

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
Regular Session  
June 1, 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 Attorneys Buck Bird and Scott Shirley and Clerk of Court Kirk Reams.

1. Chairman Hall led the invocation and pledge of allegiance.
2. Sheriff David Hobbs gave an update on the grants he was requesting for emergency response and emergency management.
3. **On motion by Commissioner Surles, seconded by Commissioner Barfield and unanimously carried, the consent agenda—consisting of the approval of the agenda, minutes of the April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 regular session, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 regular session, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 regular session, General/Transportation Fund Vouchers, Bradley Cooley proclamation and Small Grant Applications for Capital Medical Society and Jefferson Senior Center—was approved.**
4. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams read the proclamation for artist Bradley Cooley and presented it to his family.
5. Planning Commissioner Bud Wheeler thanked the Board for ensuring the Planning Commission was adequately staffed.
6. Property Appraiser Angela Gray requested the Fire Assessment discussion be placed as an item on the next agenda.
7. Library Director Natalie Binder presented the library budget amendment request. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried, the Board approved the budget amendments. On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried, the library construction projects were approved.**
8. Anne Holt, with Main Street, formally introduced Tom Randle as the new Executive Director of Main Street.
9. State Director Paul Myers introduced the health department director item and introduced his recommended candidate Kim Albritton to fill this position. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Fulford and unanimously carried, the Board approved Kim Albritton as the Health Department Director, with the caveat that she obtain her Master's Degree by the end of 2019.**
10. TDC/Chamber Director Katrina Richardson requested that the Board consider increasing the tourist tax by 1%. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Surles and unanimously carried, the Board agreed to set for public hearing an ordinance increasing the tourist tax from 2% to 3%.**
11. Commissioner Barfield requested to add an item regarding the County Coordinator position. She expressed concern that someone needed to be the point of contact for the Board during Mr. Barwick's absence due to a medical issue. It was the consensus

of the Board that Diana Bullock would be the main point of contact for calls and questions, but that any extenuating circumstances could be directed to Solid Waste Director Beth Letchworth.

12. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams introduced the mosquito control spray machine replacement. He stated this request was needed and within the mosquito control budget. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Fulford and unanimously carried, the Board approved the request.**
13. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams requested that the Road Improvement Program/Next Phase item be tabled to a later meeting.
14. Commissioner Walker asked that an update on the fertilizer ordinance be included on a future agenda.
15. Commissioner Fulford requested that the Economic Development workshop be scheduled for June 29<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm.
16. Commissioner Barfield gave updates on the US-90 paving project, Curtis Mill bridge repair and requested that RESTORE ACT projects be placed on the next agenda for approval.
17. The warrant register was reviewed and bills ordered paid.
18. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Surles and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.**

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Chairman

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Clerk