

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
August 16, 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 Parrish Barwick, County Attorney Buck Bird and Clerk of Court Kirk Reams.

ITEM 3: Consent Agenda

1. Commissioner Barfield requested that the minutes be pulled in order to address a question. **On motion by Commissioner Fulford, seconded by Commissioner Monroe and unanimously carried, the Board approved the agenda.** Commissioner Barfield asked whether the county had pledged funds to the Cookseys, to which Clerk of Court Kirk Reams stated that the county agreed to borrow the money to build the building and pledged General Fund revenues as collateral. **On motion by Commissioner Monroe, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and unanimously carried, the minutes of the July 19th, 2012 Special Session were approved.**

ITEM 4: Citizens Request and Input on Non-Agenda Items

2. Citizen Jerry Sutphin asked the Board to consider inviting new Commissioners to workshops and meetings.
3. Citizen Phil Calandra expressed concern over using fiscally constrained revenues for operating budget purposes.
4. Citizen Edna Henry expressed frustration with the frustration of Cook Road.
5. Citizen Paul Henry stated that privatization of jail operations placed people's civil liberties at risk and spoke in favor of the Sheriff's budget request.
6. Citizen Jeri Kimbrel requested funding for the Jefferson County Humane Society.

ITEM 5(a): Fire Grant

7. Chief Mark Matthews presented a resolution in support of a Fire grant for his operations. **On motion by Commissioner Fulford, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and unanimously carried, the resolution was approved.**

ITEM 5(b): First Floridians Conference Request

8. Citizen Dick Bailar presented a request for \$2000 from the First Floridians conference. Commissioner Barfield stated it was difficult to appropriate money without a policy. **On motion by Commissioner Monroe, seconded by Commissioner Fulford and carried 4 to 1 (Barfield opposed), the Board approved \$1000 towards the First Floridians Conference.**

ITEM 5(c): Agricultural Center Funding Application

9. Dick Bailar, representing the Legislative Committee, stated that the county currently had an application on file for an agricultural center. Commissioner Barfield requested

updating the application. The consensus of the Board was to have the application reviewed and possibly updated.

ITEM 5(d): Citizen Request regarding Tyson Road

10. Citizen Jerry Sutphin stated that the county needed to take care of its own people first. Citizen John Cobb inquired as to whether the Commission had given any thoughts to paving Tyson Road. Chairman Boyd stated it was easier to perform the work over time with local resources. Commissioner Nelson stated strong support for continuing the Road Bond. Mr. Cobb stated that the road used to be maintained at an appropriate level when he first moved there in 1999. This discussion was tabled until after the public hearing.

ITEM 6: PUBLIC HEARING – Unsafe Building Abatement Ordinance

11. Attorney Rudolph appeared on behalf of Attorney Scott Shirley and read the ordinance title and heading. There was no public comment. **On motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Monroe and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Unsafe Building Abatement ordinance.**

ITEM 5(d) – cont'd: Citizen Request Regarding Tyson Road

12. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick stated that the Board has to decide to continue to Bond and then decide whether roads have adequate space/right of ways. Citizen Phil Calandra stated that prioritization, planning and finance have been performed by Clerk of Court Kirk Reams and the committee. Citizen Marvin Graham asked why the county could not do the prep and then contract out for the asphalt. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick stated he would be willing to meet with the landowners along Tyson Road. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams asked to be involved since he had been working over 4 years on the issue. Citizen C.P. Miller stated that the right thing to do would be to continue the Road Bond and start stabilizing roads immediately. Citizen John Cobb asked why his road was in poor shape. Commissioner Barfield stated it was because of poor leadership in the Road Department. **On motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Barfield and unanimously carried, the Board requested the County Coordinator to work on this issue with assistance from the County Engineer.**

ITEM 5(e): Housing Services Proposal Selection

13. **On motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Barfield and unanimously carried, the Board accepted the proposal of Guardian.**

ITEM 5(f): CDBG Economic Development Waiver Request

14. Commissioner Fulford stated that the county could apply for economic development grant funding to provide a natural gas tap for Harrell Nut Company operational needs. Gayle Brett, representing Guardian, stated that the first step in pursuing CDBG funds was requesting a waiver to ask for more than the \$700,000 grant amount. **On motion by Commissioner Fulford, seconded by Commissioner Monroe and unanimously carried, the Board approved submitting a waiver request.**

ITEM 5(g): Personnel Policy Proposed Revisions

15. Commissioner Monroe presented his requested changes to the personnel policy. Commissioner Nelson stated that HR needed to be included in the review process. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick stated that any changes made needed to be

consistent. Commissioner Barfield stated that the changes totally stripped the County Coordinator from being able to manage personnel. Commissioner Monroe stated the intent was to not have the Coordinator running the county in regards to hiring and firing personnel. Chairman Boyd stated that the intent was that the County Coordinator recommend hiring and firing of Department Heads to the Board and asked that Commissioner Monroe work with Attorney Bird and County Coordinator Barwick on this issue.

ITEM 5(h): Solid Waste Service Presentation

16. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick asked that this item be removed from the agenda.

ITEM 7: County Coordinator's Report

17. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick gave an update on the RESTORE ACT.

ITEM 8: Citizen's Forum

18. Citizen Paul Henry that an agricultural center was not a function of government and money should be spent on primary functions of government.
19. Citizen Tina Cummings requested that the flooding issues affecting her home on Horseshoe Road be addressed.

ITEM 9: Commissioner Discussion Items

20. Commissioner Nelson announced that the ceremony for Ernest Snead receiving his Congressional Gold Medal would be next Saturday at 12 noon at JCMHS.
21. Commissioner Barfield gave an update on CRTPA projects and requested that the county explore resurfacing Wacissa Springs Road.

ITEM 9: Adjournment

22. The warrant register was reviewed and bills ordered paid.
23. **On motion by Commissioner Monroe, seconded by Commissioner Fulford and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.**

Attest: _____
Clerk

Chairman