

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Session
Courthouse Annex
June 21, 2018
6:00 P.M.

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

1. Commissioner Barfield led the invocation and pledge of allegiance.
2. Derrick Burrus, with Jefferson County Fire Rescue, presented citizen Emily Knowles with an award and recognized her for citizenship and heroic actions in dangerous conditions for assisting two people exit their vehicle after a two-car traffic accident on Waukeelah Highway.
3. Chairman Fulford requested the agenda be amended to include the amended contract for the FDOT Beautification. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Surles and unanimously carried, the Board added the FDOT Beautification item to General Business as Item 4 (e).** Commissioner Barfield went on the record that she did not like items added at the last minute and would much prefer having everything provided in the agenda packet for the Board and the public to review.
4. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Surles and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Consent Agenda as amended, including a). Approval of Agenda, b). General Fund/Transportation Vouchers BOCC, c). Minutes of the June 7, 2018 Regular Session.**
5. Citizen Manju Kundra made a presentation to the Board on what an entrepreneurial academy in Jefferson County would look like and its many benefits. She stated her desire to spur economic vitality and promote innovation. Chairman Fulford stated that his discussions with Mrs. Kundra revolved around the fact it was hard to attract and retain quality employees.
6. Commissioner Hall read a proclamation honoring Jennifer Allen for her many years of volunteer work in and around the county with the American Red Cross.
7. Commissioner Hall introduced the County-City Street Paving Initiative item. County Attorney Scott Shirley commented on legal issues and exceptions to that would allow county funds to be used for this purpose. Commissioner Hall stated his main concern was Pearl Street and similar roads that ran from the county into the city. He requested a joint workshop with the City Council to discuss further. Commissioner Walker stated that the City received 11% of the gas tax money and could utilize it for these city roads to be paved through a bond similar to the county's. Chairman Fulford stated the only portion of

Pearl Street that was the county's responsibility was from Simpson Road to St. Margaret's Church and that the Board should focus on spending county funds on county roads.

8. Commissioner Hall introduced the Wacissa River Committee item and thanked County Coordinator Barwick for the updated Committee Assignments document. **Commissioner Hall made a motion to advertise the addition of two seats to the Wacissa River Park committee. The motion died for lack of a second.** Commissioner Barfield noted that certain committees had more members due to requirements of the specific board. Chairman Fulford inquired if committee assignments would be reviewed after the upcoming election, to which County Coordinator Barwick responded in the affirmative. Commissioner Surles informed the Board of a vacancy on the Planning Commission due to Mr. Buddy Westbrook resigning to travel. Chairman Fulford advised Commissioner Hall to have any interested citizen apply by completing a volunteer application.
9. Commissioner Barfield introduced the Restore Act Grant Consultant Agreement. Attorney Shirley noted that agreement was fine as written. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried, the agreement was approved.**
10. County Engineer Rob Davis presented the amended FDOT Beautification agreement and stated it would just be the part of the project inside the city limits. He stated that the City of Monticello had sent a letter to FDOT stating they would maintain this portion of the project. Mr. Davis also noted that the original agreement was for \$270,000 but since the scope had been reduced, the amount had been reduced to \$153,000. County Coordinator Barwick noted that the City was not willing to maintain the portion outside the city limits. **On motion by Commissioner Surles, seconded by Commissioner Barfield and unanimously carried, the Board approved the amended agreement.** Commissioner Barfield requested a copy of the executed Memorandum of Understanding be emailed to her.
11. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick introduced the Housing Committee membership item and stated the Board needed to appoint a member to the housing committee due to the need for 5 members in unincorporated area of Jefferson County. Chairman Fulford stated his desire to advertise for this vacancy. Commissioner Walker suggested redacting personal info when reviewing volunteers for committees. Chairman Fulford stated this might work for the initial review but not for entire selection process.
12. County Coordinator Barwick introduced the National Association of Counties item and stated that two Commissioners had requested to attend, but due to our county's size we only had one credentialed vote. Chairman Fulford stated his belief that the ranking Board member should cast the vote, which would be Vice Chair Betsy Barfield at this time. **On motion by Commissioner Surles, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried, the Board approved Commissioner Barfield as the Board's delegate.** It was the consensus of the Board to support the Florida candidate. Chairman

Fulford suggested budgeting more funds for travel in the future, to which Clerk of Court Tim Sanders stated \$4000 was budgeted this year for Board travel.

13. County Attorney Scott Shirley discussed Camp Warrior and stated they again did not have the required Department of Health or County permits to run the camp, but after a week of operation the owner declared bankruptcy so it was no longer an issue at this time.
14. Clerk of Court Tim Sanders presented a report to the Board entitled *Statement of Actual and Estimated Revenues & Statement of Expenditures and Appropriations as of May 31, 2018*. Mr. Sanders also referred to the Budget Preparation Schedule for the upcoming fiscal year and stated the property appraiser would be certifying the taxable values by the first of July. He stated budget workshops would begin July 17th.
15. Commissioner Hall stated he had recently visited the Recreation Park on Mamie Scott Drive and noticed fencing was still going up. He asked Rec Park Director Mike Holm about privatizing the mowing function, to which Mr. Holm stated it would not be necessary now that he has hired a new employee.
16. Chairman Fulford stated that the Department of Environmental Protection recently held a meeting about the BMAP (Basic Management Active Plan). He stated that this would impact the county in various ways and that to bridge the gap in knowledge, Chris Doolin with the Small County Coalition of Florida put together a meeting to better explain the BMAP. Chairman Fulford also noted that he had read an environmental report on the Wacissa River and that contamination levels were better in comparison to other category one springs.
17. Chairman Fulford also noted that work was being performed on the Economic Development website, thanks in large part to citizen volunteer Phil Calandra.
18. Motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Hall and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned 8:00 PM.