

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Session
Courthouse Annex
April 19, 2018
6:00 P.M.

The Board met this date in Regular Session. Present were Chairman Stephen Fulford, Commissioners Betsy Barfield, Eugene Hall, JT Surlles and Stephen Walker. Also present were County Attorneys Buck Bird and Scott Shirley, County Coordinator Parrish Barwick, and Clerk of Court Tim Sanders.

1. Reverend Clifford Hill, pastor of Mount Olive African Methodist Episcopal Church, led the invocation and pledge of allegiance.
2. Recreation Director Mike Holm gave the Board an update on recreation activities going on at the Recreation Park. With Spring sports in full swing, Mr. Holm explained construction on the new concession stand and rest rooms has been delayed due to safety issues. Mr. Holm also reported a designated one acre on the property has been designated a dog park. Discussion followed on the possibility of adding Pickle Ball to the list of activities at the park.
3. Commissioner Hall presented a Proclamation, read for the record by the Clerk, honoring Mount Olive African Methodist Episcopal Church on 140 years of faith and service to the Jefferson County community.
4. Mr. Lawrence Pryor asked the Board to consider what he thought were needs in Jefferson County, such as school safety and adequate funding for the Senior Citizens Center. He suggested using future BP grant funds to pay for said improvements, instead of a proposed sewer improvement at the Lloyd I-10 interchange.
5. Mr. David Ward invited the Board to a "Save the Cypress Celebration" being held April 21st from noon to 3pm at 9616 Ashville Highway for fun and games and to help raise money to offset legal expenses in the successful effort to defeat an attempt to log the Ware Cypress Property Tract.
6. On a motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Surlles and unanimously carried, the Consent Agenda as amended-including the addition to General Business: item (e) Letter of Agreement between Jefferson County and G-FAST, Inc.-was approved.
7. In a follow-up to the Special Meeting held at the Old Jefferson County High School Building "A" on April 13th, the Board by consensus agreed with Architect Bill Douglas' recommendation that he prepare a cost for a full set of architectural plans of the building to help facilitate an estimated cost of completion. Mr. Paul Henry suggested a hard bid for future construction costs, rather than the architect's recommendation of hiring a construction manager to work with the architect and Board to achieve a cost estimate.

8. Ms. Vivian Royster suggested the Board inquire into the possibility of utilizing federal grant funding to offset costs associated with restoration of the Old Jefferson County High School Building "A". She also suggested the Board seek input from the community on how best the space in Building A is to be utilized.
9. Mr. Phil Calandra sought clarification on the concept that the second floor of Building "A" would still be used for additional court facilities as previously envisioned and funded by traffic court facility fees.
10. County Coordinator Barwick directed the Board's attention to a proposed Jefferson County CDBG Housing Grant #15DB-OJ-02-43-01-H20 "Change Order #3" in the amount of \$400 to repair plumbing leaks. On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Hall and unanimously carried, the Board approved said Change Order.
11. Mr. Barwick referred to a paper entitled "Jefferson County Surplus Property Bids" for surplus property (Extension Office) located at 275 N. Mulberry Street. He reported four (4) sealed bids were received and opened as advertised. The recommended action was to award the surplus property to the highest bid in the amount of \$70,500.00. On motion by Commissioner Surles, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried, the Board approved accepting said highest bid, declared the subject property surplus, and directed the County Attorney to prepare a contract for sale. For the record the Chairman published the following bids from the lowest to the highest: 1). \$3,000.00; 2). \$35,653.00; 3). \$40,000.00; 4). \$70,500.00.
12. Chairman Fulford recognized the high bidder, Randy Rowell of Delta Land Surveyors. Mr. Parrish reported Mr. Rowell expressed interest in some of the items, such as furniture, stored in the old Extension Office. The Board by consensus directed Mr. Parrish to find out the items Mr. Rowell would like to keep in the building for the Board to consider surplus and pricing.
13. Mr. Barwick reported two (2) Request for Qualifications for RESTORE Act Grant Consultant and Program Administration Services were submitted prior to the submission deadline of Friday, April 13th. Commissioner Barfield stated that copies of said RFQ's would be sent electronically to the Board approved committee for consideration.
14. Commissioner Barfield presented an update on the federal RESTORE Act grant funding for Jefferson County and described concerns associated with the following four projects: Pinhook River, Goose Pasture, County mine, and Wacissa Dam. She stated it was imperative to have a consultant on board to manage the grant. Commissioner Barfield also asked to agenda the prioritization of the aforementioned projects for the next Regular Meeting.
15. Mr. Richard Connell of G-FAST, Inc. explained that his company is a Florida not-for-profit corporation that provides services for disaster relief, recovery, missing persons

search, transportation services, and medical courier support among other things. He reported the State of Florida requires a Letter of Agreement between the County and G-FAST, Inc. along with an understanding that the County agrees to pay G-FAST, Inc. up to \$1,500 for the 2017-2018 fiscal year for disaster preparedness services. On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Surlles and unanimously carried, the Board approved said Letter of Agreement to be prepared for the Chairman's signature by the County Coordinator.

16. Mr. Dan Hamedani asked the Board for clarification regarding the future paving of Casa Bianca Road. County Engineer Rob Davis explained the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) allowed only one Small County Opportunity Program (SCOP) road improvement project for this fiscal year and Casa Bianca was second in prioritization. The Chairman explained the Board would have an opportunity next year to re-submit road improvement projects to FDOT.
17. Mr. Bill Howard submitted a letter of requests along with attachment of photographs dated February 1, 2018 regarding 1). Mowing 200 yards of Paul Thompson Road from Julia Road west to the bend; 2). Cleaning Traffic Signs; and 3). Restripe Raeburn Road (CR 158) and Waukeenah Highway (from Raeburn Road to U. S. 19).
18. The County Coordinator referred to two sheets of paper, one entitled "Resurface Program", and the other, a listing of roads by District. Mr. Barwick explained the first "Resurface Program" paper listed "Stabilized roads and a "Proposed Work Order" list of roads for improvement using the 2018 Road Bond proceeds. The other page, he explained, was a listing of road projects (and lengths) for Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5. Mr. Barwick asked the Commissioners to prioritize the roads in their respective Districts for paving. The Board by consensus agreed to allow Mr. Barwick to determine the order of roads to be paved based upon his knowledge and most efficient use of bond proceeds.
19. Commissioner Hall, for the record, stated that he would like to add some roads to be paved in his District using County Road Bond proceeds that are within the Monticello City Limits.
20. In his comments, the Clerk reported the Jefferson County School Board at their last meeting voted not to enter into an amendment to the lease/purchase agreement between the School Board and County that would allow a 50 cents credit on County's balance of the Old Jefferson County High School Building "A" indebtedness for every \$1.00 expended by the County on the restoration of said building.
21. County Land Use Counsel Scott Shirley referred to a MEMORANDUM to the Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners dated April 19, 2018 that he prepared regarding "County Road Construction within the City of Monticello". He, along with County Attorney Buck Bird and County Bond Counsel Mark Mustian, found road bond proceeds could fund paving certain roads within the City Limits of Monticello if they met certain criteria. But, before undertaking such a project using the new 5 cents local option fuel tax, steps must be taken by the County, which include amending the bond resolution and

entering into an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Monticello. Mr. Shirley recommended the Board hold a workshop to discuss the issues further and identify which roads in Monticello that may be eligible for construction.

22. With regards to the \$70,500 sale of surplus property, Commissioner Surles suggested the Board examine other County-owned properties eligible for surplus that could be sold and put back on the tax roll.
23. In response to Commissioner Walker's question, the County Attorney explained the County's policy to sell County property declared surplus by the Board.
24. Commissioner Barfield reported on the successful bicycle give-away on April 6th sponsored by Doug and Kathy Kirk. She also described potential transportation projects of interest in meeting with representatives of the Florida Department of Transportation recently that include a feasibility study for bike trail along U. S. 19 and the Drifton/Aucilla area; improvements to Courthouse Circle; and a future multi-use bike trail along U. S. 90.
25. Commissioner Hall stated the Board of Directors of the Monticello Opera House, on which he serves, would appreciate improvements to pedestrian signage around Courthouse Circle when FDOT makes plans to pave U. S. 90 in Monticello.
26. Chairman Fulford asked that the next Regular Meeting agenda include a discussion on creating an Old Jefferson County High School Building "A" designated fund for unbudgeted revenues, such as the \$70,500 sale of surplus property.
27. There being no other business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:35 P.M.