

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Regular Session
November 2, 2017

The Board met this date in regular session. Present were Chairman Eugene Hall, Commissioners Betsy Barfield, Stephen Fulford, JT Surles and Stephen Walker. Also present were County Attorney Buck Bird, County Coordinator Parrish Barwick and Clerk of Court and Comptroller Tim Sanders.

1. Commissioner Fulford led the pledge of allegiance and the invocation.
2. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Barfield and unanimously carried, the consent agenda—consisting of the approval of the agenda, minutes of the October 18th, 2017 Regular Session, minutes of the October 19th Special Meeting, General/Transportation Fund Vouchers and Street Name Change Application—was approved.**
3. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick presented the 2017 EMS County Grant Program application for the amount of \$6,071.00 and commended Fire Rescue Chief Mark Matthews for his work in obtaining these funds.
4. County Coordinator Barwick introduced the CDBG Economic Development Grant application withdrawal item. He stated the owner, Mr. Arun Kundra, had requested to withdraw the application because the scope of the project had changed and that he intended to re-apply in the future. **Commissioner Barfield made a motion to withdraw the CDBG grant application, to which Commissioner Surles seconded for discussion.** County Coordinator Barwick stated the County had not yet spent the \$147,000 for engineering fees associated with this project. Commissioner Barfield stated she wanted to maintain a good relationship with Department of Economic Opportunity. She requested that if the county were asked to spend money in the future, then the paperwork be in order and the project be ready to go. County Engineer Debbie Preble stated that Mr. Bruce Ballister at DEO was expecting a re-application and that it was their feeling it would be a better qualifying project than before. **The motion to withdraw the application was unanimously carried.**
5. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick presented the Gas Tax Resolution to the Board. He stated his need for the Board's authorization to move forwarding in obtaining specific information on the funding. He noted that he would bring any information back before the Board prior to a decision being made. Commissioner Walker inquired if he needed to recuse himself from voting on this item, to which Attorney Bird stated the vote to move forward on the gas tax had already been made and he could vote on future items. **On motion by Commissioner Fulford, seconded by Commissioner Surles and unanimously carried, the Board approved the gas tax resolution authorizing preliminary action.**
6. Citizen Paul Henry stated that the road bond was great example of a free market as opposed to CDBG-type grants.
7. Citizen John Nelson reminded the Board of the Veterans program in downtown Monticello on November 11th. Citizen Troy Avera also discussed the Veterans luncheon on Saturday, November 4th.
8. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick requested the Board's legislative project requests for the upcoming session. He stated that the health department renovation was the highest priority last year and recommended potentially splitting this project into phases.

Commissioner Barfield recommended the current list be emailed to each Commissioner. Citizen Troy Avera recommended high speed internet be a priority. Citizen Vivian Royster requested more meetings with the public to get their input on legislative priorities. Citizen Paul Henry stated he would like the issue of grant money being spent on plants rather than road paving to be addressed.

9. County Coordinator Barwick presented the resolution for granting him signature authority to sign on behalf of the Board for mosquito control items that are time sensitive. He stated that all items would still come before the Board, but this would expedite the process. Commissioner Fulford recommended signed items be placed in the consent agenda. **On motion by Commissioner Surles, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried, the Board approved the mosquito control resolution granting County Coordinator Parrish Barwick signature authority.**
10. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick informed the Board that he was now a Notary. He stated that he, along with Christie Newell at his office, would be happy to notarize any document for Board members.
11. Commissioner Walker inquired about RESTORE Act funds, to which Commissioner Barfield provided a brief overview. She stated the County would not likely see any funds until the middle/end of 2018.
12. Commissioner Fulford stated that he and Extension Director John Lilly recently met regarding University of Florida President W. Kent Fuchs' recent initiative to have other colleges within the University place a renewed interest in agriculture/the Extension Offices across the state.
13. Commissioner Barfield requested an update on Economic Development, to which Commissioner Fulford stated that at the previous meeting the Board decided to move forward taking over the functions NFEDP had been providing, with a more responsive role. Commissioner Barfield stated that Suwanee County's EDC provided a great model for us.
14. Commissioner Barfield informed the Board of the 4th annual Dirty Pecan mountain bike ride that would take place on March 3rd, 2018. She stated that the event was not seeking any funding from the County this year.
15. The warrant register was reviewed and bills ordered paid.
16. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Surles and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.**

Attest: _____
Clerk

Chairman