

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FINAL BUDGET HEARING
September 28, 2015

The Board met this date for the final budget hearing. Present were Chairperson Benjamin ðBennyö Bishop, Commissioners Hines Boyd, Eugene Hall and Stephen Walker. Commissioner Barfield appeared via telephone. Also present were County Coordinator Parrish Barwick and Clerk of Court Kirk Reams.

ITEM 1: Call to Order, Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance

1. Chairman Benny Bishop led the invocation and pledge of allegiance.

ITEM 2: Adopt Millage Rate – 8.3114 mills

2. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Hall and carried 4 to 1 (Boyd opposed), the Board adopted the millage rate at 8.3114 mills.**

ITEM 3: Adopt Budget - \$23,296,425

3. **Commissioner Walker made a motion to adopt the budget at \$23,296,425, to which Commissioner Hall seconded for discussion.** Commissioner Hall asked if the BP oil spill settlement of approximately \$263,000 was part of the adopted budget, to which Clerk of Court Kirk Reams responded in the affirmative. Commissioner Hall asked about the \$40,000 increase to the County Coordinator's budget for salary augmentation and stated an evaluation process or method for determining raises would be helpful. He also commented on county ground maintenance. Commissioner Boyd commented that the Road Department had been busy with road building and other items and this had affected ground maintenance. County Coordinator Barwick stated he was aware of the above issues, but that the Board had cut funding for ground maintenance. He stated that in order for the County to increase its ground maintenance, the Board would have to allocate funding. Chairman Bishop recommended that further grounds maintenance discussion take place at a future meeting. **The above motion carried 4 to 1 (Boyd opposed).**

ITEM 4: Adopt Fire Assessment Resolution

4. **On motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Fire Assessment Resolution.**

ITEM 5: Adopt Solid Waste Resolution

5. **On motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Hall and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Fire Assessment Resolution.**

ITEM 6: Adjournment

6. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Boyd and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.**

Chairman

Attest: _____
Clerk