

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Session
Courthouse Annex
November 1, 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 Chief Deputy Clerk Tyler McNeill .

1. Chairman Fulford called the meeting to order. Commissioner Barfield led the invocation and pledge of allegiance.
2. Stacey Kurtz, with GovDeals.com, gave a presentation to the Board about online surplus auctions. She stated her company was currently being utilized by Solid Waste Director Beth Letchworth, but could also be used to sell surplus property.
3. Commissioner Barfield pulled the approval of the agenda for discussion. She asked the Board to consider adding the letter of support to FDOT item to General Business. **On motion by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Barfield and unanimously carried, the letter to FDOT item was added to General Business as item 4(e).** County Coordinator Parrish Barwick requested adding a Suwannee River Water Management District item to the agenda as well. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Surles and unanimously carried, the SRWMD item was added to General Business as item 4(f).**
4. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Surles and unanimously carried, the Board approved the agenda as amended. On motion by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried, the Board approved the consent agenda, consisting of the approval of the agenda as amended; the General Fund/Transportation vouchers for 10/18/2018, 10/23/2018 and 11/1/2018; the SHIP register for 10/24/2018; the BOCC minutes for the 10/18/2018 regular session; and the JCHS Class of 1955 request for a memorial plaque.**
5. Commissioner Barfield introduced the GovDeals.com request for approval item. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried, the Board approved using GovDeals for surplus land.** County Attorney Scott Shirley stated an ordinance may be needed for selling surplus land via electronic auction but that he would take a look at the statute and report back to the Board.
6. Sheriff Mac McNeill introduced the item to name the Jefferson County jail facility after late Sheriff David Hobbs. He stated the cost for the lettering would be approximately \$3,500. County Attorney Buck Bird stated the Board had a public building naming policy

approved and recommended the Board follow the policy. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Barfield and unanimously carried, the Board approved moving forward with the naming policy and seating a committee to consider naming the jail after Sheriff David Hobbs.** Citizen Paul Henry recommended expediency on this matter. County Coordinator Barwick stated each Commissioner needed to bring a recommendation for an appointee to the naming board to the next meeting. County Attorney Bird noted this would be a standing committee.

7. Commissioner Hall introduced the Chamber of Commerce item and stated that the application for the Chamber of Commerce had no photos of minorities. He stated that after conversations with Executive Director of the Chamber, Katrina Richardson, this issue has been addressed. Citizen Charles Parrish expressed concern that the Chamber does not give any publicity to the Martin Luther King Jr. parade or the Emancipation Day parade.
8. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried, the Board approved the leasing documents for the Solid Waste grapple truck.**
9. Commissioner Barfield introduced the letter to FDOT item. She stated that a developer is interested in placing a Dollar General on US-19 in Waukeelah and is willing to pay to move the median, but FDOT has not yet agreed. Her request is a letter to FDOT supporting the move of the median. It was noted that Planning Official Shannon Metty stated the developer has not yet made application, but she does not foresee any real hurdles. Commissioner Barfield again reiterated that the letter of support was for FDOT to reconsider its position on the median. Commissioner Walker inquired if he would have to recuse himself due to a family member owning an adjacent business. County Attorney Shirley stated his opinion that the conflict was speculative and saw no reason Mr. Walker could not vote. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Hall and unanimously carried, the Board voted to move forward with a letter of support to FDOT to be reviewed by counsel.**
10. County Coordinator Barwick introduced the Suwannee River Water Management District item and stated they are requesting a change to the Wacissa River Springs project contract to move the end date from 12/31/2018 to 6/30/2019. Commissioner Walker inquired if that extension would be plenty of time to complete the project, to which County Engineer Josh Baxley (with Dewberry) stated it should be more than enough time. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Surles and unanimously carried, the Board approved the request.**
11. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick gave an update to the County Commission on Road Department activities and also presented the reports as requested to the Board. He noted his intent to have a dozen roads surfaced or resurfaced in the next few weeks. He also stated that the reports detailing activities did not show the 10+ days the road department crews were working on items related to Hurricane Michael. Chairman Fulford noted there seemed to be an increase in driveway permits. Commissioner Walker stated he had

received compliments from multiple citizens about the mowing jobs performed by Road Department employees and asked County Coordinator Barwick to pass this information along to these employees. Commissioner Walker also requested that the wildflower policy be revisited in the next month or two, with the Board reviewing a map and deciding specifically where those areas should be.

12. Commissioner Hall stated that County Coordinator Barwick was doing a great job and recommended the other Commissioners complete an evaluation on him in order to have a record of his performance.
13. Commissioner Barfield gave an update on the RESTORE Act money and that she had just received a draft of the multi-year implementation plan. She noted that projects could start as early as April.
14. Commissioner Surles stated he would like to see a dangerous tree policy with less red tape. County Coordinator Barwick stated that if a Commissioner requests a leaning tree be taken down and grants authority to the County Coordinator to do so, he is more than happy to take care of it.
15. Chairman Fulford stated he had received several inquiries about lots at the Industrial Park and requested guidance/authorization from the Board to negotiate with potential clients looking to relocate to this area.
16. On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Surles and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

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

Stephen Fulford, Chair

ATTEST:

Tim Sanders, Clerk