

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
August 19, 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. Chris Cantolino with Vizco gave a presentation on his business which is located at the county Industrial Park. Chairperson Barfield recommended that Mr. Cantolino work with County Coordinator Parrish Barwick to continue the conversation on how to move forward in accomplishing some of his long term goals. Chairperson Barfield thanked Mr. Cantolino for re-locating to Jefferson County. Commissioner Boyd inquired about an access issue with the main drive and stated he would like to see the County grant Mr. Cantolino 100 feet so he and his employees could easily access the site. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick stated all he would need is a request and it could be taken care of.

ITEM 3: Consent Agenda

2. Chairperson Barfield requested amending the agenda to postpone the public hearing to October 21st at 6 pm and November the 18th at 6 pm. **On motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried, the agenda as amended was approved.**

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

3. Citizen Paul Henry inquired about Mr. Cantolino's business and asked if he used loans or taxpayer money to relocate. Mr. Barwick stated none that he was aware of and Mr. Henry stated that is how business should be done.
4. Citizen Dan Hamedani asked if he could attend a budget workshop and be given time for a presentation on a road improvement suggestion for Casa Bianca Road, to which Chairperson Barfield responded in the affirmative.

ITEM 5a: SHIP Down Payment Assistance

5. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick stated there was one application for down payment assistance in the amount of \$20,000. He stated that it would be re-paid over a seven year period by the citizen living in his/her home. Commissioner Bishop asked if the person would have to pay the money back to which Mr. Barwick stated if they stayed in the house for seven years, the money was 100% forgiven. Citizen Paul Henry stated his opinion that the SHIP program wasn't quite as bad as the CDBG program but stated this person's annual income was \$45,000 which was well above what Sheriff's deputies make. He stated if this income justified public assistance, then the Board needed to consider this during budget time when looking at the Sheriff's budget. **On motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and unanimously carried, the Board approved the above SHIP application.**

ITEM 8: Commissioner Discussion Items

6. County Attorney Buck Bird stated public hearing on Fire Tax amendment would be at the next meeting. He stated that by statute, the public hearing had to be prior to September 15th and that was the reason He stated that every property owner in the city was notified via a mailout. County Coordinator Barwick noted that the city initiated this process, as the county could not impose taxes on the city.
7. Commissioner Boyd stated his concerns that funds approved for the Citizens for United People grant were being used improperly. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick stated he had made contact with Mr. C.P. Miller regarding the funds for Howard School and that he would be in touch with the Board. Commissioner Nelson stated he could not comment about the funds as he was enlisted as the Director of Entertainment and was due to perform at the event on Saturday. He stated that any questions about funds should be directed to the president of the organization.

ITEM 9: Adjournment

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

Attest: _____
Clerk

Chairman