

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Regular Session
Courthouse Annex
January 17, 2019
6:00 P.M.

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

1. Chair Barfield called the meeting to order. Fire/EMS Chief Derrick Burrus led the invocation and pledge of allegiance.
2. Sheriff Mac McNeill introduced Paula Carroll as the new Emergency Management Director.
3. **On motion Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Surles and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Consent Agenda consisting of: Approval of Agenda and General Fund/Transportation Vouchers.**
4. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams introduced the SCRAP/SCOP/CIGP recommendations. On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Hall and unanimously carried, the Board approved the recommendations of Casa Bianca as the SCOP project; Government Farms Road as the SCRAP project; and Barnes Road as the CIGP project.
5. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams introduced the Wacissa Headwaters item and provided an update on the grant. **On motion by Commissioner Surles, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried, the Board approved Clerk of Court Reams' recommendation to return to the Land and Water Conservation Grant, as it will result in a \$150,000 savings to the County.**
6. Citizen Bud Wheeler voiced concerns about the recently approved bike trail, citing property owners' rights, liability related to hunting and costly construction and maintenance. Citizen David Ward stated he was not opposed to the bike trail, but felt that the property owners were not given proper notification of the change from a utility corridor to a recreational corridor. He also stated that the Planning Commission and Planning Office was unaware of the project. Commissioner Barfield stated she understood the hunter safety issue, but that Duke Energy also has a property right. She stated that potential abuse issues would be addressed and that she was holding firm to her \$20,000 figure to clean/maintain the trail. She further stated she was holding a meeting with the property owners on January 31st at 6:30 pm at the Courthouse Annex.
7. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Hall and unanimously carried, the Board approved the County Coordinator's recommendation to hire Derrick Burrus as Fire Chief/EMS Director.**
8. Commissioner Hall shared materials from the Florida Rural Economic Development Academy.

9. Commissioner Fulford asked for RESTORE ACT informational materials and requested the use of Planning Official Shannon Metty for staffing assistance for Economic Development.
10. Chair Barfield stated that applicants were needed for the SHIP program and that a better job of getting information on this program to the public is needed.
11. On motion by Commissioner Surles, seconded by Commissioner Hall and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

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

Betsy Barfield, Chair

ATTEST:

Kirk Reams, Clerk of Court