

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
October 7, 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. Charles Culp gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 2: Public Announcements, Presentations & Awards

2. Dick Bailar, on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce, announced the final election forum would be held tonight at 6 pm at the Jefferson County Courthouse Annex.
3. Commissioner Nelson presented a draft of the proclamation for Mr. Dennis Gallon that would be given at a future meeting.

ITEM 3: Consent Agenda

4. Commissioner Walker requested that the Wacissa Volunteer Fire Department lease agreement be moved to item 5(a) of general business. **On motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and unanimously carried, the Board approved the agenda as amended. On motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Bishop and unanimously carried the consent agenda—consisting of the minutes of the September 16th, 2014 Regular Session, the TDC Appointment and the Tall Timber Support Letter—was approved.**

ITEM 5a: Wacissa Volunteer Fire Department Lease Agreement with School Board

5. County Attorney Buck Bird presented this item. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Bishop and unanimously carried, the Board approved the lease agreement for 30 years.**

ITEM 5b: 2015 Legislative Priorities

6. Dicky Bailar with the Legislative Committee presented this item and requested the Board consider their 2015 legislative priorities. Chairperson Barfield stated that she did not see the Wacissa River listed under the Amendment 1 purchasing/funding of wetlands and conversation, but if approved, would like to see about getting the Wacissa River added to this list. Mr. Bailar stated the Board should also consider FRDAP funds now that funds are available. Citizen Troy Avera stated he would like to see funds to restore Howard Academy.

ITEM 5c: VAB Appointments

7. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams introduced this item and stated the Value Adjustment Board consisted of two Commissioners, one School Board member, a local business owner appointed by the School Board and a citizen appointed by the Board. He further stated he had advertised for a citizen volunteer for a two week period and received no responses.

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Mr. Reams stated he had contacted previous citizen appointee, Paul Michael, who was willing to serve if it was the pleasure of the Board. **On motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Bishop and unanimously carried, the Board appointed Paul Michael as the citizen appointee to the Value Adjustment Board.** Mr. Reams also noted that Commissioners Boyd and Walker were the two Commissioners appointed back in January and that the VAB organizational meeting would be held at 10 am on October 28th with the VAB meeting at 10 am on October 30th.

ITEM 6: County Coordinator – Medical Director Agreement for Services

8. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick introduced this item, stating that the Medical Director was required for EMS service by law. He requested the Board to renew the contract for Dr. Spindell. Chief Matthews noted that the County received great value for Mr. Spindell's services. **On motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Bishop and unanimously carried, the Board approved the agreement.**
9. 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

10. At the request of Commissioner Boyd, County Coordinator Parrish Barwick provided a brief update on the current road projects.
11. Commissioner Nelson commended City Manager Steve Wingate on his assistance with some clean-up work in District 2.
12. Chairperson Barfield briefly discussed the previous night's CRTPA meeting and stated she needed citizens to go online to fill out a survey to help drive the county's transportation needs for the next 20 years.

ITEM 9: Adjournment

13. The warrant register was reviewed and bills ordered paid.
14. **On motion by Commissioner Bishop, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.**

Chairman

Attest: _____
Clerk