

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Session
Courthouse Annex
September 20, 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 was County Attorney Buck Bird, County Coordinator Parrish Barwick, and Clerk of Court Tim Sanders.

1. Chairman Fulford called the meeting to order. Commissioner Surles led the invocation and pledge of allegiance.
2. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick introduced the Sheriff's item and explained his intent to include this on the original agenda. **On motion by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried, the Board added this item to the agenda.** Sheriff Mac McNeill addressed the Board regarding the need to upgrade the radio system from analog to digital. He explained this money did not come from General Revenue but would be coming from a dedicated communications fund. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Sheriff's request.**
3. On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Surles and unanimously carried, the consent agenda—consisting of the approval of the agenda, General Fund/Transportation vouchers for 9/6/2018 and 9/20/2018, SCRAP Resolution #2018-092018-01 River Road, SCRAP Resolution #2018092018-02 South Main Avenue, SCRAP Resolution #2018-092018-03 Thompson Valley Road, SCOP Resolution #2018-092018-04 Waukeenah Highway, County Grant Application for Rainbow's Edge Animal Rescue and the Property Appraiser's Budget Amendment 2017/2018—was approved.
4. Chairman Fulford introduced the final distribution of funds from the Economic Development fund established by Ordinance No. 2010-012110-01 and stated the amount was roughly \$10,000. Commissioner Barfield stated she had reviewed the ordinance and recommended it be updated. Chairman Fulford stated the County would be looking at the Suwannee County model in the future. Citizen Paul Henry commented that the Suwannee County model is good but needs tweaking. **On motion by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Surles and unanimously carried, the Board approved moving the refund money to a new Economic Development fund line item.**
5. Clerk of Court Tim Sanders introduced the insurance rate discussion and explained that the County currently had three insurance lines with Florida League of Cities/FMIT: auto liability, property and Worker's Comp. Mr. Paul Dawson, with Brown and Brown-PRIA (who holds the County's other lines of insurance), asked to quote the lines currently held by Florida League and stated he had seen considerable savings when quoting these lines. Based on Mr. Dawson's quote, the County would save approximately \$82,000. Mr.

Dawson noted that the rate was a two-year term. Chief Deputy Clerk Tyler McNeill stated that after receiving the new quote, the Clerk's Office reached back out to the Florida League of Cities to see if their quote was their best number. Their response was that there was an across the board rate increase and the county's loss ratio over the last three years justified the increase. The Board discussed waiving the formal bid process per *Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners Purchasing Policy* which states "Procurement Procedures may be waived when any of the following circumstances exist: when, due to the nature of the service or type of product required, there is no known competition in the market place" (Section V, A, a.). **On motion by Commissioner Surles, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried, the Board approved moving the auto liability, Worker's Comp and property lines to PRIA and also waiving the formal bid requirement.**

6. Citizen Vivian Royster recommended the Board take a strategic planning approach for the next fiscal year.
7. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick stated the need for striping on Waukeelah Highway and Lake Road. He noted that both were set to be paved via FDOT programs in the future but that these roads needed to be addressed. Chairman Fulford inquired about life expectancy of striping to which County Coordinator Barwick responded 5-7 years, unless thermoplastic was used in which case it would be significantly more expensive. It was the consensus of the Board that Mr. Barwick go out for pricing on striping.
8. Commissioner Hall presented the Recreation Department item and noted that the old concession stand had been torn down. County Coordinator Barwick stated that he was in the process of getting quotes for a new structure, but it might behoove the county to hold off until the FRDAP grant application window. Commissioner Hall also noted there were areas of the park that needed to be mowed and were not being kept up and also commented on a pile of debris that could be hazardous for children and other patrons of the recreation park.
9. Commissioner Barfield stated she attended a Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency (CRTPA) meeting the prior day and that she brought up the Lloyd Acres exits being blocked by CSX trains. The CRTPA will be troubleshooting this issue and coming up with possible routes/solutions. She also stated she had reached out to FDOT about resurfacing Springfield Road, but their response was "No" because Barrington Road was the official re-route. She recommended the Board consider this in the future when designating alternate roads during road construction.
10. Commissioner Walker requested the Wildflower ordinance be placed on the next agenda and stated his desire to modify the current ordinance.
11. Commissioner Surles said he had received concerns about the lighting at the intersection of US-19 and Waukeelah Highway. Commissioner Barfield stated this was also addressed at the CRTPA meeting.

12. Commissioner Walker stated the Wacissa River boat ramp was being repaired next Monday.
13. Chairman Fulford introduced a program brought before him by citizen Christine Golden that would evaluate the community for high speed internet access and then provide a recommendation to address/expand broadband. The County or City could then become a provider or partner with other local or regional entities to help fill this need. Commissioner Barfield and Chairman Fulford both agreed that Tri-County Electric would be an idea partner if there was mutual interest.
14. Clerk of Court Tim Sanders announced the Value Adjustment Board organization meeting was to be held on Tuesday, September 25th.
15. There being no other business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:05 PM

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

Stephen Fulford, Chair

ATTEST:

Tim Sanders, Clerk