

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR SESSION  
January 21, 2014

The Board met this date in regular session. Present were Chairperson Betsy Barfield, Commissioners Benjamin öBennyö Bishop, Hines Boyd, John Nelson and Stephen Walker. Also present were County Coordinator Parrish Barwick, County Attorney Buck Bird and Chief Deputy Clerk Tyler McNeill.

**ITEM 3: Consent Agenda**

1. **On motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Boyd and unanimously carried, the consent agenda—consisting of the approval of the agenda, the Minutes of the January 7<sup>th</sup> Regular Session, the FDOT Functional Classification Level Maps and the Jail Refinancing Paperwork/Resolution—was approved.** County Coordinator Parrish Barwick stated that County Engineer Alan Wise had requested that item 6(a), Change Order for JCFR Station, be pulled from the agenda. **On motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried, the Board approved the removal of this item from the agenda.**

**ITEM 4: Citizens Request & Input**

2. Citizen Paul Henry discussed speed limits on certain county roads (specifically New Monticello Road) that could be studied for changes. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick stated that some roads were neighborhood/residential and others were just assigned speed limits based on other similar roads for consistency. Mr. Henry said the county could go to FDOT for guidance and a study would likely need to be performed before changes could be made. Chairperson Barfield requested County Coordinator Barwick research more and bring back before the Board.

**ITEM 5a: Designation of Code Enforcement Officer**

3. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick gave a brief summary of this issue. He stated that although this was created, the ordinances were not in place to have an active Code Enforcement Officer. He stated that Solid Waste Director and Code Enforcement Officer Beth Letchworth does the best that she can without having any real teeth in the ordinance. Commissioner Bishop stated that there were so many ordinances it would be tough to enforce all of them. Ms. Letchworth said the Board could direct the Code Enforcement Officer to enforce ordinances that they desired, such as abandoned mobile homes or nuisance properties. She also stated the advisory board would require 7 board members based on Jefferson County's population. Citizen Paul Henry stated Code Enforcement and nuisance ordinances can easily get out of hand and urged the Board to give this item significant consideration before taking action. Commissioner Nelson stated that ordinances were in place and just needed to be amended to give it the necessary teeth. It was the consensus of the Board to have County Coordinator Parrish Barwick to get with Ms. Letchworth to draft ordinances to bring back before the Board for discussion.

**ITEM 6: County Coordinator's Report**

4. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick stated he had a few housekeeping items to discuss. He stated the Board needed to approve the advisory committee for the CDBG program. It was the consensus of the Board to approve moving forward with the current advisory committee in place.

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5. County Coordinator Barwick stated there were some draft Planning Department items that needed to be discussed at a future meeting. He also discussed the transportation plan for Jefferson County and working with CRTPA as well as other entities such as City of Monticello and the School Board to come up with priorities and goals. Chairperson Barfield stated it was important to think of any and everything to be placed on a list to be sent to CRTPA. Commissioner Nelson stated there were some roads he wanted to be on the list and would send an email.

**ITEM 7: Commissioner Discussion Items**

6. County Attorney Buck Bird stated the Jail Refinancing was separate from American Hunter and that there was more work that needed to be done with regard to that issue.
7. Chairperson Barfield briefly discussed the Visioning/Economic Development workshop and wanted it on record that it was the consensus of the Board to work towards land use, planning and preservation moving forward.
8. Chairperson Barfield stated that the sidewalk project on US-19 was approved for both sides of the road and the construction is funded beginning in fiscal year 2015.

**ITEM 12: Adjournment**

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

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

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Chairman