

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
December 16, 2014

The Board met this date in regular session. Present were Chairperson Benjamin øBennyø Bishop, Betsy Barfield, Hines Boyd, Eugene Hall 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. County Commissioner Eugene Hall led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 2: Public Announcements, Presentations & Awards

2. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick stated he had been working on the proclamation for fallen officer Chris Smith and would like to have the reading and presentation of the proclamation at the first meeting in January.
3. Library Director Kitty Brooks provided an update on the library renovation. She stated that the library would be closed from three to six weeks but there would be a temporary øsatelliteø branch housed at the adult center (two doors down from the library).

ITEM 3: Consent Agenda

4. **On motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried the consent agenda—consisting of the approval of the agenda, the minutes of the December 2nd Regular Session and the TDC Bike-Fest Grant Application—was approved.**

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

5. Citizens Al and Heidi London came before the Board with a complaint about a neighbor performing welding operations in their neighborhood. They stated it affected their property and they had issues with how the land issue was handled. Planning Director Bill Tellefsen commented that it was a home business and neighbors did not have to noticed. Also, Code Enforcement Officer Beth Letchworth had been to the residence and found no violations. Chairman Bishop recommended the Londonø go before the Planning Commission Board. Citizen Vincent Valtoski stated he had no problem with the home business and the person trying to make a living.
6. Zack Summerlin with the Big Bend Homeless Coalition introduced himself to the Board and provided an info packet of his organizationø services. He stated he looked forward to working with the county in the future.

ITEM 5a: Update Concerning Land Development Code Amendment Process

7. Planning Attorney Scott Shirley gave an update on the Land Development Code amendment process and suggested the Board hold a workshop in January to discuss changes to the code in detail and also to adopt a øcleanø version that will go into effect. The workshop was set for Monday, February 9th at 6 pm.

ITEM 5b: Planning Commission Appointment

8. Commissioner Eugene Hall stated that Charles Parrish had volunteered to serve on the Planning Commission and that since he did not live in District 2, the Board would have to

approve via vote. **Commissioner Walker made a motion to accept Mr. Parrish as Commissioner Hall's appointee, to which Commissioner Hall seconded for discussion.** Commissioner Barfield stated her concerns that District 3 would have three representatives and no one living in District 2 would be on the Board. She also inquired about Commissioner Boyd's appointee. Commissioner Boyd stated Mike Bonfanti had resigned from the Planning Commission and the position had been vacant for 2 months. Commissioner Hall stated his desire to advertise the Planning Commission position so that everyone had a chance to apply. **Commissioner Walker withdrew his motion and Commissioner Hall withdrew his second.**

ITEM 5c: Update on Web Presence Project

9. Marcia Elder stated her firm had performed a review and analysis of the County's web presence and she provided an overview of her report with recommendations. Commissioner Barfield commended Ms. Elder on the report and inquired as to who would maintain the County's site per Ms. Elder's recommendations. Commissioner Boyd inquired as to who updated the Clerk of Court's website, to which Clerk of Court Kirk Reams stated that he or Chief Deputy Tyler McNeill would contact the webmaster for any content changes to the site. Citizen Troy Avera suggested breaking this project into pieces rather than trying to get it all done at one time.

ITEM 6a: County Coordinator / Road Department - Equipment

10. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick stated his intent to move towards having newer equipment with less maintenance required. He stated the Road Department currently had an excavator and an off road truck that were not necessary for the Road Department's day-to-day operations. He expressed his desire to trade/sell/auction these items for something small and more appropriate. He said that if the need arose for these items again, it would be wiser to rent than to purchase. Commissioner Boyd noted that if this machinery was sold, many of the options for the mine are gone. He also stated his concern with selling items that were just recently or nearly paid off. Commissioner Barfield stated she would like to hear County Coordinator Barwick's plans for the mine before making a decision on the equipment.

ITEM 6b: County Coordinator / Road Department – Road Safety

11. County Coordinator Barwick stated that there were a few roads in desperate need of striping: Walker Springs and Aucilla/Drifton Highway. He stated he does not have the funding in the Road Bond money and needed the Board's direction to secure funding. He estimated the cost at about \$1100 per stripe per mile. Commissioner Boyd inquired as to whether or not the Road Department still had a walk-behind striper. Coordinator Barwick stated they did but stated he had not had positive experiences with the walk-behind striper in the past. **Commissioner Walker made a motion to approve funding to stripe Aucilla Highway and Walker Springs Road, to which Commissioner Hall seconded for discussion.** Commissioner Barfield stated she would be meeting with Harry Reid of the CRTPA and would ask about potential funding for striping. Citizen Dick Bailar stated that in the past, Commissioner Cooksey secured of \$300,000 in grant funding for striping. **Commissioner Walker amended his motion to be contingent on Commissioner Barfield's conversation with Mr. Reid. Commissioner Hall amended his second. The motion was unanimously carried.**

ITEM 7: Commissioner Discussion Items

12. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams stated that he had attended the Department of State's Bureau of Historic Preservation meeting and that 55 projects were ranked. The Monticello Opera House finished at #15, the A Building at #17 and the Dixie Plantation at #18; he further added that there was a high likelihood that all three would be receiving awards of about \$350,000.
13. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams listed the roads approved for upcoming paving projects: Pinhook Road (CIGP), St. Augustine Road (SCRAP), Waukeenah Highway Phase #1 (SCOP) and Big Joe Road (SCOP). He also briefly discussed the parking lot behind the Tax Collector's Office and stated that in the next week or so, County Engineer Preble-Rish would bring plans and hopefully bid the project out. Mr. Reams stated there were 33 spaces and he envisioned this as an employee parking lot.
14. Commissioner Barfield informed the board that Highway 90 had been designated as a National Bike Route and that DOT planned to pave portions of the shoulder not already paved. She also noted that the crepe myrtles would soon be topped off.
15. Commissioner Hall asked if there were filters in place on the public computer terminals at the library, to which County Coordinator Parrish Barwick said he would check with Library Director Kitty Brooks.
16. Commissioner Walker inquired about the County possibly granting January 2nd as an additional holiday, since the Governor had granted it to state workers. **Commissioner Hall made a motion to grant county employees January 2nd as an additional holiday, to which Commissioner Walker seconded for discussion.** County Coordinator Parrish Barwick expressed concern with the extra day as it related to both county dump sites as well as the fairness to 24 hour personnel. Citizen Paul Henry agreed with County Coordinator Barwick. **Commissioner Hall withdrew his motion and Commissioner Walker withdrew his second.**

ITEM 8: 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