joe Road and Barrington Road.**

ITEM 6(d): RESTORE ACT Project Discussion/Review

9. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick presented this item and stated that there were over 20 projects submitted thus far. He further stated that he was in favor of analyzing water crossings on dirt roads in the county for pavement in order to help with runoff issues.

ITEM 7: Citizen's Forum

10. Citizen Bobbie Golden volunteered to help Dr. Dallas Garrett with the process of compiling information to show the results of his work.

ITEM 8: Commissioner Discussion Items

11. Commissioner Barfield spoke on inland port opportunities along the railroad line in the county.
12. Chairman Nelson informed the Board that the School Board would like to use the Annex for an event in July. The consensus of the Board was to grant this request.

ITEM 9: Adjournment

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

Chairman

Attest: _____
Clerk