

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Session
Courthouse Annex
July 18, 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 Attorney Scott Shirley, County Coordinator Parrish Barwick and Clerk of Court Kirk Reams.

1. Chair Barfield called the meeting order. Commissioner Stephen Walker led the invocation and pledge of allegiance.
2. Isaac Nicholson, the east coast Director of Keep America Beautiful, introduced himself to the Board and explained that Keep America Beautiful works to end littering. Mary Jean Yawn, the Florida Director of Keep America Beautiful, also addressed the Board and expressed her excitement to have Jefferson County involved, with Katrina Richardson as the County contact.
3. **PUBLIC HEARING: Special Exception Site Plan for Wedding/Event Venue**
4. Planning Official Shannon Metty introduced the special exception site plan and stated that the plan met all of the requirements and there were no issues. **On motion by Commissioner Surles, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried, the Board approved the special exception for the site plan.**
5. **On motion Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Surles and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Consent Agenda consisting of: Approval of Agenda; General Fund/Transportation Vouchers; BOCC Minutes for the 6/6/2019 Regular Session; Supervisor of Elections Reimbursable Grant for Cyber Security (\$25,453); and Mosquito Control Annual Budget Approval – County Match \$35,000.**
6. Commissioner Walker introduced the Next Era Transmission Line Route item. He stated his desire to draft a resolution proposing an alternative route. The following people spoke in favor of Commissioner Walker drafting a resolution: Debbie Brock; Ellyn Hutson; Angela Scott; Paul Henry; Pastor Stefon McBride; Melinda Ross; David Sanders; Alice Raker; Greta Case; Gentry Roberts; Attorney Gino Rossetti; Phil Calandra; and Joe Davis. **On motion by Commissioner Surles, seconded by Commissioner Fulford and unanimously carried, the Board voted to draft a resolution proposing an alternate route.**
7. Chair Barfield introduced the 2020 session legislative priorities item. It was the consensus of the Board to bring priorities back to the next meeting.
8. Chair Barfield presented the RESTORE Pot 3 Contract Amendment with Langton & Associates. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Surles and unanimously carried, the Board approved a new RFP for the planning portion of this contract.**
9. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams introduced the SCRAP/SCOP projects requested by the Department of Transportation. He noted these were additional projects requested as a result of recent legislation related to Hurricane Michael. Boland Cemetery Road and Turney Anderson Road were the SCRAP recommendations; Boston Highway Phase I and Ashville Highway Phase I were the SCOP recommendations. **On motion by Commissioner Walker,**

seconded by Commissioner Surles and unanimously carried, the Board approved the recommendations as presented.

10. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick introduced the FDOT closure of Bridge #544061 on County Road 257, South Salt Road over the Aucilla River. A quote was received to repair the problems, but it is cost prohibitive for the County. Other alternatives are currently being pursued.
11. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick introduced county appointments to North Florida Economic Development and FDOT Toll Road Task Force. On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Surles and unanimously carried, Commissioner Hall was re-appointed to the North Florida Economic Development Council, with Planning Official Shannon Metty as the alternate. On motion by Commissioner Surles, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried, Chair Barfield was appointed to the FDOT Toll Road Task Force, with Clerk of Court Kirk Reams as the alternate.
12. Citizen Paul Henry thanked Clerk of Court Kirk Reams and his staff for the information on the check register being easy to read and understand.
13. Citizen Phil Calandra inquired as to where legal settlement funds for Clerk Reams were paid, to which County Coordinator Barwick responded contingency.
14. Citizen Leo Russell expressed interest in leasing the Thompson gas station on North US-19 for his mobile detail business. The Board advised Mr. Russell to get with County Coordinator Barwick to draft a lease agreement, including the amount, for the Board's review.
15. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams stated the A Building plans to complete the project were approximately 95% finished.
16. Clerk of Court Reams also stated that every six years, the Board had to re-new its gas tax ordinances. He stated he was in the process of compiling this information and would bring to a future meeting.
17. Clerk of Court Reams distributed a budget schedule for County Fiscal Year 19/20. He stated he would also be advertising this schedule in the Monticello News.
18. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick provided a schedule of Road Department activities and welcomed any questions from the Board and/or public.
19. County Coordinator Barwick introduced the gun range issue. It was the consensus of the Board to attempt to find a site that would satisfy all parties.
20. County Coordinator Barwick discussed the recalled home on 4th Avenue (the "Yeager house"). He stated the house was nearing completion, with the exception of the flooring and the punch list. **On motion by Commissioner Surles, seconded by Commissioner Fulford and unanimously carried, the Board voted to finish the punch list if the property is purchased by a SHIP participant and to sell the property "as-is" if purchased by a non-SHIP participant.**
21. County Attorney Scott Shirley presented the Board with the petroleum remediation proposal for the old Thompson gas station on North US-19. The total cost of proposed phase is approximately \$120,000, of which the County would be responsible for 25%. He further

stated that more meetings would be held with DEP prior to any final proposal brought to the Board.

22. Commissioner Fulford discussed potential for a new project on 2 acres at the Industrial Park. He stated he would bring more information to a future meeting.
23. Commissioner Hall and Chair Barfield each discussed their recent visit to the National Association of Counties (NACo) conference held in Las Vegas, Nevada.
24. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Fulford and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.**

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

Betsy Barfield, Chair

ATTEST:

Kirk Reams, Clerk of Court