

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
September 16, 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 1: Call to Order, Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance

1. Jim Weldon gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 2: Public Announcements, Presentations & Awards

2. Chris Reitow with the Appalachian Regional Planning Council introduced himself to the board and highlighted programs and services provided by the ARPC.
3. Hope Childree with Independent Green Technologies introduced herself to the Board and discussed different projects across the state pertaining to solar energy, energy efficiency and conservation and stated that all of these were covered by the recently passed PACE program. She expressed her desire to work with the County in the future.

ITEM 3: Consent Agenda

4. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and unanimously carried, the consent agenda—consisting of the approval of the agenda and the minutes of the September 2nd, 2014 Regular Session—was approved.**

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

5. Citizen Paul Henry stated he read about a business incubator coming to Monticello and inquired if any tax money was involved, to which Chairperson Betsy Barfield and Clerk of Court Kirk Reams responded not to their knowledge.

ITEM 5a: Mosquito Control State Budget Paperwork

6. Mosquito Control Director Mark Positano introduced this item and stated the state slightly increased funding from last year. **On motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried, the Board approved the mosquito control state budget paperwork.**

ITEM 5b: JCI Resolution

7. Chairperson Barfield introduced this item and stated it was already approved but was on the agenda for informational purposes.

ITEM 5c: Opera House Proclamation

Chairperson Barfield introduced this item and stated it was already approved but was on the agenda for informational purposes.

ITEM 5d: Lloyd Historic District/Land Development Code

8. Chairperson Barfield introduced this item and stated her desire to hold a workshop to discuss questions about the Lloyd Historic District as well as the Lloyd interchange. Planning Attorney Scott Shirley stated it might in the county's best interest to remove all industrial activity from the Lloyd Interchange and that he was open to a workshop if it could be held prior to the public hearings of the Land Development Code scheduled for October 21st and November 18th respectively. Citizen Santa Hokensen inquired if county planners would be at the workshop, to which Attorney Shirley responded in the affirmative. Citizen Jay Adams requested that enough time be given to notice all of Lloyd area. A joint workshop for the Board and Planning Board was scheduled for September 30th at 6:15 pm (after the budget hearing at 6 pm).

ITEM 6: County Coordinator: Road Construction Update

9. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick provided an update on roads completed, in progress and scheduled to be worked on. He stated that they originally planned to pave 41 miles of roads, but have already paved 49.5 miles. Mr. Barwick stated that that they would need approximately \$833,500 to complete upcoming projects and that they had approximately \$747,000 (approximately \$589,000 from road bond and \$158,000 from road improvement line item). This left a shortfall of \$87,000 for remaining projects. Commissioner Boyd commented that Springfield and Government Farms Roads were budgeted for asphalt and that the county could save roughly \$70,000 if they opted for chip seal instead of asphalt. He also noted that North Noble Subdivision was in dire need of improvements and was not on the list. He encouraged the Board to spend the money as efficiently as possible. Commissioner Bishop commented that the County set out to pave 40 miles of roads and had already paved 50 miles and he believed the County was being extremely efficient. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams expressed displeasure at delaying work on roads already approved by adding new roads. County Coordinator Barwick stated he was eager to finish the road improvement project started in 2012 and develop a new project with new roads. Commissioner Nelson expressed support for completing what is on the road list. Commissioner Boyd again noted that more could be done if chip seal were used, to which Commissioner Bishop stated that the roads in question needed asphalt due to heavy traffic. Citizen Dan Hamedani commented that he likes the chip seal after it has healed and that it contained granite. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and unanimously carried, the Board amended the road project list to include the following roads and authorized using \$100,000 from the next year's budgeted line item for road improvements: Goldburg, Rocky Branch, Spring Hollow, Sparks, Whippoorwill and North Noble (including Texas Hill).**
10. Citizen Michael Lamar requested assistance in improving Lamar Road. Commissioner Bishop responded that it was a private road. Citizen Martha Lamar Odom stated she did not want the road paved but rather the holes filled. Commissioner Bishop explained that if the residents on that road paid for the material, the Road Department would do the work.

ITEM 7: Commissioner Discussion Items

11. County Coordinator Barwick presented an ARPC proposal to the Board for Hazardous Materials Disposal. He stated it is the same document that has been in place for years and just needed Board approval to be renewed. **On motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Bishop and unanimously carried, the Board approved the proposal.**

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12. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick discussed renewing lease for the Wacissa Volunteer Fire Department. Chairperson Barfield expressed the desire for a longer lease. County Attorney Buck Bird suggested a 30 year lease and stated he would send the paperwork to the School Board.
13. Commissioner Nelson stated he had been in contact with the family of Dennis Gallon. Mr. Gallon is turning 90 and had served in World War II. He stated he would be bringing a proposed proclamation to a future meeting.
14. Commissioner Walker inquired about the speed bump issue, to which County Coordinator Parrish Barwick stated that the cost of speed humps would start at \$2000 and did not include striping or signage (both of which he highly recommended for liability purposes). He stated he would need Board direction on when/where to place the humps and also how the County was going to fund this request. Citizen Paul Henry stated that before doing anything with traffic control, the Board needed to make sure there was a problem and suggested surveying traffic speeds. Mr. Henry volunteered to assist if the Board so desired. Commissioner Walker asked what would be needed for Mr. Henry to survey this area, to which Mr. Henry responded speed measurement equipment.
15. Commissioner Bishop stated that FWC had contacted him to let him know they were beginning work on the boat ramp at Sneed Smokehouse.
16. Chairperson Barfield stated that she would be meeting with Harry Reed in the near future and was almost ready to submit the transportation plan to the CRTPA but needed it to be in priority order.

ITEM 9: Adjournment

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

Attest: _____

Clerk

Chairman