

# JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

## Regular Session

April 4, 2024

9:00 A.M.

The Board met on this date in regular session. Present were Chairman JT Surles, Commissioners Chris Tuten, Ben White, Austin Hosford, and Gene Hall. Also present were County Manager Shannon Metty, County Attorney Heather Encinosa, and County Budget Officer Gus Rojas.

### 1. **Call to Order, Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance**

- a. Prayer led by Chief Derrick Burrus
- b. Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Surles

### 2. **Public Announcements, Presentations & Awards**

- a. Property Appraiser Angela Gray
  - i. Mini-grant teacher of the year to be named at upcoming meeting
- b. County Manager Metty
  - i. Commissioner Hosford appointed by Governor DeSantis as Career Source FL Board of Directors
  - ii. Hosford expressed gratitude

### 3. **Citizen's Request & Input on Non-Agenda Items**

- a. Maizy Glynn
  - i. Speaking on behalf of Jefferson County Senior Citizen's Center
  - ii. Requesting additional financial aid for senior citizens

### 4. **Consent Agenda**

- a. **On a motion by Commissioner Hosford, seconded by Commissioner Tuten, the Board unanimously approved the consent agenda.**

### 5. **General Business**

- a. Emergency Management Interlocal Agreement
  - i. County Attorney Encinosa
    1. Requesting approval between Jefferson County and the Sheriff's Department
    2. Intended to provide additional procedures
    3. **Commissioner Hosford motioned to approve the Interlocal Agreement, Commissioner Hall seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.**
- b. Planning Commissioner Appointment
  - i. Rosenthal
    1. **Commissioner Hosford motioned to approve the Planning Commissioner Appointment, Commissioner Tuten seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.**
- c. Medical Examiner Agreement
  - i. County Attorney Encinosa
    1. Requesting agreement between Jefferson County and the Medical Examiner

2. Current Medical Examiner is an interim position
  3. **Commissioner Tuten motioned to approve the Medical Examiner Agreement, Commissioner White seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.**
- d. Dangerous Dog Ordinance
    - i. County Attorney Encinosa
      1. Requested a public hearing be scheduled and approved
      2. Dangerous Dog Committee to consist of three members: one law enforcement, one veterinarian, and one animal expert.
      3. **Commissioner Hall motioned to approve the Dangerous Dog Committee hearing be scheduled, Commissioner Hosford seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.**
  - e. TDC Appointment
    - i. County Budget Officer Rojas
      1. Appoint George Evans (councilman)
      2. **Commissioner Tuten motioned to approve the TDC appointment, Commissioner White seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.**
6. **Clerk of Court**
  7. **County Engineer**
  8. **County Attorney**
  9. **County Manager Metty**
    - a. Discussed Planning Assistant hire(s)
    - b. 40 applicants on Indeed
  10. Fire Chief Burrus
    - a. Applied for a matching grant, which has already been approved.
    - b. They receive a county fund of \$6,000 to \$7,000 a year, and they usually let it roll over
    - c. The state is not allowing rollover anymore
    - d. Needs resolution to use \$21,000
    - e. Deadline was April 1<sup>st</sup>
      - i. **Chairman Surles motioned to approve the Chief's request for budget use, Commissioner White seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.**
  11. **County Commissioners**
    - a. Commissioner Hosford
      - i. Wanted to open a Board discussion on insurance point system to bring services outsourced back to Jefferson County
      - ii. He expressed there was a discrepancy with the point system (he thought a local vendor was worth 15 instead of 5)
      - iii. Metty explained that the goal is to weigh points toward a local option without sacrificing quality. She expressed concerns about messing with health insurance.

**12. Adjourn**

- a. **On a motion by Commissioner Tuten, the regular session meeting was adjourned.**

**Budget Workshop**

**13. Current Additional Requests**

**14. Road Department**

- a. Road Superintendent Jeffrey Lee
  - i. Increase in costs due to stabilizing roads and new equipment
  - ii. Plan is to surplus a couple of dump trucks so new equipment does not increase the budget
  - iii. Problems with road damage

**15. Fire Department**

- a. Chief Derrick Burrus
  - i. Requesting an extra 2% for his employees
  - ii. Proposed currently stands at 3%, therefore he is requesting 5%.
  - iii. Increased budget to hire two full-time employees

**16. EMS Services**

- a. Chief Derrick Burrus
  - i. Same employees as referenced above
  - ii. Still asking for 5% (\$42,496)

**17. Solid Waste Department**

- a. Director Robbie Slack
  - i. Requested a brush truck for loaning purposes
  - ii. Can be used between Road Department and Solid Waste Department
  - iii. Primary truck was side swiped in an accident
  - iv. Increase in salary due to wage hike to \$14.00
  - v. Phasing out part-timers
  - vi. Not pulling from general fund

**18. Animal Control**

- a. Director Robbie Slack
  - i. No changes

**Next Budget Workshop to be held on May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 a.m. following Regular Session.**

Adjourned.