

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
June 4, 2013

The Board met this date in regular session. Present were Chairman John Nelson, Commissioners Betsy Barfield, Benjamin öBennyö Bishop, Hines Boyd and Stephen Walker. 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 Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried, the consent agenda—consisting of the approval of the agenda, the minutes of the April 4th Regular Session, the minutes of the April 16th Regular Session, the minutes of the May 7th Regular Session and the Civility Proclamation—was approved.**

ITEM 5(a): Small Business Development Consulting Agreement

2. Citizen Bobbie Golden stated that people needed assistance and asked the Board to find a way to continue the program. Citizen Paul Henry that those being assisted should fund the program instead of the taxpayers. Citizen Phil Calandra stated that the key question was how much service were we getting for tax dollars spent. Citizen Mike Willis stated that Dr. Garrett had helped his wife with her business. Commissioner Boyd stated he was against the idea of people being charged for the service and that it was the Board's job to stimulate growth and economic development. Commissioner Walker stated the program seemed to be working really well and he was in favor of it continuing. Commissioner Bishop stated that part-time was all he could support. Commissioner Barfield agreed and stated that review and oversight of Dr. Garrett's work was needed. Chairman Nelson stated that the program should be continued on a six-month basis. The Board decided to bring this item back for a vote at the next regular session.

ITEM 5(b): Main Street Funding Request

3. Program Director Dr. Anne Holt requested funding for Main Street in the amount of \$2500. Commissioner Boyd volunteered to work with the County Coordinator to develop a set of guidelines for distribution of funds.

ITEM 5(c): Main Street Historic Jail Renovation Project Resolution

4. Program Director Dr. Anne Holt requested the county show leadership by approving the resolution in support of this project. **On motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Barfield and unanimously carried, the Board approved the resolution.**

ITEM 6: PUBLIC HEARING – Ordinance on Commercial Outdoor Recreational Firing Ranges

5. Planning Attorney Scott Shirley recommended the ordinance as amended due to changes in state law. He also stated he had informal discussions with the Planning Commission and that firing ranges not within 1250 feet of a residence was the consensus distance. **On motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Bishop and unanimously carried, the ordinance was approved on first reading and scheduled for a second reading at the next regular session meeting.**

ITEM 7: County Coordinator's Report

6. Fire Chief Mark Matthews requested a workshop to discuss some proposed changes in the Fire Assessment rates, as there have been no changes since 2007. Commissioner Boyd stated that there were reserves to handle equipment needs but they have all been used on a new facility. A workshop was set for 3 pm on June 18th.
7. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick gave an update on the road construction progress. Commissioner Boyd stated that bond money should be used on hauling and materials, not the surplus funds in the Road Department budget. Coordinator Barwick responded that the Board's direction for the mine was to produce rock for the improvement of roads and, in a sense, the mine budget had accomplished this. Chairman Nelson urged the Board to continue to move forward with the program. Commissioner Barfield stated that removing roads from the heavy maintenance list was the intent of this project and a better way of addressing roads that remained was needed. Coordinator Barwick recommended looking a future second phase that Chairman Nelson recommended the committee to pursue. Commissioner Boyd expressed concern about borrowing more money.

ITEM 8: Citizen's Forum

8. Citizen Paul Henry requested that the Board look at necessary functions of government and prioritize.

ITEM 9: Commissioner Discussion Items

9. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams stated that budget workshops needed to be scheduled at the next meeting and that budget amendments would be on the agenda for approval.
10. Attorney Buck Bird stated that tax abatement only applies to the unincorporated area of the county and that the city could pass its own ordinance if it so desired. He further stated that the county could amend the ordinance to also abate county taxes within the city. Commissioner Barfield asked the Economic Development Council to weigh in on applying the ordinance county-wide.

ITEM 10: Adjournment

11. The warrant register was reviewed and bills ordered paid.
12. **On motion by Commissioner Bishop, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.**

Chairman

Attest: _____
Clerk