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JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR SESSION  
September 6, 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 Chief Deputy Clerk Tyler McNeill.

**ITEM 2: Public Announcements, Presentations & Awards**

1. Citizen Paul Henry stated that he worked with some other people to raise money to save a house from foreclosure without government assistance.
2. Property Appraiser Angela Gray stated there would be a community remembrance for September 11<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm at the Methodist Church.

**ITEM 3: Consent Agenda**

3. Chairman Boyd stated minutes only needed to be kept of official record and substantive information. Commissioner Nelson stated that as long as Roberts Rules of Order were followed, the minutes would be fine. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and unanimously carried, the consent agenda, consisting of the Approval of the Agenda and the Minutes of the August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012 Regular Session, was approved.**

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

4. Citizen Phil Calandra told the Board about an article in the *Tallahassee Democrat* regarding JCI and asked them to check into the impact any changes at JCI could possibly have.

**ITEM 5(a): RESTORE ACT Presentation**

5. John Wayne Smith, an attorney on behalf of Florida Association of Counties, gave an informational presentation on federal legislation known as the RESTORE ACT.
6. It was the consensus of the Board to have the Public Hearing before Doug Darling (FAC) gave his presentation.

**ITEM 6: PUBLIC HEARING: CDBG Application**

7. Corbett Alday with Guardian gave an informational public hearing on the CDBG application and timeline for hearings and the process. Mr. Alday with Guardian also gave an informational presentation on Fair Housing.
8. **On motion by Commissioner Monroe, seconded by Commissioner Barfield and unanimously carried, the Board approved the appointments presented for the Citizens Advisory Task Force (CATF).**
9. **On motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Monroe and unanimously carried, the Board approved moving forward with the CDBG application and holding a second hearing at the next regular session.**

**ITEM 5(a) – cont'd: RESTORE ACT Presentation**

10. Doug Darling with FAC continued the presentation on the RESTORE ACT. **On motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Monroe and unanimously carried, the Board moved to participate in the RESTORE ACT. On motion by Commissioner Fulford, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and unanimously carried, the Board designated County Coordinator Parrish Barwick as the primary contact with regard to the RESTORE ACT with Commissioner Barfield as the primary Commissioner of contact and voting representative of the Board.**
11. Peggy Matthews, with MW Consulting of Tallahassee, stated her company could provide potential services to help with processes and planning related to the RESTORE ACT. It was the consensus of the Board that any proposals be submitted to County Coordinator Parrish Barwick for review.

**ITEM 5(b): Appointment of EDC BOCC Representative**

12. Deputy Clerk Nick Flynt stated that Julie Conley requested to wait until after elections for an appointment. Commissioner Fulford also stated that citizen Katrina Walton was stepping down and recommended advertising for volunteers to receive a broader pool of applicants. It was the consensus of the Board to wait until after the November Elections for a new commissioner appointee and also to advertise in the meantime for interested volunteers to serve as citizen appointee.

**ITEM 5(c): Appointment of Legislative Committee BOCC Representative**

13. Dick Bailar, with the Legislative Committee, stated that Commissioner Monroe is the current Board representative and that the Board would need to appoint someone for the upcoming session. It was the consensus of the Board to wait until after the November elections to make an appointment.

**ITEM 5(d): Legislative Committee Request for 12/13 Legislative Priorities**

14. Dick Bailar, with the Legislative Committee, stated that legislative priorities were needed by the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in October. He mentioned one item not currently on the priority list but that may be needed is JCI. Mr. Bailar also stated that Wendy Bitner and Chris Doolin stated their willingness to work at a minimal fee for the Board if needed for any sort of special project.

**ITEM 5(e): Resurfacing of Wacissa Springs Road**

15. County Engineer Alan Wise stated the issue of Wacissa Springs Road had been brought up a few meetings ago. He stated there was a project on SR-59 and that the Board could possibly negotiate with DOT's contractor for a side deal. He also presented another option of working with the asphalt contractor currently performing work on CR-259 to put another inch of asphalt on Wacissa Springs. Mr. Wise's estimated that for approximately \$37,000, the county could get 2500 linear feet (21 feet wide and 1 inch thick) of asphalt. After discussing with the Board, Mr. Wise stated he would wait until the contractor was done but before he de-mobilized equipment to re-visit the topic with the Board.

**ITEM 5(f): NRCS Projects for Approval and Prioritization**

16. County Engineer Alan Wise requested the Board to approve the prioritization for submittal of 8 projects to NRCS. Commissioner Monroe stated he would try to get at least 90% funding from NRCS if he could not get 100%. **On motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Monroe and unanimously carried, the Board approved the recommendation and prioritization as presented.**

**ITEM 5(g): Solid Waste Assessment Reduction Resolution**

17. Commissioner Fulford stated there was still clarification needed on some issues about implementation, specifically commercial billing and splitting parcels. Property Appraiser Angela Gray stated that a flat rate for commercial would require a considerable amount of work and time on her end.

**ITEM 5(h): Agricultural Center Discussion**

18. Commissioner Barfield stated that the grant needs to be updated and wanted the Board to reaffirm that they wanted an agricultural center. It was the consensus of the Board to have Extension Director John Lilly update the application and plan and to also be the contact for this project moving forward.

**ITEM 5(i): Commissioner Meeting Date Change**

19. Commissioner Barfield stated she would be attending the FAC Advanced County Commissioner training on scholarship and that the training would conflict with the October 4<sup>th</sup> and April 18<sup>th</sup> regular sessions. Commissioner Nelson stated he also would be attending on scholarship. Commissioner Barfield stated her desire to see the meetings moved to Tuesday. Commissioner Fulford stated that this vote and decision should wait until the new Board was seated. **On motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Fulford and unanimously carried, the October 4<sup>th</sup> Regular Session was moved to October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9 am.**

**ITEM 7: County Coordinator's Report**

20. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick stated that Roy Schleicher volunteered for the Planning Commission. Commissioner Barfield stated that Mr. Schleicher was in her district and she would consider him when an opening became available.
21. County Coordinator Barwick stated that at a future meeting he would be bringing a list of roads and criteria for the Board to study and give staff direction on these roads. He requested that this item be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.
22. County Coordinator Barwick requested action in regards to action performed by Road Department employees and equipment at the Harrell Nut Company site. Chief Deputy Clerk Tyler McNeill read an email from Clerk of Court Kirk Reams stating he would not sign off on any expenditures associated with this work as a legal use of county taxpayer funds as it was not authorized by majority vote of the Board. Chairman Boyd explained his stance on why he requested the work be performed. Commissioner Nelson expressed displeasure at not knowing what was taking place and not being able to explain to his constituents. Commissioner Barfield expressed displeasure that an emergency meeting was not held and that she had no say in the decision. County Coordinator Barwick requested clear cut direction from the Board anytime private property was involved. Citizen Phil Calandra stated that this looked bad and was not fair to other people on

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private property that needed help. County Coordinator Barwick requested a motion from the Board for County Vehicles to move topsoil and perform work on this site. **On motion by Commissioner Monroe, seconded by Commissioner Fulford and carried 3 to 2 (Barfield and Nelson opposed), the Board approved the use of county vehicles and personnel to move topsoil and perform work at the Harrell Nut Company site.**

23. County Coordinator Barwick requested a workshop to discuss solid waste proposals. Commissioner Fulford recommended waiting until the new Commissioners were in office.

**ITEM 8: Citizen's Forum**

24. Citizen Paul Henry stated that the government should not be involved in the private sector.

**ITEM 9: Commissioner Discussion Items**

25. Commissioner Barfield stated that the Big Bend Horseman's Association was having its first horse show this weekend at the Horse Arena. Lastly, she stated she was displeased with the situation that transpired at the Harrell Nut Company site and as a professional, would like to have input and a vote on such action in the future.
26. Commissioner Nelson thanked people for attending the ceremony for Mr. Ernest Snead. He also stated he would provide updates on Veteran's Day activities in the future.
27. County Attorney Buck Bird stated there was a citizen, Robert Daniels, requesting a permit from FWC to have a bobcat on his property. He also stated he was always available to give his opinion on the use of county equipment on private property but that anytime this is done, it should be for a public use and the public should have access. He stated it was important for the Board to get the procedures straight in the future and that these items should come before the Board for a decision.

**ITEM 9: Adjournment**

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

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

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Chairman