

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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

The Board met this date in regular session. Present were Chairman Stephen Fulford, Commissioners Betsy Barfield, Eugene Hall and Stephen Walker. Commissioner JT Surles was unable to attend due to a prior commitment. Also present were County Attorneys Buck Bird and Scott Shirley, 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. Suwannee River Water Management District Executive Director Hugh Thomas presented the Board with a Payment In Lieu of Tax (PILT) check to the Board in the amount of \$9,163.13. He also reviewed a power point presentation entitled *Water for Nature Water for People* that gave an overview of the water management district's initiatives and focus area in the district, as well as in Jefferson County.
3. Tom Fricke, Director of the Division of Environmental Assessment & Restoration with Florida Department of Environment Protection also reviewed a power point presentation entitled *Wacissa Springs BMAP Update* that provided information on the environmental impact of nitrogen in springs and springs restoration in the state and in particular Wacissa Springs.
4. Jefferson County Health Department Director Kim Albritton introduced Mr. Eb Rhoder with the Florida Department of Health, who gave a presentation entitled *Spring Protection and Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal System (OSTDS) Remediation Plans* that addressed septic tank and drain fields, as well as upcoming regulations that will reduce nitrogen amounts in the aquifers.
5. Citizen John Nelson announced that September was a busy month for military and veterans. He announced that Patriot's Day is September 11th; POW-MIA Day is September 21st; and that National VFW Day is September 29th.
6. Commissioner Barfield asked that item 3d (Approval of Official Population Estimates) be pulled from the Consent Agenda and placed under General Business as 4g for discussion. Clerk of Court Tim Sanders requested that item 4b (A Building Basement Draining/Gravity Flow) be tabled to a future meeting. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick requested that item 3f (\$2,000 to Jefferson County High School for football helmets) be added to the consent agenda. On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Hall and unanimously carried (4-0), the Board approved the Consent Agenda as amended. On motion Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Barfield and unanimously carried, the Board approved the consent agenda including a). Approval of Agenda as amended; b). General Fund/Transportation Vouchers, c). BOCC

minutes for August 14, 2018 Budget Hearing; BOCC minutes for August 16, 2018 Regular Session; d). Health Department Contract Renewal; and f). \$2,000 to Jefferson County High School for football helmets.

7. Commissioner Barfield introduced the Old Jefferson County High School A-Building grant approach as prepared by Lisa King, GPC of Langton Consulting. Chairman Fulford stated he would reach out to Representative Halsey BeShears to get direction on potential grant opportunities and/or state appropriations for the A-Building.
8. Commissioner Barfield introduced the Value Adjustment Board (VAB) citizen appointment item. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried, the Board approved citizen Andrew Weilman.**
9. The Clerk introduced the Final Distribution of Funds related to the Economic Development Committee and the sale of the old Health Department. Chairman Fulford expressed interest in placing the \$10,333.42 from the EDC in a segregated fund for future economic development use as outlined in an ordinance adopted by the Board several years ago. After discussion, the Board requested pulling the county ordinance related to EDC funding before a decision is made. The Board then discussed what to do with the \$69,174.12 received from the sale of the old Health Department building. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Hall and unanimously carried, the Board committed these funds towards the current health department facilities.**
10. Clerk of Court Tim Sanders presented a county-held tax certificate (18-23-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 parcel of land directly onto the list of Lands Available for Taxes for purchase. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried, the Board authorized the Clerk to place said property on said list of Lands Available for Taxes.**
11. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick introduced the SHIP housing bid recommendations and bid tabulations. He noted that none of the bids were below the \$75,000 threshold. **On motion by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried, the Board elected to exceed the \$75,000 threshold for these two SHIP projects. On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried, the Board approved Florida Homes Inc. as the low bidder for both projects at \$77,989 each.**
12. Commissioner Barfield introduced the approval of official population estimates for Jefferson County and unincorporated areas item. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that the population estimate was low and could potentially impact future funding for the county. **On motion by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried, the Board directed County Coordinator Barwick to respond that the County disagreed with the estimate and provide supporting documentation in the form of Census Data and Building Permits.**

13. Kaitlyn Culpepper with Tri-County Electric announced their annual meeting would be held Saturday, September 15th.
14. Citizen Chuck Sarkisian stated he would like to be involved with the procurement of county vehicles.
15. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick gave an update on the Road renaming Resolution item. He provided clarification that the road naming resolution had passed but did not encompass the entire portion of the road. He stated this would be rectified in the next legislative session.
16. County Coordinator Barwick introduced equipment purchases to be made in the next budget year for the Road Department. He provided bids for the each of the following items: three (3) Road Graders; one (1) Front-End Loader; one (1) Farm Tractor with a Batwing; one (1) Service Truck; two (2) work/pickup trucks. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Hall and unanimously carried, the Board approved the purchase of the 3 road graders from John Deere. On motion by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried, the Board approved the purchase of the front end loader from John Deere. On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Barfield and unanimously carried, the Board approved the purchase of the farm tractor with the batwing from Mahendra. On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Hall and unanimously carried, the Board approved the purchase of the service truck from Ford. On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Barfield and carried 3 to 1 (Fulford opposed), the Board approved the purchase of the two work/pickup trucks from Ford.**
17. Clerk of Court Tim Sanders presented the financials for the Chamber of Commerce and the Tourist Development Council to the Board as requested.
18. Commissioner Hall asked if the Sheriff's Office utilized body cameras and, if so, if it was going well, to which Sheriff Mac McNeill replied in the affirmative to both.
19. There being no other business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:30 PM

**Board of County Commissioners
Jefferson County, Florida**

Stephen Fulford, Chair

ATTEST:

Tim Sanders, Clerk