

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Session
Courthouse Annex
September 5, 2019
6:00 P.M.

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

1. Chair Barfield called the meeting order. Emergency Management Director Paula Carroll led the invocation and pledge of allegiance.
2. Kitty Kelly, with the Suwannee River Water Management District, presented the Board with Payment in Lieu of Taxes check.
3. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Fulford and unanimously carried (4-0), the Board approved the Consent Agenda consisting of: Approval of Agenda; BOCC Minutes of August 15th, 2019 Regular Meeting; and General Fund/Transportation Vouchers.**
4. Planning Official Shannon Metty provided an overview of her office and discussed projects she is presently working on. At the request of Commissioner Hall, she provided a report on preservation/conservation per the Land Development Code.
5. Emergency Management Director Paula Carroll discussed the Hazard Mitigation Grant program for hurricanes, specifically Hurricane Michael. She also stated there was a culvert bridge restoration grant and inquired if the Board would be interested in her applying for the grant. **On motion by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried (4-0), the Board approved Ms. Carroll applying for the grant.**
6. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick addressed the Board regarding an emergency bridge repair over the Aucilla River on South Salt Road. He stated the cost could be around \$69,000 and could be paid out of contingency. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Fulford and unanimously carried (4-0) the Board approved the bridge repair.**
7. Citizen Bob Perry addressed the Board about a land issue regarding lots he owns in Lamont. He stated that they are not wide enough to build on and requested the Board make an exception allowing him to combine the lots. The Board stated there was a policy in place via the Planning Commission to apply for exceptions and advised Mr. Perry to pursue this issue via that method.
8. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams reminded the Board about the tentative budget hearing on September 12th at 6 pm, with the final budget hearing scheduled for September 24th at 6 pm.
9. Clerk of Court Reams stated he would be bringing a grant before the Board at a future meeting to upgrade the horse arena and facilities.
10. Clerk of Court Reams informed the Board that the Value Adjustment Board would be meeting on October 7th at 9 am.

11. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick stated there was a report detailing the activities of the Road Department in the agenda packet and that he would be happy to field any questions related to the report.
12. County Attorney Buck Bird stated he would be bringing two resolutions to the Board at a future meeting related to the sale of the two 1-acre lots at the Industrial Park.
13. Commissioner Walker inquired about the ownership of the recreation park land, to which Clerk Reams stated that there part was owned by the City of Monticello and part was owned by the County.
14. Commissioner Hall inquired about local and/or minority preference language in the procurement policy, to which Chair Barfield explained that the local preference language had been removed in order to satisfy FEMA requirements.
15. Commissioner Fulford informed the Board that one of the vendors purchasing a lot at the Industrial Park would soon be providing a business plan to the Board.
16. Chair Barfield inquired about the final site plans for the A Building, to which Clerk of Court Reams stated he would be bringing this item before the Board as soon as the engineers finish the plans.
17. On motion Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Hall and unanimously carried (4-0), the Board scheduled an Executive Session on September 12th at 5 pm to discuss the NextEra power line project.
18. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Fulford and unanimously carried (4-0), the meeting was adjourned.**

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

Betsy Barfield, Chair

ATTEST:

Kirk Reams, Clerk of Court