

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Regular Session
January 4, 2018

The Board met this date in regular session. Present were Chairman Stephen Fulford, Commissioners Betsy Barfield, Eugene Hall 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. Commissioner Walker led the pledge of allegiance and the invocation.
2. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick introduced Resolution No. 2018-010418-01, supporting the designation of the Veterans Affairs health care center in Tallahassee being named Sergeant Ernest I. "Boots" Thomas VA Clinic. Clerk of Court Tim Sanders read the resolution aloud. County Coordinator Barwick noted the language was the same of the City of Monticello's resolution with a few minor revisions. **On motion by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried (4-0), the Board approved the resolution.**
3. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Barfield and unanimously carried (4-0), the consent agenda—consisting of the approval of the agenda, the Minutes of the December 21st, 2017 Regular Session and the General/Transportation Fund Vouchers—was approved.**
4. Clerk of Court Tim Sanders introduced the West Lake Road SCRAP Task Order (two) #4, for the amount of \$84,221.00. He stated he was contacted by GPI to sign and wanted to present to the Board for approval, noting it was already approved and budgeted for. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Hall and unanimously carried (4-0), the Board approved the task order.**
5. Bill Douglas, with EMI Architects, gave a presentation and oral history of the "A" Building grant history, including work performed via state and HUD grants as well as county matches. He stated that—including Grant SC728—a combination of grant and match money totaling \$3,851,970 had been spent on the "A" Building thus far. He also noted that as of now, there was approximately \$31,000 in invoices due: \$25,000 for architectural work and \$6,000 for the construction manager to begin pre-construction and bidding process. Clerk of Court Tim Sanders stated the \$500,000 grant for SC728 was in the budget, but the \$250,000 match was not. He also stated an additional \$166,000 of work outside the scope of the grant was necessary in order to continue the project. He suggested the Board use the \$322,000 reimbursement from the State towards the \$250,000 match and the \$166,000, which would leave a difference of roughly \$93,000. He suggested the Board use the \$30 surcharge fund, which presently has a balance of \$127,000 (which does not include monies collected for December 2017). Commissioner Barfield requested that any change orders, match money or other action items related to this project be brought before the Board in the future. Citizen Paul Henry stated this was not a responsible use of tax money, but that so much had been spent thus far he realized the County would not halt the project. He recommended the Board remember this is a learning experience for the future, particularly how "nickel and diming" the project cost more long-term. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Hall and unanimously carried (4-0), the Board approved the \$250,000 match for Grant SC728 and up to \$166,000 for the east basement repairs outside the scope of the project and further stated that this motion authorized the project managers to move forward with bidding/pre-construction.**

6. Attorney Mark Mustian introduced the Gas Tax Revenue Bond resolutions and stated the two resolutions had been previously adopted to move forward on the bond issue, but the bond insurer required an additional provision amending the documents. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Hall and unanimously carried (4-0), the Board approved Resolution No. 2018-010418-02, amending and restating Resolution No. 2017-111617-04, a Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Jefferson County, Florida, authorizing the issuance by Jefferson County, Florida of not exceeding \$6,300,000 in aggregate principal amount of gas tax revenue bonds, series 2018 in order to provide funds for the purposes of financing the costs of certain transportation improvements within the county; pledging the money's received by the county from the county's five-cent optional gas tax to secure payment of the principal and interest on said bonds; providing for the rights to the holders of said bonds; providing for certain additional matters in respect to said bonds; and providing for an effective date for this resolution. On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Hall and unanimously carried (4-0), the Board approved Resolution No. 2018-010418-03, amending and restating in its entirety Resolution No. 2017-111617-05.**
7. Citizen Franklin Brooks inquired if the County had a policy for advertising vacant positions. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick stated that the personnel policy for the Board of County Commissioners had the provision for positions being advertised in the local newspaper, but that Constitutional Officers were not required to do so.
8. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick informed the Board that the Solid Waste Department would be bringing documents to a future meeting to purchase a new front end loader. He stated this was in their budget and they would likely be doing a lease rather than purchasing it outright.
9. Commissioner Hall stated that the pavement on Freeman Road looks good but commented there were some signs knocked or blown down that needed attention.
10. Commissioner Barfield inquired about the old Extension Building, to which County Coordinator Barwick stated he would be bringing back information at the next meeting.
11. Commissioner Barfield asked about the Resolution regarding Home Rule / Constitutional Revision Committee. County Coordinator Barwick stated he would draft a resolution and bring it back before the Board.
12. Commissioner Barfield asked who would be overseeing the entirety of the A Building project, to which Mr. Barwick stated himself and Clerk of Court Tim Sanders. Clerk of Court Sanders stated the financial portion was being managed by his office. Bill Douglas, with EMI, stated he would send all correspondence to the Clerk of Court and also carbon copying the County Coordinator and Commissioner Barfield, as this was in her district.
13. The warrant register was reviewed and bills ordered paid.
14. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Hall and unanimously carried (4-0), the meeting was adjourned.**

Chairman

Attest: _____
Clerk