

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR SESSION  
November 1, 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. **On motion by Commissioner Fulford, seconded by Commissioner Monroe and unanimously carried, the consent agenda, consisting of the approval of the agenda and the minutes of the October 2, 2012 Regular Session, was approved.**

**ITEM 5(a): Statement of Understanding with Capital Area Red Cross**

2. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick introduced this item. On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and unanimously carried the statement of understanding was approved.

**ITEM 5(b), 5(c) and 5(d): Commission Appointments**

3. Commissioner Nelson requested that these appointments be tabled until after the new Board was in place (post-election). These items were tabled to a later meeting.

**ITEM 5(e): Mine Report / Recommendation**

4. Mine Consultant Randy Hatch introduced this item and presented a slideshow on a recommended dragline with a total cost of \$333,350. Commissioner Barfield requested postponement so the new Board could weigh in on the decision. **Commissioner Barfield made a motion to table this item to the next meeting, which died for lack of a second. On motion by Commissioner Monroe, seconded by Commissioner Fulford and carried 4 to 1 (Barfield opposed), the Board instructed Mr. Hatch to look at the proposed dragline and negotiate a price to bring back before the Board.**

**ITEM 5(f): Personnel Policy Recommended Changes**

5. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick asked the Board to decide which day (before or after Christmas) would be the discretionary day. **On motion by Commissioner Fulford, seconded by Commissioner Monroe and unanimously carried, the Board approved the day before Christmas as the discretionary holiday.** County Coordinator Parrish Barwick asked the Board to consider to giving December 31<sup>st</sup> as an extra holiday for New Years. **On motion by Commissioner Monroe, seconded by Commissioner Fulford and unanimously carried, the Board granted an additional holiday on December 31<sup>st</sup>.**
6. Chairman Boyd asked that the personnel policy recommended changes be placed on the agenda and presented his proposed language. Commissioner Barfield stated that the Board should not be in the business of managing personnel. Commissioner Monroe stated that there is a chance that the Coordinator could abuse his authority with the way the policy currently reads. Commissioner Fulford stated that the new language reflected how personnel are currently being handled. **On motion by Commissioner Fulford, seconded**

**by Commissioner Monroe and unanimously carried, the proposed changes were approved.**

**ITEM 6(b): County Coordinator's Report / Boom Mower Bids**

7. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick introduced this item. He explained that another heavy duty cutting machine was needed in addition, but recommended accepting the boom mower from GreenSouth Equipment (low bidder at \$16,000). **On motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Fulford and unanimously carried, the Board approved the purchase.**

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

8. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick gave an update on the progress of Tyson and Indian Hills Roads. He stated that the differences in the two roads represented differing theories of Road Building. Commissioner Barfield stated that with the supervision on Indian Hills being done by Coordinator Barwick, she saw no need for the Road Department Superintendent position. **Commissioner Barfield made a motion to eliminate the Road Superintendent position to which Commissioner Fulford seconded for discussion.** Chairman Boyd stated nothing could be done because it was not on the agenda. Attorney Bird stated the item could be placed on the agenda as an emergency with unanimous consent of the Board. Chairman Boyd asked if there was unanimous consent, to which there was none. **Commissioner Fulford withdrew his second. Commissioner Barfield's motion died for lack of a second. Commissioner Fulford made a motion, to which Commissioner Nelson seconded for discussion to return to item 5(f) of the personnel policy recommended changes and use the language adopted to grant the County Coordinator authority to go into the Road Department and make necessary changes after evaluation personnel issues. The motion carried 3 to 2 (Boyd, Monroe opposed).**

**ITEM 8: Commissioner Discussion Items**

9. Commissioner Nelson reminded the Board about the Veterans' program on November 10<sup>th</sup>. He also gave a report on his Town Hall meeting the previous Tuesday.
10. Commissioner Monroe stated that he had enjoyed his service to the County.
11. Commissioner Fulford stated that his serving on the Board for the citizens had been one of the highest honors.
12. Attorney Bird stated that the Road Bond needed to be placed on the next agenda, with a public hearing ordinance to be passed signifying the Board's previous intent.

**ITEM 9: Adjournment**

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

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Chairman

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