

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Regular Session
Courthouse Annex
December 6, 2018
6:00 P.M.

The Board met this date in regular session. Present were Vice Chair JT Surles, Commissioners Stephen Fulford, Eugene Hall and Stephen Walker. Also present were County Attorneys Buck Bird and Scott Shirley, County Coordinator Parrish Barwick and Clerk of Court Kirk Reams.

1. Vice Chair Surles called the meeting to order. Commissioner Hall led the invocation and pledge of allegiance. Vice Chair Surles publicly welcomed Clerk of Court Kirk Reams.
2. Reverend Dick Bailar resigned his posts with Wilderness Coast Libraries and the Contractors Licensing Board, as he is relocating to Tallahassee.
3. Sheriff Mac McNeill shared that Richard Connell and Del Loveless, with G-Fast, received letters of thanks from Governor Rick Scott for their assistance in the aftermath of Hurricane Michael.
4. Commissioner Walker requested moving item A (Committee Appointments) to the next meeting. **On motion Commissioner Fulford, seconded by Commissioner Hall and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Consent Agenda consisting of: Approval of Agenda as amended; General Fund/Transportation Vouchers; BOCC minutes for November 15th, 2018 Regular Session.**
5. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick introduced the Courthouse Christmas Light item. After discussion, it was determined that it was too late in the year to get the information required to make a decision for this year.
6. County Engineer Josh Baxley gave an update on the Wacissa River Head Suwanee River Water Management grant project. He stated that all of the bids came in over budget and he felt that doing another bid would not result in lower bids. He recommended modifying the scope of the project by removing the sedimentation and dock phases and going back to the bidders. He stated he would report to the Board after speaking with the vendors.
7. County Engineer Josh Baxley gave an update on the US-19 Beautification project bid. He stated this was the second the time the County had bid out the project and that we still only received one bid from the Gaskins Company. He stated the County would be better suited to move forward with the Gaskins Company. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Hall and unanimously carried, the Board elected to proceed with low bidder the Gaskins Company.**
8. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick introduced the North Florida Economic Development Council item. He stated that for Jefferson County to be a part of this consortium, we would be required to pay \$1,473. **On motion by Commissioner Fulford,**

seconded by Walker and unanimously carried, the Board approved the above referenced payment.

9. Solid Waste Director Beth Letchworth introduced several modifications to her department's policies concerning tree debris and tires. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Hall and unanimously carried, the Board approved the recommendations of Solid Waste Director Beth Letchworth.**
10. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams discussed the Tax Deed Sales where no bids were submitted and requested these properties be placed on the county list of available lands. **On motion by Commissioner Fulford, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried, the Board approved these properties being placed on the list of available lands.**
11. Citizen Charles Parrish asked if the County would be more diligent in cleaning out ditches, as there were roads flooded in Lloyd due to ditches not being adequately maintained.
12. Citizen Paul Henry suggested recognizing Interim Clerk of Court Tim Sanders for the work he performed for the County.
13. Citizen Richard Connell addressed the Board about the cave system at the rock mine and stated there could potentially be grant monies to open the cave system as a tourist attraction.
14. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick discussed the SHIP housing request for additional replacement projects. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Fulford and carried 3-0 (Hall absent), the Board approved the housing request.**
15. County Coordinator Barwick presented an update on Road Department activities to the Board.
16. County Attorney Scott Shirley reminded the Board about upcoming four-hour ethics training for the Board.
17. Commissioner Hall discussed possibly painting/repairing the ceiling in the Courthouse.
18. Commissioner Fulford provided an update on the new project at the Industrial Park.
19. Vice Chair Surles commended Mr. Tim Sanders for his work as Interim Clerk of Court and stated his desire to honor him in some way.

20. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams stated he was going to reach out to FDOT to ensure Jefferson County could participate in the maximum amount of road projects each year. He stated he would be bringing that work plan back to the Board in the near future.
21. On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Fulford and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

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Jefferson County, Florida**

J.T. Surles, Vice Chair

ATTEST:

Kirk Reams, Clerk of Court