

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
May 5, 2015

The Board met this date in regular session. Present were Chairperson Benjamin öBennyö Bishop, Commissioners Eugene Hall and Stephen Walker. Commissioner Betsy Barfield appeared telephonically. Also present were County Attorney Buck Bird, County Coordinator Parrish Barwick and Clerk of Court Kirk Reams.

ITEM 1: Call to Order, Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance

1. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 2: Public Announcements, Presentations & Awards

2. Alisha Bringer with Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) gave a brief presentation on the Florida Transportation Plan (FTP).
3. Ron Cichon, on behalf of the Economic Development Council, presented a summary of the North Florida Economic Development Academy in March to the Board.

ITEM 3: Consent Agenda

4. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Hall and carried 4-0, the consent agenda—consisting of the approval of the agenda and the minutes of the April 21st, 2015 Regular Session—was approved.**

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

5. Mary Alice Howard, on behalf of Elizabeth AME Church, stated she was trying to get a commercial building on their church grounds on Thompson Valley Road and was having issues with the requirements with regards to flood plain. Commissioner Hall requested an exception/variance, to which Chairman Bishop stated he would be in favor of as well. Chairman Bishop requested that County Coordinator Barwick to look into and work with Ms. Howard on this issue.

ITEM 5a: SCOP Bid Recommendations/Watermill Road

6. County Engineer Daryle Gray introduced this item and recommended the Board approve low bidder Peavy and Sons for this project for the amount of \$483,919. Commissioner Hall inquired if there were any issues with the bridge, to which Mr. Gray responded in the negative. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Hall and carried 4-0, the Board approved low bidder Peavy and Sons for the Watermill Road SCOP project.**

ITEM 5b: SHIP Program Match Request

7. City Manager Steve Wingate introduced this item and state dthe City of Monticello had been working for years to get a CDBG Housing Rehabilitation

grant. County Coordinator Barwick stated that the County CDBG helps about 15 homes per year in unincorporated areas, but nothing in the city. He recommended pledging some of the county's SHIP money to help the City of Monticello receive their match. Chairman Bishop asked if this would take money away from anyone in the County, to which County Coordinator Barwick responded in the negative. **On motion by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Walker and carried 4-0, the Board approved the match for the City of Monticello.**

ITEM 5c: Fire Department Volunteer Stipend SOP

8. Fire Rescue Chief Mark Matthews presented the standard operation procedures for volunteer firefighters and explained the stipend would be to help reimburse volunteers for out of pocket expenses. Chairman Bishop inquired if the volunteers would still be considered such if given the stipends, to which Chief Matthews stated they would still be volunteers because they were not paid for their services, but rather reimbursed for out of pocket expenses. The stipend was listed as \$300 available twice a year if certain requirements were met, such as participating in 4 out of 6 county-wide training days, completing the annual physical and drug screening, as well as other required trainings/certifications. Chief Matthews also explained there was a one-time \$50 education reimbursement as well as a recruiting stipend of \$100. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Barfield and carried 4-0, the Board approved the volunteer fire department stipend.**

ITEM 5d: Lloyd Sidewalk Contractor Services / FDOT Right of Way

9. County Coordinator Barwick introduced this item and stated there were basically four sections of sidewalk in Lloyd that were to be paved. One of the four sections was being paid for with Federal money and bidding out was mandatory. He stated that the county's purchasing policy allowed for the other three sections to be "piggy-backed" onto a project already underway. Mr. Barwick stated that the contractor working on sidewalks on US-19 had given the county a proposal of 3000 linear feet of 5 foot wide sidewalks at \$50,000. Citizen C.P. Miller praised the Board for their efforts with regard to the sidewalks and bike lanes, but stated his concern that there are local contractors that could do this work that were not given the opportunity to bid on the project. Citizen Troy Avera agreed with Mr. Miller and stated the local contractors were being cut out of the equation. The consensus of the Board was to bid out the paving project. With regard to the FDOT right of way, County Coordinator Barwick stated that there was a right of way issue on Gamble Road and he basically needed Chairman Bishop to sign a resolution approving work in this area. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Hall and carried 3 to 0, the Board approved this resolution.**

ITEM 6: County Coordinator

10. County Coordinator Barwick stated the road paving projects were nearly complete, with the exception of Rocky Branch, which was still in progress. He noted that while paving Spring Hollow, an issue came up about the remainder of

Cooper's Pond Road which was both city and county. He stated he had worked with the city to go ahead and pave this area.

ITEM 7: Commissioner Discussion Items

11. Commissioner Hall inquired about one of the baseball fields not being utilized at the Recreation Park. Coordinator Barwick stated they were working to get an irrigation system in place before utilizing this field.
12. County Attorney Buck Bird stated he was working with the city on an inter-local agreement for the county to perform the administrative portion of the animal ordinance.
13. Chairman Bishop inquired about the once acre bar pit on Lake Road, to which County Attorney Buck Bird stated Planning Official Bill Tellefsen was looking into the matter.

ITEM 8: Adjournment

14. The warrant register was reviewed and bills ordered paid.
15. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Hall and carried 3-0, the meeting was adjourned.**

Chairman

Attest: _____
Clerk