

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
November 05, 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. Tim Center, with Capital Area Community Action Agency, gave an update on his agency's efforts and requested a Board representative and private sector representative.

ITEM 3: Consent Agenda

2. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried, the consent agenda—consisting of the approval of the agenda and declaration of restrictive covenant from FDOT—was approved.**

ITEM 5(a): Christmas Holiday Selection / Christmas Gift Certificates

3. **Commissioner Walker made a motion to give employees three days off for the Christmas holiday (23rd, 24th and 25th). This motion died for lack of a second. On motion by Commissioner Bishop, seconded by Commissioner Barfield and unanimously carried, the Board approved Christmas Eve as the discretionary holiday for the employees (in addition to Christmas Day). On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Boyd and unanimously carried, Christmas gift certificates in the amount of \$35/employee were approved.**

ITEM 5(b): FY 2012-2013 Clean-Up Budget Amendments

4. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams presented this item. **On motion by Commissioner Bishop, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried, the budget amendments were approved.**

ITEM 5(c): Re-districting Map Selection

5. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick introduced this item. Commissioner Bishop stated his preference was for Map A. Commissioner Barfield stated she could live with Map A or Map B. Commissioner Boyd concurred. Chairman Nelson stated he did not agree with Map A or Map B because of the splitting of census blocks in his district. Citizen Kate Calvin inquired about the makeup of district 3. Commissioner Boyd stated that district 3 was a toss-up district and that other maps presented shifted 95 black voters out of district 2 into district 3, making the district heavily favoring a black candidate and making it no longer a toss-up district. School Board member Shirley Washington stated she was sick of the focus on black and white and that people voted on the best representative. Commissioner Boyd responded that the community would get past racism when Mrs. Washington and others stopped östirring the potö and implying racism when it was not present. Citizen C.P. Miller suggested that the Board not vote on the map until the School Board had a chance to discuss a new map (B-3). This item was continued until after the Public Hearing.

ITEM 6: PUBLIC HEARING – First Reading of Ordinance No. 2013-111913-01 – Flood Plain Management

6. Planning Attorney Scott Shirley introduced this item. Commissioner Bishop voiced concern over affecting people's property rights. Planning Official Bill Tellefsen gave a presentation of the interactive map online. Chairman Nelson stated that if not adopted, this could affect future FEMA funding for the county. **On motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Bishop and unanimously carried, the ordinance was approved on first reading.**

ITEM 5(c): Re-districting Map Selection (cont'd)

7. **Commissioner Walker made a motion to go with School Board Map B-3, which died for lack of a second. Commissioner Bishop made a motion to recommend Map A and advertise for a final public hearing, which was seconded by Commissioner Barfield for discussion.** Commissioner Bishop stated that only one map did not split the Aucilla community. Citizen C.P. Miller inquired as to why it was okay to split part of the city but not the Aucilla area. **The motion passed 3 to 2 (Walker and Nelson opposed).**

ITEM 5(d): Tax Collector Attorney Fee Payment Request

8. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams read email chains related to this situation. Commissioner Boyd stated that the fee revenue involved was owed to the Board. Attorney Bird stated the situation was still not clear and that copies of invoices and services rendered related to the legal case were needed. Attorney Bird stated there was case law that the public has an obligation through the Board for Public Officials to be used in their public duty. Commissioner Boyd stated that the BOCC fulfilled this obligation through providing insurance, to which Clerk of Court Kirk Reams said the insurance company stated she was covered. Commissioner Boyd stated that taxpayers should be stuck with this bill and that the Tax Collector and the attorney are both at fault for causing this situation. Commissioner Barfield stated she would like to see a list of questions developed to have the Tax Collector respond to. Citizen Paul Henry stated that the situation sounded like the Tax Collector was extorting money from the county and that the county was paying twice for this situation. Attorney Bird stated that the issue needed to be tabled until more information was available.

ITEM 7(a): County Coordinator's Report - SHIP/LHAP Demolition / Replacement Strategy Addendum

9. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick presented this item to the Board. The consensus of the Board was to make no changes to the program.

ITEM 9: Commissioner Discussion Items

10. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams informed the Board about the re-advertising of the budget hearing due to a technical issue with the original advertisement.

ITEM 10: Adjournment

11. The warrant register was reviewed and bills ordered paid.

**12. On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Walker and
unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.**

Chairman

Attest: _____
Clerk