

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Regular Session
December 7, 2017

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

1. Commission Walker led the pledge of allegiance and the invocation.
2. Chairman Fulford stated there was an item that needed to be added to the agenda. **On motion by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried (4-0), the Board approved adding the addendum to the Emergency Management Inter-Local Agreement to the agenda under General Business as Item D.**
3. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Hall and unanimously carried (4-0), the consent agenda—consisting of the approval of the agenda as amended and the General/Transportation Fund Vouchers—was approved.**
4. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick introduced the non-profit and small grant requests recognition item. He stated that some small grants were fulfilled but the Board was not recognized as contributors on some promotional materials. He suggested amending the application to require acknowledgment of the Board by recipients. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Surles and unanimously carried (4-0), the recommended changes were approved.**
5. Bruce Ballister, with the ARPC, introduced the first public hearing on the proposed CDBG economic development grant application. He stated that the applicant, Mr. Arun Kundra, was advised to re-tailor the grant to reflect the revised scope of the project and this was the new submission. Commissioner Walker inquired if the County would be on the hook for any money. Mr. Ballister stated the language was the same and clearly stated that in the event of a default, the principal party (Mr. Kundra) would be responsible. Commissioner Hall inquired about an amount, to which Mr. Ballister stated up to \$1.5 million. Citizen Paul Henry stated he was not in favor of public grants such as CDBG and noted the red tape and overall costs as opposed to the Road Bond and road paving. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Hall and unanimously carried (4-0), the Board authorized Mr. Ballister to move forward.**
6. Attorney Scott Shirley introduced the ordinance amendment to the ATVs on unpaved roads and provided a history of the ordinance. He stated that the intent of the amendment was to lengthen the allowed area on Walker Springs Road and include of Hall Road and all of Poppell Cemetery Road. Mr. Shirley stated it would require the adoption of an ordinance after a public hearing. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Surles and unanimously carried (4-0), the approved Mr. Shirley moving forward with advertising the public hearing.**
7. Chairman Fulford stated that the addendum to the Emergency Management inter-local agreement was necessary because it specifically named recently deceased Sheriff David Hobbs and needed to reflect new Sheriff Alfred “Mac” McNeill. Sheriff McNeill introduced himself to the Board and audience. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Surles and unanimously carried (4-0), the Board**

approved the addendum. County Coordinator Barwick stated there may be other instances where this type of change is needed and requested the Board give him authorization to make these changes in name only. **On motion by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried (4-0), the Board gave County Coordinator authorization to make these type of changes as needed.**

8. Citizen John Odom requested dirt to repair Lamar Road. County Coordinator Barwick stated this was a private road. Chairman Fulford offered to meet with Mr. Odom after the meeting to try to come up with a solution.
9. Citizen Matthew Simpson addressed the Board regarding several public health and safety issues: glyphosate content in fertilizers, aerially sprayed NALED, stratosphere aerosol injection (SAI) and repealing toxicity limitations of 2016. Commissioner Hall stated the Board and staff did not have the resources or knowledge to address these issues and recommended Mr. Simpson contact the state and/or health department. Mr. Simpson stated he just wanted to inform the Board and have them pass the information along to legislators.
10. Troy Avera, of the City Council, stated the City had received a response to its RFP for Economic Development and that it would like to have a joint meeting with Board of County Commissioners to discuss continuing the economic development partnership. He stated the City was proposing a joint workshop on January 25th at 6 pm and noted that the RFP was broad enough to encompass all facets of economic development. Chairman Fulford asked the Board to review Mr. Avera's information and requested County Coordinator Barwick add this item to the agenda for discussion at the next meeting.
11. Katrina Richardson, on behalf of the TDC, presented the final report and stated that signage as well as radio advertising for Jefferson County would be "beefed up." She also noted that she would not know how much additional money was generated from the extra cent in November until January 2018.
12. Citizen Benjamin Hudson addressed the Board about the condition of the overgrown right of ways on Seabrooks and Groover Roads. County Coordinator Barwick stated these roads were on the regular rotation. Citizen Rosa Seabrooks thanked the Board for keeping Seabrooks Road on the paving list.
13. Citizen Paul Henry requested the Board do more to recognize Pearl Harbor Day in the future. He also reminded the Board and audience of the proposed private road plan to address some of the concerns voiced earlier by citizens on Lamar Road.
14. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick stated the North Florida Economic Development Grant required both a resolution and letter of support. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Surles and unanimously carried (4-0) the letter of support and Resolution No. 2017-120717-001 was approved.**
15. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick requested a proclamation of appreciation and service for Sheriff Hobbs be read aloud and signed at a future meeting by the Board. Citizen Paul Henry read the proclamation. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Surles and unanimously carried (4-0), the Board approved the proclamation.**
16. Clerk of Court Tim Sanders stated he and Clerk Finance staff had recently worked with County Coordinator Barwick and provided information for the County's bond rating and it went well.

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17. Citizen Mary Greene addressed the Board concerning water on Gilbert Road.

18. The warrant register was reviewed and bills ordered paid.

19. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Surles and
unanimously carried (4-0), the meeting was adjourned.**

Attest: _____
Clerk

Chairman