

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
May 19, 2015

The Board met this date in regular session. Present were Chairperson Benjamin öBennyö Bishop, Commissioners Betsy Barfield, Hines Boyd, Eugene Hall and Stephen Walker. 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. Commissioner Eugene Hall led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 3: Consent Agenda

2. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Walker unanimously carried, the consent agenda—consisting of the approval of the agenda, the minutes of the May 5th, 2015 Regular Session and the Web Services Agreement for the TDC—was approved.**

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

3. Citizen Ricky Sanders discussed his issue with mold at a residence in the County. Chairman Bishop stated that since this was on private land, there was really no action the Board could take at this time.
4. Alex Quintana, on behalf of Congresswoman Gwen Graham, provided an informational sheet to the Board to be distributed.

ITEM 5a: Aucilla/Wacissa RiverKeepers Inc. Resolution Request

5. Citizen Roy King introduced this item and requested the Board approve the resolution. **Commissioner Barfield made a motion to approve the resolution to which Commissioner Walker seconded for discussion.** David Ward, president of the Aucilla/Wacissa RiverKeepers, stated this was land that should be owned by the water management district. Chairman Bishop stated his concern with the ösovereignö language in the last paragraph and said that he would support without this language. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams stated that the Water Management District was also concerned about this language. Citizen Paul Henry inquired about the financial impact of taking this property off the tax roll, to which Mr. Ward responded it would be a minimal impact at a little over \$100. **Commissioner Barfield amended her motion to remove the language in question and Commissioner Walker amended his second. The motion carried unanimously.**

ITEM 5b: Lloyd Sidewalk Bid Process

6. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick introduced this item and summarized by stating that engineering expenses as well as other bid expenses would cost a significant amount of money as compared to öpiggy-backingö the state contractor

currently working on US-19. Chairman Bishop inquired if the contractor was still interested. Commissioner Barfield commented that bidding out this project would eat into the \$75,000 appropriated by the Board. County Engineer Debbie Preble stated the contractor on US-19 was giving the county very good value for this area but voiced concerns about the lack of a survey for the smallest segment (from Highway 59 to the Post Office). Commissioner Boyd expressed concern about spending money from either maintenance or contingency. Clerk Reams clarified that money could come from contingency after unanticipated revenue was added via budget amendment. Citizen C.P. Miller stated he wished a local contractor won the bid, but he understood the importance of savings on the project and that the project was good for the community of Lloyd. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Barfield and carried 4 to 1 (Boyd opposed), the Board approved piggy-backing the state bid.** Commissioner Barfield noted that the federal highway portion of the sidewalk project must be bid out separately.

ITEM 5c: Library Budget Amendment

7. Interim Library Director Natalie Binder introduced this item. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Hall and unanimously carried, the Library budget amendment was approved.**

ITEM 6: PUBLIC HEARING – EAR Based LDC Amendments Ordinance No. 2015-061615-01 First Reading

8. Planning Attorney Scott Shirley introduced this item and provided a brief overview of significant changes. Chairman Bishop inquired about mitered culverts on dirt roads. After a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that Attorney Shirley add the word "paved" before this section. Commissioner Barfield requested that classifications match FDOT and also inquired about minimum setback language. Attorney Shirley responded by reading the current iteration of this language. After discussion about wetlands, flood plains and restrictions implemented by the LDC, Commissioner Boyd commented that the Board should not be more restrictive than the state. **On motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Hall and carried 4 to 1 (Barfield opposed), the Board approved changing wetlands from 80 feet to 50 feet and leaving river setback requirement at 100 feet.** Commissioner Barfield inquired if all easements would be recorded at the Clerk of Court's Office, to which Attorney Shirley responded in the affirmative. It was the consensus of the Board to add Canopy Road to the heritage roads and also to strike "north" with regard to West Lake Road. **On motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Hall and unanimously carried, the Board approved the LDC Amendments on first reading.** The Board set the second reading for the July 21st night meeting since several commissioners would be at the Florida Association of Counties meeting and training. Chairman Bishop stated the Board would determine whether or not to have a night meeting in June at the June 2nd morning meeting.

ITEM 8: Commissioner Discussion Items

9. County Attorney Buck Bird stated that around 1998 the County sold the old jail (across the street from the Road Department) to the state. He stated the state was requesting a corrected deed to address some minor issues brought to light by a recent survey. Attorney Bird stated he had no issues with their request. Commissioner Barfield requested both surveys to view. Attorney Bird requested this item be placed on the next consent agenda.
10. Clerk of Court Finance Director Charles Culp gave an overview of the recent Operation Green Light initiative hosted by the Clerk of Court's Office. He stated that the Clerk's Office processed 17 cases and brought in over \$3000, which made it the third largest county in its peer group.
11. Commissioner Walker stated that the Wacissa River project was going well. County Coordinator Barwick noted one issue was the unearthed ground around the river which was in need of sod so heavy rains did not lead to silt being deposited into the river. County Engineer Debbie Preble stated there were 3 or 4 pending grant applications but the soonest these would be funded was July. She also stated her agreement with the County Coordinator that sod would be good before heavy traffic season. Chairman Bishop gave Coordinator Barwick his consent to address this situation.
12. Commissioner Barfield stated that CRTPA Director Harry Reed stated the safety study for the City of Monticello would begin in a month or so. She also requested an update on the website at the next Board meeting.
13. Commissioner Hall noted that the re-surfacing work performed in Cooper's Pond looked really good.
14. Chairman Bishop stated the county would be receiving nearly \$44,000 in additional funds from the landfill. He also stated he recently met with Transfield and FDOT to address overgrowth of shrubbery on Highway 90 east. These entities recommended removing the larger bushes, but Chairman Bishop wanted the consensus of the Board. Commissioner Bishop noted that every landscaping plant has a life. It was the consensus of the Board to address these overgrown bushes as recommended by Transfield and FDOT.

ITEM 8: 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.**

Chairman

Attest: _____
Clerk