

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
October 1, 2013

The Board met this date in regular session. Present were Chairman John Nelson, Commissioners Betsy Barfield, Benjamin öBennyö Bishop, Hines Boyd 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 and Awards

1. Commissioner Walker recognized Corey Burrus, Brian Powell, Richard Peters and Houston Brock for receiving volunteer firefighter certifications.

ITEM 3: Consent Agenda

2. **On motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Bishop and unanimously carried, the consent agenda—consisting of the approval of the agenda, the minutes of the August 6th Regular Session, the minutes of the August 12th Emergency Special Session and the minutes of the September 16th Tentative Budget Hearing—was approved.**

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

3. Elvena Akinyimi, with the Panhandle Area Education Consortium, gave a presentation on the Affordable Care Act.

ITEM 5(a): BOCC Legislative Priorities for 2013/2014

4. Legislative Committee member Dick Bailar asked the Board for legislative priorities. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams requested that the transportation programs SCRAP/SCOP/CIGP be fully funded as well as historic preservation grants for the Old Jail, öAö Building and Lamont School House. He also requested funding for the öAö Building under Small County Courthouse Facilities program. Commissioner Barfield requested that the County cost share for Medicaid costs be kept to a minimum. Citizen Paul Henry asked for support for the Real ID issue. Citizen Troy Averra requested funding for the Wacissa River Park and Goose Pasture.

ITEM 5(b): Recommendation for Small Business Consultant

5. Citizen Bobby Floyd presented this item in place of Citizen Bobbie Golden. He stated that the committee selected Marcia Elder to continue the Small Business Development Program. **Commissioner Boyd made a motion to accept the committee's recommendation, to which Commissioner Walker seconded for discussion.** Commissioner Barfield stated that the advertisement had only run for 7 days and that she was not willing to bypass the procedures. She also stated she wanted a review date and verification of results. Commissioner Bishop stated he could support a review at the end of a 6 month period. Commissioner Barfield stated she would like to see the agreement amended and brought before the Board with a 6 month review period and verification of results. Commissioner Boyd stated that a lot of time did not need to be wasted on compiling information. **Commissioner Boyd made a motion to amend the original motion to allow for a 6 month review and allow the committee to finalize the contract which would begin immediately, to which Commissioner Bishop seconded for discussion.** Commissioner Bishop stated he is supportive because he did not want to

leave people that Dr. Garrett helped changing.ö **The amended motion passed unanimously and the original motion passed unanimously.**

ITEM 5(c): Small Grant Request

6. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick stated that the committee has not met because they had not been given the proper paperwork. **Chairman Nelson passed the gavel to Commissioner Barfield and made a motion to approve the request of CUP, to which Commissioner Walker seconded for discussion.** Commissioner Walker stated he was supportive because this request was brought before the new process was in place. Commissioner Boyd stated the process was set up to take political pressure off. Citizen C.P. Miller stated that the process was followed and that the organization should not be punished for rules changed afterwards. Commissioner Boyd stated that the request by Main Street triggered the process and that at the next meeting CUP brought its application forward. **The motion failed 2 to 3 (Boyd, Barfield, Bishop opposed).** Commissioner Barfield suggested filling out the proper paperwork and proceeding. Chairman Nelson stated that giving money to Main Street without a process in place would cause something like this to happen.

ITEM 5(d): County Coordinator Contract Extension Discussion

7. Commissioner Barfield stated that she was in favor of extending employment from anywhere between 3 and 5 years. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick recommended moving this item to a future agenda. Chairman Nelson stated that the contract was the result of Board input and Chair negotiation and would like to place this on a future agenda.

ITEM 5(e): VAB Appointments / Setting of Organizational Meeting

8. Commissioner Boyd volunteered to join Chairman Nelson on the VAB. The organization meeting was set for October 7th at 5:30 pm.

ITEM 7: Citizen's Forum

9. Citizen Paul Henry commended County Coordinator Parrish Barwick, Clerk of Court Kirk Reams and County Engineer Alan Wise for their fiscal responsibility.
10. Citizen C.P. Miller inquired about the pipes being placed on Turkey Scratch Road. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick stated the work was being performed by the Road Department and paid out of the road bond on both Turkey Scratch Road as well as Thompson Valley Road. Commissioner Barfield responded that the culverts were not adequate to handle the flow of water in that area and that the work was signed off on by Suwannee River Water Management District.
11. Citizen Joe Eubanks inquired as to whether he would be receiving the Limestone Road project after completing the Fanlew/Natural Bridge project. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick stated he was waiting on the final completion of Fanlew/Natural Bridge before making a recommendation to the Board.

ITEM 8: Commissioner Discussion Items

12. Commissioner Barfield gave an update on the natural gas feasibility study. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams strongly urged the Board to do an RFQ/RFP and allow Engineer Alan Wise

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to work with a Board member on this issue. A workshop on this issue was set for October 21st at 3 pm.

13. Commissioner Barfield stated she would like to see the re-districting issue move forward and on the next agenda.
14. Chairman Nelson stated the Aucilla Regional Landfill Board approved Lafayette County to begin sending trash to the Aucilla Regional Landfill.

ITEM 9: Adjournment

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

Attest: _____
Clerk

Chairman