

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
July 16, 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 2: Public Announcements, Presentations & Awards

1. Economic Development Director Julie Conley announced the award of a Technical Assistance Grant from the Department of Economic Opportunity in the amount of \$35,000.

ITEM 3: Consent Agenda

2. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick asked that an item related to the mosquito control funding be placed under the County Coordinator's Report. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried, the Board approved the consent agenda, consisting of the approval of the amended agenda.**

ITEM 5(a): Budget Amendment Request

3. Property Appraiser Angela Gray informed the Board that she had identified some funds in the current budget to replace a server that had recently crashed, but that she needed an additional \$6000 to fund this request. **On motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Bishop and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request with budgetary authority coming from the maintenance line item.**

ITEM 5(b): Policy on Non-County Road Maintenance Assistance

4. Commissioner Boyd stated he would like to adopt a policy on performing work on non-county maintained roads for reimbursement. Citizens Link Barnett, Paul Henry, Tracy Wood and Brett Wood spoke in favor of this proposal. Commissioner Bishop voiced concerns with utilizing county resources at the expense of county roadwork maintenance. Chairman Nelson stated that the policy needed to be drafted and brought back before the Board. Commissioner Bishop stated he would like to see a policy in place before performing work on Casa Bianca Ridge or Valley View. **On motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Barfield and carried 4 to 1 (Bishop opposed), the Board approved establishing a policy and working with Valley View and Casa Bianca Ridge Road landowners to perform repairs and reimbursed for the cost to the county.**

ITEM 5(c): Report on Heritage Road Committee

5. Citizen Jack Carswell presented a proposed list of heritage road committee members. Commissioner Barfield stated she would like to see County Coordinator Parrish Barwick and Citizen Phil Calandra on the list and added that there needed to be concrete reasons for defining a road as a heritage road. Commissioner Walker stated he would like to see every district represented. Commissioner Barfield agreed and stated that each Commissioner should have an opportunity to make an appointment. Chairman Nelson agreed and stated that the work of this committee should not be rushed. Commissioner Boyd stated there was a rush because many heritage roads were being currently being

threatened, to which Chairman Nelson disagreed. Citizen Mildred Wilson stated that the people living along the roads could contribute more about the history and heritage of the road. Citizen Troy Avera stated that there were no hidden agendas, just trying to preserve the heritage of the county. Chairman Nelson requested that Mildred Wilson serve on the Board. **On motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Barfield and unanimously carried, the committee with requested appointments and future representatives from Districts 1 and 5 was approved.**

ITEM 6(a): CDBG Grant Administration RFP

6. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick presented the RFP for approval. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried, the CDBG Grant Administration RFP was approved.**

ITEM 6(b): Mosquito Control Funding

7. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick stated that the Health Department could supply two months of spraying for \$16,000. Mr. Barwick stated that the Health Department would be presenting a proposal on this program at a future meeting. Commissioner Boyd stated that the program was popular but not effective practically. Commissioner Bishop explained that call volume has increased while state funding has decreased. Chairman Nelson requested that the Health Department present some ideas on being more efficient and effective. Commissioner Boyd stated he would like to see the possibility of a prescription service.

ITEM 8: Commissioner Discussion Items

8. Property Appraiser Angela Gray informed the Board about the Wardø Creek property proposed sale by the state. Chairman Nelson requested this item be placed on the next agenda.
9. Commissioner Walker stated that the county was awarded a grant for the Wacissa River Park in the amount of \$200,000 that would have to be matched by 100%. He stated that it wasn't the right time to be accepting this award with some issues that still needed to be settled in that area. Citizen Troy Avera stated that rejecting the manner in this manner was bothersome to him and that boat ramps needed to be separated from swimmers in that area. Commissioner Walker also stated he was contacting the Suwannee River Water Management District and the state on getting the dam repaired on the Wacissa River.
10. Commissioner Barfield requested that the auditors be present at the next meeting and that she would like to see updates on the Fire Assessment and County Coordinator review.
11. Commissioner Boyd stated that the Planning Commission had asked for the Commission to provide light meals at their meetings. Commissioner Barfield stated that the Planning Commission Chair should decide if this is a reasonable request, and if so requested, it should come out of the Board's budget.
12. Chairman Nelson announced that the 4th of July Fireworks show was rescheduled for August 31st. He also stated that he was attempting to plan a family picnic day for county employees.
13. Attorney Bird presented a draft termination of the sub-lease at Green Industries with NFCC. He asked that Commissioners review and comment and then allow Chairman Nelson to sign this document.

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14. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams informed the Board that gas tax renewals would be on a future agenda, as the deadline was October 1st.

ITEM 9: Adjournment

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

Attest: _____
Clerk

Chairman