

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Regular Session
April 6, 2017

The Board met this date in regular session. Present were Chairman Gene Hall, Commissioners Betsy Barfield, Stephen Fulford, J.T. Surles and Stephen Walker. Also present were County Attorney Buck Bird, County Coordinator Parrish Barwick and Clerk of Court Kirk Reams.

1. Chairman Hall led the invocation and pledge of allegiance.
2. Claudia Rochado, regional program director for MADD, gave a presentation to the Board. She also announced that April 21st would be the “Power Talk 21” day for all public schools in the region.
3. County Extension Director John Lilly gave a presentation on his department and its function within the community.
4. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Fulford and unanimously carried, the Florida Springs Protection Act Fertilizer Ordinance was pulled from the consent agenda. It was the consensus of the Board for this to before the Planning Commission for discussion.**
5. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Fulford and unanimously carried, the consent agenda—consisting of the approval of the agenda as amended, the minutes of the March 16th, 2017 Regular Session, General/Transportation Fund Vouchers, the MADD proclamation and Wildflowers Request—was approved.**
6. Citizen Paul Henry asked to be placed on the next agenda to discuss options for privately funding concession stand/recreation park improvements instead of using public funds.
7. Zack Summerlin gave a presentation on the Department of Children and Families Behavioral Health transportation plan. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Fulford and unanimously carried, the Board approved the plan.**
8. Bruce Ballister with the Apalachee Regional Planning Commission discussed slight changes to SR-59/I-10 interchange CDBG grant. **On motion by Commission Fulford, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried, the Board approved the changes.**
9. Planning Attorney Scott Shirley introduced the county right of way development for cell phone towers discussion. He presented an application for review and stated he would return to the next meeting if any changes or modifications were needed.
10. Chairman Hall introduced a discussion concerning how county departments inventory non-capitalized assets. He stated his desire for the County Coordinator to research how other counties of similar size account for the assets under the capitalization threshold.

11. Economic Development Director Julie Conley gave a presentation on Project SAFE. She discussed the differences between this project and Project Gamechanger and asked if the Board would consider moving forward with a memorandum of understanding in order to undergo negotiations on the project. Planning Attorney Scott Shirley recommended reaching out to Mark Mustain to review and revise the MOU. Citizens Phil Calandra, Paul Henry and Clark Brookstone spoke against the project. Citizens Nancy Wideman and Pat Cichon spoke in favor of moving forward with the negotiations. Commissions Barfield, Hall and Surles spoke in favor of listening to the proposal with potential future negotiations. Commissioners Fulford and Walker spoke against moving forward with negotiations.
12. Planning Attorney Scott Shirley introduced the first reading of Ordinance No. 2017-042017-01, regarding the medical cannabis dispensary moratorium. There was no public input regarding the ordinance. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Fulford, and unanimously carried, the Board approved moving forward on the ordinance, with the second hearing scheduled for April 20th, 2017.**
13. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick gave an update on the following: lighting improvements and roof issues at the Library; the Recreation Park concession building; and repairs to the Building/Planning Office. He also informed the Board that culvert replacements had taken place along Brock Road and that Christmas Acres road improvements were over fifty percent complete.
14. County Coordinator Barwick asked for the consensus of the Board to place the two ends of St. Augustine Road on the road improvement list as well as moving forward with paving three sections of cross drains and related repairs along Walker Springs Road with funds granted through Suwannee River Water Management District. It was the consensus of the Board to grant both requests.
15. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried, Commissioner Fulford was appointed to the Workforce Development Board.**
16. Commissioner Barfield gave updates on the success of the Dirty Pecan event and the RESTORE Act.
17. Chairman Hall requested that the library provide more periodical subscriptions.
18. The warrant register was reviewed and bills ordered paid.
19. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Fulford and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.**

Chairman

Attest: _____
Clerk