

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR SESSION  
September 20, 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 Paula Sparkman and Clerk of Court Kirk Reams.

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

1. Commissioner Nelson gave a plaque of recognition to Jimmy Wilson recognizing his years of involvement in music education.
2. The presentation of refund from the Regional Landfill by Engineer Frank Darabi was tabled until November.

**ITEM 3: Consent Agenda**

3. Commissioner Monroe asked that emergency item related to NRCS items be placed as item I under general business. Commissioner Barfield requested that the Board take a break before this item in order to review. **On motion by Commissioner Fulford, seconded by Commissioner Monroe and unanimously carried, the consent agenda, consisting of the Approval of the Agenda as amended, the Minutes of the August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Regular Session, the minutes of the September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Regular Session, and the minutes of the September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012 tentative budget hearing, was approved.**

**ITEM 5(a): TDC 2012-2013 Budget/Marketing Plan**

4. TDC Director Nancy Wideman presented the 2012-2013 TDC Budget/Marketing Plan. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Monroe and unanimously carried, the Board approved the budget and plan as presented.**

**ITEM 5(b): Agricultural Center Funding Request Application / Resolution**

5. Extension Director John Lilly presented the funding request application and resolution to the Board. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick recommended the Board approve, subject to some minor changes. **On motion by Commissioner Monroe, seconded by Commissioner Fulford and unanimously carried, the Board approved the application and resolution.**

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

6. Chairman Boyd introduced two versions of the resolution and asked for a motion to approve. Commissioner Nelson stated that the assessment should be consistent with the amount discussed with the Property Appraiser. **On motion by Commissioner Fulford, seconded by Commissioner Monroe and unanimously carried, the Board approved version b presented by Chairman Boyd.**

**ITEM 5(d): Road Work Approval List**

7. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick presented a list of roads to the Board and asked for approval to begin work on the listed roads. Mr. Barwick and Clerk of Court Kirk Reams

reviewed the list before the Board. Citizens Don Howarth, Phil Calandra, Robin Lewis, Edna Henry, Ashley Knecht, Sissy Maloy and David Adams spoke in favor of performing work on these roads. Citizen John Hopkins stated he would like to see Casa Bianca Road better maintained but not necessarily paved. Chairman Boyd stated that it was important to buy gas in the county because the Road Department was funded by gasoline taxes on gasoline sold in the county. The discussion was tabled until after the public hearing.

**ITEM 6: PUBLIC HEARING: CDBG Housing Application & Housing Assistance Plan**

8. Gayle Brett with Guardian introduced this item and proposed to use \$75,000 of SHIP funds in order to leverage a better CDBG score. Citizen Paul Henry spoke out against the government's involvement in this program. **On motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Barfield and unanimously carried, the Board approved the 2012 CDBG Housing Application.**
9. **On motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Monroe and unanimously carried, the Board approved resolution number 2012-092012-01, approving the CDBG Housing Application fro submittal.**
10. **On motion by Commissioner Monroe, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and unanimously carried, the Board approved resolution number 2012-092012-02, authorizing the use of \$75,000 of SHIP funds as leverage for the aforementioned application.**

**ITEM 5(d) – cont'd: Road Work Approval List**

11. Citizens Bill Benners, Ruby Davis, Juanita Crumity, James Robinson, John Cobb and Milly Christian spoke in favor of the road work approval list. **On motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Fulford and unanimously carried, the Board approved the road list as amended with Alexander, Groover and Seabrooks Roads added.**

**ITEM 5(e): Extension of Road Bond**

12. Commissioner Nelson stated that he had discussed costs of dirt road maintenance with the engineer and that the previous bond had eliminated many of the problems that the county had. **Commissioner Nelson made a motion to extend the Road Bond in order to lay pavement on the aforementioned approved road list, to which Commissioner Barfield seconded for discussion.** Citizen Paul Henry rose in support of Commissioner Nelson's motion. Citizen John Hopkins asked how the county was proposing to repay the bonds. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams stated that the previous bond was paid for through 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> cent gas taxes, with the remainder going to support the Road Department and that the new bond would operate in the same manner. Mr. Reams stated this was a financial decision in order to reduce the high maintenance cost of dirt roads while making these roads eligible for future state and federal funding. Chairman Boyd stated he was not an advocate of the Road Bond and that there were other alternatives for making the driving experience in the county a good one. Commissioner Barfield called the question and Commissioner Nelson made a point of order to end debate and move on to the vote. Attorney Paula Sparkman explained that calling the question was a non-debatable question. **By a vote of 4 to 1 (Boyd opposed), calling the question was approved. The above mentioned motion was then carried 4 to 1 (Boyd opposed).**

**ITEM 5(f): Citizen Request RE: Tyson Road**

13. Citizen John Cobb stated that all that needed to be said had been stated in the previous two items.

**ITEM 5(g): Cash Reserve Resolution**

14. Chairman Boyd introduced this item and stated his desire to monitor the cash reserve with quarterly reviews and projections, while establishing minimums and maximums for the reserve as well. He stated that past Commissions have done a good job of managing the county's finances. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams stated that the Board's focus needed to be on cutting expenses instead of balancing the budget off of reserves. Chairman Boyd relinquished the gavel to Commissioner Nelson and made a motion to adopt the resolution, which died for lack of a second. Commissioner Nelson then relinquished the gavel back to Chairman Boyd. Commissioner Fulford stated that the resolution needed to be discussed and vetted more and was concerned about the appearance of "hand-tying" future Boards.

**ITEM 5(h): Personnel Policy Proposed Resolutions**

15. Commissioner Monroe introduced the item and expressed his desire that the Board be the final decision maker on matters of personnel. Commissioner Barfield stated that the Board's job was policy and the Coordinator's job was to manage personnel. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams stated that the process in place with the County Coordinator working in conjunction with Department Heads and HR was operating very well. Chairman Boyd asked Commissioner Monroe to bring back to the Board after revisions were made to reflect the current process.
16. The Board recessed to allow Commissioners the opportunity to individually review the NRCS emergency item.

**ITEM 5(i): NRCS Emergency Item**

17. Commissioner Fulford informed the Board that during the break, it was brought to his attention that the Property Appraiser had been utilizing the \$175 amount for the Solid Waste Assessment in her system and therefore rescinded his early motion to approve version b of the Solid Waste Assessment Reduction Resolution, followed by Commissioner Monroe's rescission of his earlier second. **The decision to rescind the earlier motion passed 4 to 1 (Boyd opposed).**
18. Commissioner Monroe introduced NRCS proposals for 8 projects with a total cost of \$757,500. The county's obligation would be 25% or \$189,375. Commissioner Barfield inquired as to where the match would come from, to which Clerk of Court Kirk Reams stated that any remainder of 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> cents gas monies and fiscally constrained monies would be available for match. **On motion by Commissioner Monroe, seconded by Commissioner Fulford and unanimously carried, the Board approved the NRCS proposals and the appropriate match.**

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

19. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick presented the Department Head reports to the Board.

**ITEM 8: Citizen's Forum**

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20. Citizen Dana Morgan expressed desire to have the horse arena open for public use. Commissioner Barfield stated she would work with Mrs. Morgan, the County Coordinator and Extension Director John Lilly to resolve the problem of public access. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams stated that Park Rules needed to be established and insurance/liability issues researched.

**ITEM 9: Commissioner Discussion Items**

21. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams thanked the Board for moving forward with Road List and Road Bond, as he had worked hard on this project for the past few years.
22. Commissioner Monroe asked the Board to approve up to \$40,000 for extending the contract on Waukeelah Highway to resurface Wacissa Springs Road. By unanimous consent, the Board approved this request.
23. Commissioner Nelson stated he would be working with Earlene Knight on the first Veteran's Day parade and program for Jefferson County.
24. Commissioner Barfield stated that after December, the county would need to make another contribution towards expenses involved in the RESTORE Act.
25. Chairman Boyd expressed displeasure with parliamentary procedure shutting down discussion.

**ITEM 9: Adjournment**

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

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

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Chairman