

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
April 15, 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. Property Appraiser Angela Gray sang the National Anthem.
2. Volunteer Firefighter Mike Long was not present to make the presentation.

ITEM 3: Consent Agenda

3. **On motion by Commissioner Bishop, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried, the consent agenda—consisting of the approval of the agenda, the Minutes of the April 1st Regular Session, the TDC Special Event Grant Recommendations and the Transportation Alternatives Resolution—was approved.**

ITEM 4: Citizens Request & Input on Non-Agenda Items

4. Citizen Paul Henry stated his concern with the Board increasing the amount of money put towards the Watermelon Festival (from \$3000 to \$5500) and stated this was not a function of government. Nancy Wideman with the Tourist Development Council stated that the funds came from the tourist development tax that was approved via referendum and explained that it was a öbed taxö that only affected people renting rooms at a hotel, bed and breakfast, etc.
5. Dr. Anne Holt with Main Street stated there was as upcoming program with sportsman Doug Altertson in which he would discuss the positive economic benefits of the heritage road system.
6. Citizen Jack Carswell stated his belief that government does have a role in festivals/programs.

ITEM 5a: Heritage/Canopy Roads Proposed Resolution

7. Citizen Troy Avera introduced this item and thanked the Board as well as the Heritage Road Committee for all of their hard work. Melanie Mays with the Chamber of Commerce stated that the county had wonderful natural resourcesö including the canopy roadsö and that the county should work to preserve these resources for future generations.
8. Nancy Wideman, the coordinator for the TDC, stated the TDC was very pleased about the program and hoped the Board approved resolution.
9. Dr. Anne Holt on behalf of the History Association stated she was in favor of the resolution.

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10. Citizen C.P. Miller stated he was not against heritage roads but inquired as to why property owners on these roads had not been notified.
11. Citizen Jack Carswell stated that the committee did a great job and that he was impressed with the entire process.
12. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Boyd and carried 3 to 2 (Bishop and Nelson opposed), the Board approved the Heritage Road Resolution #2014-041514-01 with two modifications: adding Bassett Dairy Road and requiring 65 feet from the center line.**

ITEM 5b: Revised Plan for Remaining Road Bond Funds

13. Commissioner Boyd introduced this item and stated he had been researching how much of the Road Bond money had been spent and how much was left. He stated that the Board needed to set a budget and have direction. He stated that the Board had around \$1 million left to spend and provided a slideshow listing roads and cost estimates to improve the roads. Commissioner Bishop suggested waiting for current works in progress to be completed before assigning new projects. Commissioner Nelson concurred and stated he was still researching this issue. **On motion by Commissioner Bishop, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried, the Board tabled this discussion until the road projects currently in progress were completed.**

ITEM 2a: Firefighter Certification/Equipment Presentation

14. Volunteer Firefighter Mike Long appeared before the Board to announce the Firefighter Certification and also introduce all of the volunteer firefighters in attendance. Charlie Frank, President of the North Florida Volunteers, explained that grants provided scholarships for firefighter training and that, at the completion of this program, the trainees received new gear. This gear was shown to the Board and the four gentlemen that had completed the training were recognized. Commissioner Nelson congratulated the men on their certification.

ITEM 6: County Coordinator / Code Enforcement Ordinance Revisions

15. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick introduced this item and requested the Board to review in order to possibly advertise/move this process forward. Commissioner Nelson requested that the verbiage building and fire protection standards be added. Attorneys Scott Shirley and Buck Bird both stated they were comfortable with that ordinance. Solid Waste Director Beth Letchworth stated she was also comfortable with her new duty. Commissioner Bishop inquired as to whether the process would still be complaint driven, to which Ms. Letchworth responded in the affirmative and noted that violators would have multiple opportunities to address/correct deficiencies. **On motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried, the Board approved moving forward with the ordinance and a public hearing was set for May 20th.**

ITEM 7: Commissioner Discussion Items

16. Commissioner Bishop discussed a letter that he had Attorney Bird draft to address citizens concerned with county work performed on public roads.

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17. Commissioner Nelson stated that all of the Commissioners should be receiving an invitation from the director of the Aucilla Solid Waste facility for an open house on May 2nd.
18. Commissioner Barfield gave an update on the transportation plan and noted that April 29th was the deadline for any Board info to be included in the submission packet. She also thanked everyone, particularly Doug and Kathy Kirk, for the bike donations and refurbishing and stated it was a great success.

ITEM 8: Adjournment

19. The warrant register was reviewed and bills ordered paid.
20. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.**

Attest: _____
Clerk

Chairman