

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Session  
Courthouse Annex  
August 2, 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 Attorney Buck Bird, County Coordinator Parrish Barwick and Clerk of Court Tim Sanders.

1. Chairman Fulford called the meeting to order. Commissioner Hall led the invocation and pledge of allegiance.
2. Ashley Grover, with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, gave a brief presentation on cybersecurity and discussed the "Secure Florida" initiative which would prove training free of cost to the county and its respective departments.
3. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick referred to a recent Leon County resolution to rename a portion of US-90 after fallen Leon County deputy Chris Smith. He stated that Leon County had already approved such a resolution and would like the Board to consider a similar resolution in the future. Mr. Barwick stated his desire to explore another resolution name US-19 from Capps to the Georgia state line after late Sheriff David Hobbs. Commissioner Barfield requested these items be placed in the agenda packet for the next meeting.
4. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick stated the county had received the annual report on housing and that it would be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.
5. PUBLIC HEARING: Chairman Fulford opened the public hearing for the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity 2017 Community Development Block Grant. David Fox, with Fred Fox Enterprises, opened provided an overview of the CDBG grant and presented the total grant as \$800,000 (\$615,500 for building, \$50,000 local SHIP funds, \$22,000 temporary relocation and \$112,500 for administrative overhead). Mr. Fox fielded questions from the Board and then provided a brief overview of the Housing Assistance Plan. Citizen Paul Henry stated his concerns with the amount of administrative costs and stated he had some recommendations to help the county wean itself from CDBG funding. **Commissioner Barfield made a motion to approve the application, to which Commissioner Walker seconded. Commissioner Barfield amended her motion to both approve the application and authorize the submission of said application via Resolution No. 2018-080218-001, to which Commissioner Walker amended his second. The motion carried unanimously. On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried, the Board approved Resolution No. 2018-080218-002, authorizing the use of \$50,000 State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) funds to leverage towards the CDBG. On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Walker**

**and unanimously carried, the Board approved Resolution No. 2018-080218-003, authorizing implementation of long- and short-term objectives of the Jefferson County Community Development Plan. On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Barfield and unanimously carried, the Board approved Resolution No. 2018-080218-004 (with scrivener's error of Gilchrist corrected to read Jefferson County), the adoption of the Housing Assistance Plan in conjunction with the application for the CDGB.**

6. Commissioner Barfield requested pulling items 3(d) and 3(e) from the Consent Agenda for discussion. She requested the minutes of the July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Regular Session be corrected to state the first hearing would be continued at the August 16<sup>th</sup> Regular Session, with the second hearing advertised for a subsequent meeting. Commissioner Barfield inquired if the fire engine needed to be declared surplus before being sent to the Wacissa Volunteer Fire Department, to which County Coordinator Parrish Barwick stated the fire engine could no longer be utilized for fire suppression and that the Wacissa VFD was part of the fire system, so it could be surplused directly to them. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Surles and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Consent Agenda, including a). Approval of Agenda as amended b). General Fund/Transportation Vouchers BOCC, c). Minutes of the June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Special Session Budget Hearing, d). Minutes of the June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Regular Session, e). Request to Surplus Outdated Fire Engine to Wacissa Volunteer Fire Department, f). District Three Planning Commissioner Candidate – Byron Arceneaux, and g). Small Grant Application Approval – We Care Network.**
7. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick presented the Board with the SHIP housing consultant contract extension for Government Services Group Inc. for years 2018/19 and 2019/20. **On motion by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried, the contract extension was approved.**
8. Commissioner Hall introduced the County-City Street Paving Initiative item and presented photos of Pearl Street. He stated City Manager Steve Wingate was not asking the county for help at this time, as the city is in the process of applying for SCOP funds to fix the road. Mr. Hall stated that if the city was not awarded the SCOP funds that this be considered in the county's resurfacing plan.
9. The Board discussed the appointment for the Canvassing Board. Chairman Fulford stated the Chairman was the automatic designee. Chairman Fulford stated that two commissioners were needed for the Value Adjustment Board, as well as one citizen appointee. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Barfield and unanimously carried, the Board elected Commissioners Hall and Surles to the VAB.** It was the consensus of the Board to advertise in the paper for a citizen volunteer for the VAB.
10. Clerk of Court Tim Sanders presented three county-held tax certificates (18-19-TD; 18-20-TD; 18-21-TD (for which there were no bidders at a recent public sale. He requested that if the County did not wish to obtain ownership that the Clerk be allowed to place the

parcels of land directly onto the list of Lands Available for Taxes for purchase. **On motion by Commissioner Surles, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried, the Board authorized the Clerk to place said properties on said list of Lands Available for Taxes.**

11. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick stated the alternative route discussion for Lloyd Acres was placed on this agenda. Commissioner Barfield stated she would look into this matter further.
12. Commissioner Barfield inquired about the letter to the Department of Revenue regarding the advertisement of the tax deeds, to which County Attorney Buck Bird stated he was working on a response and that both the County and the Clerk were in full compliance with the statutes.
13. Commissioner Hall requested his phone number be placed on the county website. He also complimented the staff at the Recreation Park and stated that the old concession stand had recently been completely torn down.
14. County Coordinator Barwick briefly discussed upcoming renovations to the Building and Planning Office.
15. Commissioner Walker inquired about a check payable to G\*Fast, to which County Coordinator Barwick stated the check had been requested from and was being processed by the Clerk of Court's Office.
16. On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Surles and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.