

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Regular Session
Courthouse Annex
October 4, 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. Chairman Fulford called the meeting to order and Commissioner Barfield led the invocation and pledge of allegiance.
2. **On motion Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Surles and unanimously carried, the Board approved the consent agenda as presented a). Approval of Agenda; b). General Fund/Transportation Vouchers for approval: 10/4/2018, c). BOCC minutes for Approval: September 18, 2018 Final Budget Hearing; BOCC minutes for September 20, 2018 Regular Session; d). Small County Grant Application-Inspiring a Community.**
3. Commissioner Barfield presented information and a report on the RESTORE ACT as it applies to Jefferson County. The Commissioner announced the federal council approved the state expenditure for improvements to the Wacissa River, which include the Wacissa River Water Quality Protection Program, the Wacissa Headwaters Park Masterplan Program, and the Recreation/Public Access Program. Commissioner Barfield stated the County's recently hired consultant will be tasked with administering the grant funds of approximately \$14,000,000 over fifteen years according to federal guidelines and at the next Regular Meeting she would be able to provide information on how the funds will become available for Jefferson County. Commissioner Barfield also reported the County will receive an additional \$4,000,000 of grant funding for possible contributions to the Aucilla Research Institute (ARI) for LIDAR mapping of Jefferson County offshore waters in the amount of \$200,000 and broadband DSL in rural areas of the County. Another possibility of funding could be for the Old Jefferson County High School A-Building through a partnership with ARI and its collection of artifacts.
4. Commissioner Barfield directed the Board's attention to a proposed RESOLUTION NO. 20181004-01 entitled JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RECOGNIZE DR. JAMES SLEDGE AND HIS SERVICE. The Clerk read said resolution for the record. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Surles and unanimously carried, the Board approved said RESOLUTION NO. 20181004-01.**
5. Clerk of Court Tim Sanders presented three (3) county-held tax certificates (18-27-TD; 19-28-TD; and 18-29-TD) for which there were no bidders at recent public sales. 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 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.** At the Board's request, the Clerk will provide a list of all parcels of land on the list of Lands Available for Taxes. Mr. Sanders also will provide the Board with information regarding on-line sales of county-owned property and surplus equipment.

6. Mr. Barwick referred to a proposed RESOLUTION OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA TO APPLY FOR A GRANT FROM THE STATE OF FLORIDA, FLORIDA RECREATION DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR PRIMARY AND SUPPORT RECREATION AREAS AND FACILITIES AT JEFFERSON COUNTY RECREATION PARK. He also reported on an advertised Public Hearing that was held earlier at 5:30 p.m. to discuss proposed improvements to the Jefferson County Recreation Park using funds provided through the Florida Department of Environmental Protection FRDAP grant program. Mr. Barwick explained a non-matching grant request in the amount of \$50,000 was initially considered, but because the Board allocated \$75,000 in the 2018-2019 fiscal year budget for improvements to restrooms and concession stand at the Park, he proposed a 75%/25% grant request in the amount of \$150,000 that requires a County match of \$37,500. Dewberry Engineering Senior Project Manager Josh Baxley, P.E. advised the Board on the proposed grant guidelines and stated in order to qualify, the reimbursable grant must be used for a public purpose. He stated improvements to the concession stand, restrooms and playground equipment would make the County eligible for grant funding. **On a motion by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Surles and unanimously carried, the Board approved said RESOLUTION.**
7. County Coordinator referred to a LEASE FINANCING PROPOSAL from Leasing 2, Inc. between Jefferson County, the Lessee and Capital Truck, Inc., the Vendor for One (1) Mack GU813 Day Cab Truck and Two (2) Mack P164T Dump Trucks. Mr. Barwick explained that the terms of the lease require a trade-in of three similar vehicles less than one year old and that the \$30,000 first payment will be covered by sales of surplus equipment. **On a motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Surles and unanimously carried, the Board approved said Lease Financing Proposal and also authorized the County Coordinator to sign necessary lease documents.**
8. Under Citizen Input, Mr. Paul Henry congratulated the Board for the 2018-2019 fiscal year millage rate at 7.95 mills, which compares favorably to Madison and Suwanee County millage rates of 10 mills. Mr. Billy Brown invited the Board to take advantage of an upcoming performance of the U. S. Navy Band in Thomasville.
9. Mr. Barwick made a report on road improvements made by the Road Department that included progress made on stabilization projects now that a greater than usual amount of rain seems to be out of the way.

10. Commissioner Barfield addressed the Interstate 10/U. S. Highway 19 interchange Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) landscape maintenance requirements and shortcomings found in a recent inspection report. She expressed her sincere appreciation for the volunteer maintenance work performed by the Kiwanis Club at the location and recommended the County provide assistance. Mr. Barwick stated the Road Department would address the maintenance needs of the interchange using the new position provided by the Board and with help from inmate crews. He added that a certified arborist would be required on an as needed basis for pruning. Commissioner Surles recommended using local professional arborists.
11. Commissioner Walker referred to a RESOLUTION adopted by the Board regarding the conservation of roadside native wildflowers on the County's state and county roadways and suggested that the Board suspend implementation of the program for a couple of years. He stated the Resolution prevents timely mowing that allows the roadways to be unsightly and dangerous to the traveling public. Discussion followed on the Resolution's applicable roads and Mr. Barwick was directed to provide a list of said roads and the governing Ordinance for review for the next Regular Meeting.
12. County Attorney Shirley advised an Executive Session of the Board of County Commissioners, pursuant to Section 286.011(8), F.S., has been scheduled for Thursday, October 11th to be held in the Courthouse Annex at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the Petition for Writ of Certiorari filed in Marcia Elder vs. Jefferson County, Morris Petroleum, and Morris Propane in the Circuit Court of Jefferson County. Mr. Shirley stated he would prepare a notice of the meeting for the Courthouse and an order for a court reporter.
13. Commissioner Hall asked the County Coordinator to provide street signs for Sneeds Cemetery Road.
14. Commissioner Barfield asked Mr. Barwick to look into striping Lake Road and the unimproved portions of West Lake Road. The County Coordinator stated he would get a cost estimate and bring back to the Board. In response to Commissioner Barfield's question, the Clerk reported to the best of his knowledge the annual audit would be completed in October/first of November.
15. Chairman Fulford reported activity on the Economic Development front with several inquiries about available land in the Industrial Park. He also reported the County Legislative Committee plans to meet on Tuesday, the 9th to make recommendations to Jefferson County's Legislative Delegation for future funding needs. The Board by consensus agreed to put the Old Jefferson County High School A-Building on the list for additional improvements in the amount of \$500,000.
16. There being no other business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:25 PM

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

Stephen Fulford, Chair

ATTEST:

Tim Sanders, Clerk