

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**Regular Session
Courthouse Annex
June 6, 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 order and led the invocation and pledge of allegiance.
2. Several members of the Aucilla Christian Academy softball team addressed the Board about their upcoming rodeo fundraiser to be held on June 7th and 8th at 8 pm each night.
3. Fire Rescue Chief Derrick Burrus informed the Board that due to much needed rain, the heightened fire danger alert has been lifted.
4. PUBLIC HEARING: Major Development and Special Exception Site Plan
5. Planning Official Shannon Metty discussed the major development and special exception site plan for the medical marijuana agricultural growing facility. Mrs. Metty addressed the changes to the site plan and stated it still adhered to the county's planning codes/policies. It was her recommendation that the Board approve the site plan. Engineer Sean Marsten with Urban Catalyst Consultants greeted the Board and stated he was present for any questions that might arise. **On motion by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Surles and unanimously carried, the Board approved the amended site plan.**
6. **On motion Commissioner Surles, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Consent Agenda consisting of: Approval of Agenda; General Fund/Transportation Vouchers; and BOCC Minutes for 5/2/2019 and 5/16/2019 Regular Sessions.**
7. Jay Adams, on behalf of the Opera House, stated that in order for the Opera House to be considered for certain grants, the opera house would need to be designated as the Official Local Arts Agency. **On motion by Commissioner Surles, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried, the Board designated the opera house as the official local arts agency.**
8. Fire Rescue Chief Derrick Burrus addressed the Board regarding the Jefferson County EMS Client write-off report. He noted that the amount included in the packet was incorrectly stated and the correct write-off amount for 2012-2017 is \$368,901.22. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Surles and unanimously carried, the Board approved the write off amount.**
9. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams introduced the Lake Road SCOP agreement and resolution item. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Hall and unanimously carried, the Board approved the SCOP agreement and resolution no. 2019-060619-01.**
10. Citizen Paul Henry inquired as to why several county phone bills exceeded \$5,000, to which County Coordinator Parrish Barwick stated he would look into the issue.

11. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams discussed that the tax rolls were going to be finished a week earlier than usual this year and that his office would begin working on the 2019/2020 budget worksheets with the goal of getting them to the County Coordinator and Constitutional Offices in the next few weeks.
12. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick introduced the surplus property item regarding the 1999 Chevy Blazer. **On motion by Commissioner Surles, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried, the Board approved declaring this item surplus.**
13. Citizen Bud Wheeler expressed concerns about the maintenance of his road.
14. Attorney David Marsey, who represents the County in the Reams versus Jefferson County case, gave an overview of this issue and recommended that the Board agree to the proposed settlement of \$88,500. **On motion by Commissioner Surles, seconded by Commissioner Walker and carried 4 to 1 (Barfield opposed), the Board approved the settlement.**
15. County Attorney Scott Shirley gave an overview of the Morris Propane issue and proposed settlement. **On motion by Commissioner Surles, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried, the Board approved the settlement.**
16. County Attorney Buck Bird requested formal approval on a resolution for the deed to the land at the Industrial Park for David Collins. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by JT Surles and unanimously carried, the Board approved moving forward with a resolution.**
17. Commissioner Walker expressed the displeasure of several constituents with the Gulf Power project.
18. Commissioner Fulford stated he was moving forward with a timber company to clear land at the industrial park to utilize any money made for development of these sites for future businesses.
19. Commissioner Hall noted that building permits were up this year. He also stated that spring activities at the Rec Park seemed to be a real success this year.
20. Chair Barfield stated the Hurricane Irma reimbursements could be forthcoming in the next few months.
21. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Surles and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.**

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

Betsy Barfield, Chair

ATTEST:

Kirk Reams, Clerk of Court