

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
July 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. Chairperson Barfield requested that Cetta Barnhart be added to the agenda to request letter of support for a USDA grant.

ITEM 3: Consent Agenda

2. **On motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Boyd and unanimously carried, the Consent Agenda as amended per the above request and consisting of the minutes of the July 1st Regular Session was approved.**

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

3. Citizen Dan Hamedani requested that Casa Bianca Road issues be placed on the next agenda.
4. Citizen Jim Peters requested an update on the condition of Wild Turkey and Quail Lane chip sealing. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick responded that the contractor was the source of delays.

ITEM 6: PUBLIC HEARING – ATV Use on Unpaved County Roads

5. Planning Attorney Scott Shirley introduced this item and stated that the ordinance identified certain unpaved road segments and that the speed limits on these roads needed to be posted as less than 35 miles per hour. Citizen Paul Henry expressed support for the ordinance. Citizen Bud Wheeler warned of people tearing up roads and the potential for injuries. Citizen Roger Walker expressed support for the ordinance. Commissioner Walker commented that he was 100% in favor of this and that county citizens needed more recreational opportunities. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and unanimously carried, Ordinance No. 2014-071514-01 was approved.**

ITEM 5: USDA Grant – Cetta Barnhart Support Letter Request

6. Cetta Barnhart requested a letter of support for a USDA grant that would help establish a packing plant in Greenville that would handle foods from Jefferson and Madison Counties. Citizen Paul Henry stated this could be accomplished without taxpayer dollars. Citizen Vivian Royster expressed support. **On motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried, the Board approved the letter of support.**

ITEM 5a: PACE Resolution and Agreement

7. Lisa Miller re-introduced this item and presented the Resolution and Agreement to the Board. **On motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Bishop and unanimously carried, the Resolution and Agreement was approved.**

ITEM 5b: Mosquito Control MOU

8. Mosquito Control Director Mark Positano presented this item and stated this was a standard letter needing Board approval. **On motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried, the Memorandum of Understanding was approved.**

ITEM 5c: Code Enforcement Board Appointments

9. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick presented this item. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Boyd and unanimously carried, citizens Don Foulke and David Hall were appointed to one-year terms while citizens Ralph Burnquist, Robert Halbert and Zandra Gilley were appointed to two-year terms.**

ITEM 5d: Planning Commission Appointment

10. Chairperson Barfield introduced Marianne Arbulu as her requested appointment to the Planning Commission. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and unanimously carried, Mrs. Arbulu was appointed to the Planning Commission.**

ITEM 5e: Canvassing Board Appointments

11. **On motion by Commissioner Bishop, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and unanimously carried, Commissioner Walker was appointed to the Canvassing Board in order to avoid any statutory conflicts as explained by County Attorney Buck Bird.**

ITEM 5f: Road Petition Discussion

12. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick gave an update on the road construction and stated that Whippoorwill Road could be added to the list if funds were available. Citizen Rick Knowles stated that Whippoorwill Road had many maintenance issues and more residences than Springfield Road. Chairperson Barfield stated that Springfield Road was a connector and a maintenance nightmare. Commissioner Boyd stated the Board should have had these discussions two years ago instead of waiting to see if the money was available. He further stated that city streets were paved without asking the city for their priorities and that the public process was circumvented in doing so. Commissioner Bishop stated he trusted each Commissioner to make the best decision for his or her district. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Bishop and unanimously carried, Whippoorwill Road was added to the list if funds were to become available.** Citizen Kate Calvin asked where the discussion about petitions was. Citizen Bud Wheeler stated that paving city streets was politics. Citizen Paul Henry stated he was concerned with the lack of transparency in paving city streets with Road Bond funds. Citizen Troy Avera stated there needed to be a priority list if money was left over. Citizen C.P. Miller stated that gas taxes paid for the Road Bond and it was an on-going process where not everyone would get their road paved, just as it was 20 years ago. Citizen Kate Calvin asked whether the previous criteria included a balance between

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roads that would qualify for state funding versus neighborhood needs. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams stated that connectivity was considered in the scoring because of the benefits of future state re-surfacing funds. Commissioner Nelson explained that what he did was for the good of the County and that he had spoken with the County Coordinator months ago about moving funds from Oetinger Road to city streets and that he also spoke with his counterparts on the City Council and in the community. Citizen Vivian Royster stated this was a disruptive approach to moving things forward that was unprofessional and disappointing.

ITEM 7: County Coordinator's Report

13. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick stated he would be addressing FDOT concerns on one of the Lloyd Creek bridges due to undermining, hopefully to their satisfaction by their 2 pm road closing deadline tomorrow (7/16/2014).

ITEM 9: Adjournment

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

Attest: _____
Clerk

Chairman