

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
April 1, 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. Commissioner Nelson requested a moment of silence to observe the passing of former Fire Chief Rogers.

ITEM 3: Consent Agenda

2. **On motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and unanimously carried, the consent agenda—consisting of the approval of the agenda and the Minutes of the March 18th Regular Session—was approved.**

ITEM 5a: Bid Tabulations & Recommendations for SHIP Program

3. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick presented this item to the Board. **A motion was made by Commissioner Nelson to approve the recommendations. Commissioner Walker seconded for discussion.** Commissioner Boyd stated his disappointment that no vendors were local but that he was okay moving forward. Chairperson Barfield wanted it on record that she requested the Building Inspector be extra diligent when working on these homes. Citizen Anne Holt inquired about the local preference language in the purchasing policy and asked why local vendors were not bidding on these projects. Chairperson Barfield stated her opinion that many of these projects were too low moneywise to attract local contractors. County Coordinator Barwick added that no one was precluded from bidding. **The above motion was unanimously carried.**

ITEM 5b: Citizens Advisory Task Force Membership Appointments

4. County Coordinator Barwick stated that a few people had requested to be taken off the committee. Chairperson Barfield stated that she would need to appoint a new Planning Commissioner as well and requested that this be advertised. Citizen Dick Bailer stated there were specific requirements for different positions/committees. County Coordinator Barwick stated he would make sure to spell out qualifications/requirements for the different committees.

ITEM 5c: Sidewalk Extension Along US 90 to Crooked Creek

5. Chairperson Barfield introduced this item. She stated that to make this happen, the item would need to be placed on the agenda and sent to CRTPA. She stated that another option would be to pave it and pay for it with county funds and then submit to FDOT for reimbursement. County Coordinator Barwick stated this item was placed on the agenda just in case there needed to be quick action. Citizen Paul Henry stated that FDOT had very stringent rules and regulations and might even have jurisdiction of this area since it was on Highway 90.

ITEM 6: County Coordinator

6. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick stated that grass cutting is usually an issue this time of year and that the crews will start in the near future. Commissioner Boyd requested that the crews not start too early, as the crimson clover and rye needed to seed out or mature. Commissioner Bishop concurred with the exception of safety issues that needed to be addressed via mowing as soon as possible.

ITEM 7: Commissioner Discussion Items

7. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams stated he spoke with a staff member from the Suwanee River Water Management District and that the spring protection had been awarded to the County. He further stated he had forwarded this information to the committee members, Commissioner Walker and County Engineer Alan Wise to review.
8. Commissioner Walker mentioned a possible conflict between the upcoming Florida Association of Counties conference and the Board's second meeting in June. County Coordinator Barwick stated that the conference started the 17th, which was the same day as the Board meeting. He also stated if more than one Commissioner was going to be absent, it might be a good idea to move the meeting. Commissioner Walker stated it was just informational, as he would likely miss the Board's June 17th meeting to attend the first day of the conference.
9. Commissioner Nelson stated there was an annual VFW event on Saturday at the Jefferson Middle High School and also provided a brief update on the Aucilla Regional Landfill.

ITEM 8: Adjournment

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

Chairman

Attest: _____
Clerk