

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
November 18, 2014

The Board met this date in regular session. Present were Chairperson Betsy Barfield, Commissioners Benjamin öBennyö Bishop, Hines Boyd, John Nelson, Stephen Walker and Commissioner-Elect Eugene Hall. Also present were County Coordinator Parrish Barwick, County Attorney Buck Bird and Clerk of Court Kirk Reams.

ITEM 2: Public Announcements, Presentations & Awards

1. Outgoing Commissioner John R. Nelson Sr. was recognized for his service by Legislative Committee member Dick Bailar, Commissioner Chair Betsy Barfield and Clerk of Court Kirk Reams.

ITEM 3: Installation of Commissioners

2. Commissioner Barfield was sworn in by County Judge Robert R. Plaines.
3. Commissioner-elect Eugene öGeneö Hall was sworn in by County Judge Robert R. Plaines.

ITEM 4: Election of Chair

4. Commissioner Boyd nominated Commissioner Bishop as Chairman. With no other nominations, Chair Barfield congratulated Commissioner Bishop as the new Chair.

ITEM 5: Election of Vice-Chair

5. Commissioner Hall nominated Commissioner Boyd as vice-chair. Commissioner Bishop nominated Commissioner Walker as vice-chair. Commissioner Boyd received votes from Commissioner Hall and Commissioner Boyd. Commissioner Walker received votes from Commissioner Barfield, Commissioner Bishop and Commissioner Walker. Commissioner Walker was congratulated by the Board as the new vice-chair.

ITEM 6: Consent Agenda

6. **On motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried the consent agenda—consisting of the approval of the agenda, TDC City Council Representative and TDC Grant, Crimestoppers Support Letter and Kids Incorporated Support Letter—was approved.**

ITEM 8a: LAP Agreement Resolution / Lloyd Sidewalk

7. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams introduced the item. Commissioner Barfield explained that this money was federal money and that because the original plan had the sidewalk going through the historic district, FDOT would be spending most of the original money on the effect of the sidewalk on the historic district. She explained that the new scope of work would be from the western edge of the historic district to Merritt Road along Old Lloyd Road. **On motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried, the LAP agreement resolution was approved.**

ITEM 8b: EMS Grant

8. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick and Fire Rescue Chief Mark Matthews presented this item. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried, the EMS grant was approved.**

ITEM 8c: Legislative Priorities

9. Dick Bailar with Legislative Committee asked the Board to review its legislative priorities. Chairman Bishop stated that the Board would be bringing these back for approval at a later meeting. Mr. Bailar requested that Commissioner Gene Hall replace John Nelson on the Legislative Committee. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Barfield and unanimously carried, the request was approved.**

ITEM 8d: Industrial Park Economic Development Project Discussion

10. Economic Development Director Julie Conley introduced this item and stated she had been working with local businessman Glen Bishop in efforts to relocate and consolidate his businesses to a site at the Industrial Park. She further stated that Regions Bank would honor its previous terms with the American Hunter Deal. Commissioner Boyd commented that this was exactly the kind of project the County needed, to which Commissioner Walker agreed. Citizen Paul Henry stated that tax dollars could not be spent on private enterprise. The consensus of the Board was to move forward with this project so that more definitive details could be brought before the Board at a future date.

ITEM 8e: Goose Pasture Recreational Site Discussion

11. Commissioner Walker asked Suwannee River Water Management District member Dr. George Cole if it would be possible for roads to be opened as ATV trails to access the Aucilla River. Dr. Cole stated it would be possible if the county maintained the roads and also if they ensured that the ATVs stayed within the limits of the roadway and not off the actual road. Commissioner Walker inquired as to whether or not the Board would be interested in taking over the ownership of Goose Pasture. Dr. Cole stated that Goose Pasture was currently being maintained three times a week by SRWMD and that eventually the SRWMD Board would like to get out of the recreation business. Commissioner Boyd stated that it seemed appropriate for a state agency to continue to maintain the park since it is used by a variety of outside people and not just Jefferson County residents. Commissioner Walker asked Dr. Cole if there could possibly be a place for ATVs to load and unload instead of the County taking over maintenance. Dr. Cole stated this could be possible and would need further discussion.

ITEM 9: County Coordinator – Boom Mower Bids

12. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick introduced this item. Chairman Bishop stated he had looked at the equipment and received a good price from Beard on Sheriffs Contract for 2 center mounted tractor mowers. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick stated that the city would be interested in splitting the cost of one of the machines evenly for use. Commissioner Boyd stated that the Road Department had the tractors to utilize three-point hitch mowers. **Commissioner Boyd made a motion to purchase an Alamo Samurai mower and to keep the current tractors. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. The motion failed 1 to 4 (Barfield, Bishop, Hall and Walker opposed). On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Barfield and carried**

4 to 1 (Boyd opposed), the Board approved the purchase of the two John Deere tractor mowers from Beard.

13. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick stated that a property owner was selling a home that had previously received housing assistance in 2006 and needed the zero dollar lien released. Commissioner Barfield that this should have been added at the front of the agenda and she could not support adding it at this time as it was not an emergency.

ITEM 10: Commissioner Discussion Items

14. County Attorney Buck Bird stated he had the execution of the release with Harrell Nut Company that had approved at the last meeting and a check for \$110,000.
15. Commissioner Hall thanked the voters and stated he was glad to be back working with the Board.
16. Commissioner Barfield stated that bike maintenance stations were being provided by FDOT through the efforts of the CTST. She also stated that she was recently named the vice-chair of the CRTPA.

ITEM 9: Adjournment

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

Attest: _____
Clerk

Chairman