

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
February 18, 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 Clerk of Court Kirk Reams.

ITEM 2: Public Announcements, Presentations & Awards

1. Dr. Barbara Thomas-Reddick gave a brief presentation on a new substance abuse program called öExpanded Opportunities Outpatient Drug Treatment.ö She stated it was licensed through the Department of Children & Families and served the community of Jefferson County. She further stated that transportation to this type of treatment program has been a barrier in the past but now services could be provided locally.
2. Property Appraiser Angela Gray thanked the Board and specifically Chairperson Barfield for accepting her challenge in the Chamber of Commerce's Chili Cook-off.

ITEM 3: Consent Agenda

3. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Boyd and unanimously carried, the consent agenda—consisting of the approval of the agenda, the minutes of the February 4th Regular Session, the Sheriff Surveillance Grant Budget Amendment and the TDC Blogger Request—was approved.**

ITEM 4: Citizens Request & Input

4. Citizen C.P. Miller inquired about the öAttendance Cardö that needed to be completed before speaking at a BOCC meeting. He stated his displeasure with the layout and said that it requested too much information. He also said that some people may not be able to read or write but could speak what was on their mind and may feel intimidated by this form. He also expressed his opinion that this form was not necessary unless there was a special meeting with a large crowd, since Jefferson County was not a large municipality like Jacksonville or Miami or even Tallahassee. Citizen Paul Henry concurred with Mr. Miller and stated it was excessive to request all of this information in order to address government. Chairperson Barfield stated the intent was for order in meetings and that any citizen could just write their name and that the other information was optional. Commissioner Boyd noted that this should have been implemented a while ago according to the Board's rules and that he was glad it had been done.

ITEM 6: County Coordinator's Report

5. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick stated there was a tractor at the Road Department that had issues with the hydraulic pump and transmission that he would like to surplus. E stated this piece of equipment was not of use to the county in its current condition and that Commissioner Bishop had offered to look at the tractor to give an approximate value. Commissioner Boyd inquired if the County Coordinator was requesting to sell the old tractor and purchase a new one, to which County Coordinator Barwick responded he was just requested to surplus the old tractor at this time. **On motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and unanimously carried, the Board declared the tractor surplus in order for it to be sold.**

ITEM 7: Commissioner Discussion Items

6. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams stated he had attended a Suwannee River Water Management District meeting and learned that Jefferson County was awarded the \$140,000 grant for the Wacissa headwaters. He stated he would be bringing more information back to a future meeting.
7. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick discussed potholes on Fanlew Road and stated that the company that paved the road is going to repair the potholes immediately and will re-surface the entire problem area (approximately 200-300 feet) later this year.
8. Chairperson Barfield gave a report on site visitors to the region as part of the North Florida Economic Development program. She stated the two main things developers were looking for were web presence and infrastructure. She requested the Board keep these items in mind when discussing the Visioning Plan and working with Marcia Elder.
9. Chairperson Barfield requested an update from County Coordinator Parrish Barwick on the Transportation Plan. County Coordinator Barwick stated he was waiting on a date to have everyone respond (post office, Sheriff's Office, School Board/buses, Fire/EMS). Chairperson Barfield stated it was amazing what the County was doing with transportation and wanted to publicly thank Clerk of Court Kirk Reams for all of his hard work.

ITEM 8: Adjournment

10. The warrant register was reviewed and bills ordered paid.
11. **On motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.**

Attest: _____
Clerk

Chairman