



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THE KEYSTONE COUNTY-ESTABLISHED 1827

435 W. Walnut St., Monticello, Florida 32344

**Benjamin "Benny"
Bishop**

District 1, Vice-Chair

Eugene Hall

District 2

Hines F. Boyd

District 3

Betsy Barfield

District 4, Chair

Stephen Walker

District 5

**Regular Session Agenda
January 6, 2015 at the Courthouse Annex
435 W. Walnut St. Monticello, FL 32344**

- 1. 9:00 A.M. – Call to Order, Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2. Public Announcements, Presentations, & Awards**
 - a) Proclamation for Fallen Deputy Sheriff Chris Smith**
- 3. Consent Agenda**
 - a) Approval of Agenda**
 - b) Minutes of December 16, 2014 Regular Session**
 - c) Small Grant Request – BikeFest**
- 4. Citizens Request & Input on Non-Agenda Items (3 Minute Limit)**
- 5. General Business**
 - a) Requested Resolution on Banning Fracking – Amalie Datz**
- 6. County Coordinator**
 - a) Road Department Update**
- 7. Commissioner Discussion Items**
- 8. Adjourn**

From the manual "Government in the Sunshine", page 40:

Paragraph C. Each board, commission or agency of this state or of any political subdivision thereof shall include in the notice of any meeting or hearing, if notice of meeting or hearing is required, of such board, commission, or agency, conspicuously on such notice, the advice that if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the board, agency or commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purpose he may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

Kirk Reams
Clerk of Courts

Parrish Barwick
County Coordinator

T. Buckingham Bird
County Attorney
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ITEM 3: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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

The Board met this date in regular session. Present were Chairperson Benjamin “Benny” 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 “satellite” 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 London’s 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 organization’s 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 “clean” 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), Waukeelah 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

SMALL GRANT PROGRAM
APPLICATION

Thank you for your interest in Jefferson County's Small Grant Program. Our goal is to provide support for activities and initiatives that encourage economic development and enhance the quality of life in our community.

Please complete this application (typewritten applications are preferred) and return it to the County Coordinator's office at least 60 days prior to the date on which the funds are needed.

The process for evaluation of applications is as follows:

1. Within 30 days of receipt of a completed application, the Small Grant Program Review Committee will meet to evaluate the application. This meeting will be advertised and open to the public. You will be personally notified of the meeting and invited to have an open discussion with the Committee regarding your project. This will be the only forum in which your application will be discussed.
2. The Committee's evaluation and recommendation will be forwarded to the Board of County Commissioners and placed on the Consent Agenda for the next available meeting (but no later than 30 days following the Review Committee's meeting). You will receive notice of the meeting. However, there will be no further input or discussion and the Board will either accept or reject the Committee's recommendation.
3. The County Coordinator will notify applicants of the County Commission's decision regarding the grant request.
4. If your funding request is granted, you are required to submit a report outlining the development, implementation and overall assessment of the project or event. Please provide as many details as possible to assist the Review Committee and County Commission in evaluating the impact of the project or event. This report should be submitted to the County Coordinator's office no later than 30 days following the completion of the project or event.

Project name: Monticello Bike Fest

Organization name: Chamber of Commerce

Type of organization (charitable, 501(c)(3), etc. Non-Profit 501(c)(6)

Name, address, telephone number and e-mail address of primary contact:

**Katrina Richardson
Chamber of Commerce
420 West Washington Street
Monticello, FL 32344
850-997-5552
850-567-6451 cell
info@monticellojeffersonfl.com**

Please describe how the project meets the criteria established for this program. You may create your own narrative or respond by answering the questions below. Please limit your narrative or responses to one page and attach it to this application.

- **How does the project respond to a demonstrated or emerging community need?**
- **What product or service will be rendered as a result of receiving funding?**
- **Is the project tied to economic development?**
- **How will the project be implemented?**
- **Are volunteer services and fundraising efforts being used as leverage to implement the project?**
- **Is the project currently receiving public funding from other sources?**
- **Are matching funds available?**
- **How will the project be sustained when the requested funds are exhausted?**

Amount of funds requested: \$2000

Anticipated project completion date: March 22, 2015

**Katrina Richardson
Signature of Applicant**

**Executive Director, Monticello Jefferson
Chamber of Commerce
Title**

**December 10, 2014
Date**

**ITEM 5(a): REQUESTED RESOLUTION ON
BANNING FRACKING**

**Resolution Requesting a Statewide Ban Extreme
on Hydraulic Fracturing, Acid Fracturing and any form of
Extreme Well Stimulation or Resource Extraction in Florida**

WHEREAS, extreme well stimulation such as hydraulic and acid fracturing (fracking and acidification) involves the use of chemicals and hazardous materials during construction, drilling, fracturing, gas production and delivery, well maintenance, and work over operations; and

WHEREAS, fracturing of underground geologic formations is often accomplished by injecting a complex mix of fluids and chemicals, including large volumes of water, on average 4.5 million gallons per well, under very high pressure to create fractures in gas bearing geologic formations; and the water used is contaminated forever; and

WHEREAS, many of the chemical constituents injected during fracturing have documented adverse health effects and/or adverse environmental impacts, for example, 60% of those chemicals can harm the brain and nervous system, 30% are suspected carcinogens, and 30% are developmental toxicants; and

WHEREAS, there have been more than a 1,000 documented cases of water contamination near fracking sites; and

WHEREAS, wastewater from fracking can contain radioactive elements and has been discharged into rivers that supply drinking water for millions, according to the *New York Times*; and

WHEREAS, use of these well stimulation fracturing mixes exposed adjacent land and surface waters to the risk of contamination through open pit storage, truck transport on roadways, and activities during well development; and

WHEREAS, the pollution of water caused by well stimulation and fracking threatens the long term economic well being of communities, as businesses and consumers depend on clean drinking water; and

WHEREAS, the oil and gas industry is not required by federal law to publicly disclose chemical formulas of well stimulation and fracturing fluids so that this information is publicly unavailable for health and safety purposes; and

WHEREAS, the wise stewardship of our natural resources involves protection of Florida's water supplies and water resources for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, protection of Florida's water supplies and resources is better accomplished by prevention of contamination and environmental degradation, rather than attempting to cleaning up contamination and restoring degraded environments after the fact;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on the ____ day of ____ 2015, the

Jefferson County Commission supports a statewide ban on hydraulic fracturing, acid fracturing and any form of extreme well stimulation and resource extraction; and

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Jefferson County Commission will send a letter to our state legislators and the Governor of the State of Florida calling for a ban on fracking and for them to introduce and/or support a legislative bill prohibiting all forms of extreme well stimulation and resource extraction,

PASSED, APPROVED, AND EFFECTIVE on this ____ day of ____, 2015.

ATTEST:
