

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR SESSION  
October 18, 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 asked that the list of roads as amended (with Montivilla added) be included with the minutes of September 20<sup>th</sup>. **On motion by Commissioner Monroe, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and unanimously carried, the agenda was approved. On motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Fulford and unanimously carried, the minutes of the September 20<sup>th</sup> regular session were approved. On motion by Commissioner Monroe, seconded by Commissioner Fulford and unanimously carried, the minutes of the September 28<sup>th</sup> Final Budget Hearing were approved.**

**ITEM 5(a): Mine Report**

2. Chairman Boyd stated it was time for the Board to move forward with the purchase of a dragline. Commissioner Nelson stated that he was not ready to move forward due to lack of specifics. Chairman Boyd stated that the Board had spent a sizeable amount of money at the mine and did not need to waste its investment. Commissioner Monroe stated that he would like Mr. Hatch to be present to discuss the dragline, to which Commissioner Barfield agreed. This discussion was tabled to a later meeting.

**ITEM 5(b): Bike/Pedestrian Master Plan**

3. Scott Swearingen with Renaissance presented the preliminary draft Bike/Pedestrian Master Plan. He asked that a more in-depth review of the recommended projects be performed by the BOCC at a future workshop. This item was set for a workshop with the City Council invited to participate.

**ITEM 5(c): 2012-2013 Legislative Priorities**

4. Dick Bailar, representing the Legislative Committee, presented a draft list of legislative priorities to the Board.

**ITEM 5(d): Canvassing Board Replacement for Chairman Boyd**

5. It was the consensus of the Board that Commissioner Nelson replace Chairman Boyd on the Canvassing Board due to Chairman Boyd's upcoming opposed election.

**ITEM 5(e): Constitutional Amendment Presentation**

6. Property Appraiser Angela Gray presented an explanation of the potential effects of the proposed Constitutional Amendments on the November ballot.

**ITEM 5(f): FEMA General Road Repairs Engineer Recommendation**

7. County Engineer Alan Wise recommended awarding the contract to low bidder Capital Asphalt, which would allow the County to have a continuing services contract. **On motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Fulford and unanimously carried, Mr. Wise's recommendation was approved.**

**ITEM 5(g): FDOT CIGP Project Agreement & Resolution**

8. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams introduced this item, which was the resurfacing and improvements along Old Lloyd Road (CR 158A) from SR-59 to the Leon County line. Commissioner Barfield stated that she would like to see sidewalks incorporated along this path. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Monroe and unanimously carried, the Board approved the project agreement. On motion by Commissioner Monroe, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and unanimously carried, the project resolution was approved.**

**ITEM 5(h): Lamont Schoolhouse Historic Renovation Architectural Svcs. Rec.**

9. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams introduced this item and explained that he, Commissioner Monroe and Commissioner-Elect Stephen Walker independently evaluated and ranked the 5 architectural firms with the required historic preservation experience. Commissioner Monroe stated that the people in this community have been asking for this project for 8 years. Citizen Paul Henry stated he was against having taxpayers fund these kinds of projects. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams stated that \$50,000 of this project was grant funded and the county agreed to match with another \$50,000. Chairman Boyd stated he was having trouble with the project without some sort of future funding commitment. Citizen Tom Dunn spoke in favor of the project and getting the building stabilized. Citizen Cetta Barnhart stated that Main Street supported these types of projects and that they stimulated communities. Commissioner Barfield recused herself from voting based on a prior relationship with one of the firms evaluated. **On motion by Commissioner Fulford, seconded by Commissioner Monroe and carried 3 to 1 (Boyd opposed), the decision to hire the committees' recommendation of MLD Architects, Inc. was approved.**

**ITEM 5(i): Small Business Development Consulting Agreement**

10. Dr. Dallas Garrett gave a presentation on his efforts to this point. Citizen Cetta Barnhart and citizen Bobby Floyd spoke in favor of this endeavor. Commissioner Barfield stated that her job was to verify the job that Dr. Garrett was doing and requested more information on the clients that Dr. Garrett has been assisting. Chairman Boyd stated that this was confidential information that required a great deal of staff time. **On motion by Commissioner Fulford, seconded by Commissioner Monroe and unanimously carried, the Board approved the extension of the consulting agreement for an additional six months.**

**ITEM 5(j): Fire Station Recommendation**

11. Engineer Alan Wise stated that there was a prison labor available, but expressed concern over how skilled and consistent it would be to perform a task such as assisting with the construction of a fire station. He recommended beginning negotiations by awarding the low bid to RAM Construction and bringing back the results to a future meeting. Chairman Boyd stated that the county has designed a project too large and unreasonable. **On motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Barfield and**

**carried 4 to 1 (Boyd opposed), the Board approved awarding the bid to RAM Construction with the ability to negotiate and bring the results back to a future meeting.** Chief Matthews stated that grants had been pursued but were unsuccessful to date. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams asked if the building would be too large in the future when other areas of the county would need satellite stations. Chief Matthews stated that the building would never be too large to accommodate future needs.

**ITEM 5(k): Personnel Policy Proposed Revisions**

12. Commissioner Monroe introduced the changes he had proposed to reflect his intentions on the County Coordinator's role. **Chairman Boyd relinquished the gavel to Commissioner Nelson and seconded Commissioner Monroe's motion to approve the proposed changes.** Commissioner Monroe stated he was not intending to diminish the work of the County Coordinator, but that the Coordinator should not be able to hire and fire Department Heads. Attorney Bird stated that the Coordinator can make recommendations to the Board as to the hiring and firing of Department Heads, but the decision is ultimately that of the Board. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams recommended workshopping this issue when the new Board sits. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick stated that he felt the Board had more important things to be working on, such as building roads. **Commissioner Monroe withdrew his motion and Chairman Boyd withdrew his second. Commissioner Nelson passed the gavel back to Chairman Boyd.**

**ITEM 6(a): County Coordinator's Report / Department Head Reports**

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

**ITEM 6(b): County Coordinator's Report / Road Construction Report**

14. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick reported on the status of Indian Hills and Tyson Road construction. Commissioner Barfield requested that a comparison be performed between county-performed and contractor-performed work. Mr. Barwick stated that the county needed to compare the length of time of the projects as well as the cost and quality. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams stated that the approved FEMA bid could be used to perform the types of work to prepare a road for paving. **On motion by Commissioner Fulford, seconded by Commissioner Monroe and unanimously carried, the decision to negotiate with the low FEMA bidder Capital Asphalt to bring back prices for Jefferson Heights and Barnes Road was approved.**

**ITEM 6(c): County Coordinator's Report / Requested Road Department Overtime**

15. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick presented the Road Department Overtime report as requested by Commissioner Nelson.

**ITEM 8: Commissioner Discussion Items**

16. Commissioner Nelson announced that the Veterans' Parade would be November 10<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 10:30 am.

**ITEM 9: Adjournment**

17. The warrant register was reviewed and bills ordered paid.

18. **On motion by Commissioner Monroe, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.**

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

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Chairman