

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
November 4, 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. Kaitlynn Passmore, with Tri-County Electric, introduced herself to the Board.
2. Property Appraiser Angela Gray returned money from last year's budget.

ITEM 3: Consent Agenda

3. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Bishop and unanimously carried the consent agenda—consisting of the approval of the agenda and the minutes of the October 21st, 2014 Regular Session—was approved.**

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

4. Dick Bailar with the Legislative Committee asked the Board to finalize its legislative priorities in the next few weeks.

ITEM 5a: American Hunter Update

5. Economic Development Director Julie Conley stated that, due to financial concerns, American Hunter had decided to not relocate to Jefferson County. She recommended that the County buy back the property. Commissioner Boyd stated this was a no-brainer as the county would have a öshovel-readyö site with a free set of plans. Commissioner Barfield expressed concerns with being in the real estate business. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick stated that the Board would not want a private citizen to have control over the future sale of property in the Industrial Park. Attorney Bird stated there was no expense to the county budget because the county was paying the owners what it had previously received for the property. **On motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried, the decision to buy back the property was approved.**

ITEM 5b: Budget Amendment / EMS Grant

6. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick and Fire Rescue Chief Mark Matthews presented this item. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and unanimously carried, the budget amendment was approved.**

ITEM 5c: SCRAP / SCOP Resolutions

7. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams introduced this item. **On motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried, Resolution No. 2014-110414-01, adding Armstrong Road to the Lloyd Creek / Cherry Tree Road project, was approved. On motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried, Resolution No. 2014-110414-02, St.**

Augustine Road, was approved. On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Bishop and unanimously carried, Resolution No. 2014-110414-03, Watermill Road, was approved.

ITEM 6a: County Coordinator – SHIP Bid List

8. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick introduced this item. **On motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried, the SHIP bid list was approved.**

ITEM 6b: County Coordinator – Equipment Purchase / Boom Mowers

9. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick introduced this item and recommended that the Board purchase one of each type of boom mower presented. Commissioner Boyd stated that another option being overlooked by the Board that would be less expensive would be utilizing mowers that hook-up to 3-point hitch tractors that the Road Department currently has in its fleet. Mr. Barwick stated that operators would not work looking backward on those types of machines. Commissioner Bishop stated he would like to table this issue to take a closer look at the equipment items. This item was tabled to the next meeting.

ITEM 6c: County Coordinator – Air Packs and Equipment Purchase

10. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick and Fire Rescue Chief Mark Matthews presented this item. **On motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried, the request was approved.**

ITEM 7: Commissioner Discussion Items

11. Commissioner Nelson expressed interest in the County having another Thanksgiving meal for its employees on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. He also offered to help fund the endeavor.
12. County Attorney Buck Bird introduced an agreement set forth by the Harrell Nut Company. Commissioner Boyd explained that Archer Daniels Midland had purchased Harrell Nut Company and that Harrell Nut Company was going to pay back the \$110,000 purchase price of property and had requested a release of the original letter of agreement. **On motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Bishop and unanimously carried, the release was approved.**

ITEM 9: Adjournment

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

Chairman

Attest: _____
Clerk