

# JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**Regular Session**  
**September 25, 2024**  
**5:00 P.M.**

The Board met on this date for a Regular Session. Chairman JT Surles, Commissioners Chris Tuten, Austin Hosford Gene Hall, and Ben White were present. County Manager Shannon Metty, County Attorney Heather Encinosa, Assistant County Attorney Evan Rosenthal, HR Director Renee Long, Clerk Jason Welty, Clerk Elect Trey Hightower, and County Budget Officer Gus Rojas were also present.

- 1. 5:01 PM Call to Order, Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2. Hearing Script**
- 3. Millage**
  - a. County Manager Shannon Metty explained that Jefferson County's Milage rate for fiscal year 2024-25 would be 7.8266 mils, which is the rollback milage rate.
- 4. Budget**
  - a. The total budget is \$48,659,592
  - b. Commissioner Hosford motioned to open the Budget Hearing for public comment. Commissioner Tuten seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.**
  - c. No public discussion
  - d. Commissioner Tuten motioned to close public comments, Commissioner Hall seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.**
  - e. Motion to adopt resolution approving tentative county-wide milage rate
  - f. Commissioner Hall motioned to adopt resolution approving tentative milage rate, Commissioner Hosford seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.**
  - g. Approve 24/25 Final County-Wide Budget
    - i. Commissioner Hosford motioned to approve the CFY 2024-25 Budget, Commissioner White seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.**
  - h. The second budget hearing was closed at 5:10 PM
- 5. Adjourn**

## **FRDAP Workshop Agenda**

- 1. Open Workshop for Horse Arena Grant**
- 2. Commissioner Comment**
  - a. Commission White – filing a FRDAP grant for seating \$53,500
  - b. Chair Surles – supportive of the grant application
  - c. Commission Hall – retrofitting storm water?
  - d. Manager Metty – this grant doesn't cover that, but we are looking into a future grant to handle the stormwater issue.
- 3. Public Comment**
- 4. Adjourn**

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**Regular Session Agenda**

- 1. Call to Order, Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2. Public Announcements, Presentations & Awards**
- 3. Citizens' Request & Input on Non-Agenda Items**
  - a. Bill Synder – Amendment 3 – Draft a resolution by the board – asks for a resolution against the amendment.
  - b. Andrew Kang – reading the resolution
  - c. Bill Synder – ask to adopt a resolution tonight.
  - d. Phil Calandra
    - i. Amendment 4 – Gave input about the issue. He would like something to be on a future agenda regarding Amendment 4.
    - ii. Introduction of the County Planner David Wheeler – we're going to review and update the elements the comprehensive plan with public input in mind.
    - iii. The Commission tabled the Animal Control agenda item.
    - iv. The Commission tabled approving the meeting minutes.
- 4. Consent Agenda**
  - a. **Commissioner Hosford motioned to approve the Consent Agenda, Commissioner Tuten seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.**
- 5. Meeting Minutes**
- 6. General Business**
  - a. Personnel Policy – Metty
    - i. **Commissioner Hosford motioned to approve the Personnel Policy, Commissioner Tuten seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.**
  - b. IFSA MOU – Metty – standard MOU
    - i. **Commissioner Hosford motioned to approve the MOU, Commissioner Tuten seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.**
- 7. Clerk of Courts**
- 8. County Engineer**
- 9. County Attorney**
- 10. County Manager**
  - a. Manager – Debris pickup – ended contact with DOT and working to combine the end of Hurricane Debby with Helene. The County will manage the debris pickup for Helene.
  - b. Shelter opens tomorrow at 8 AM – mandatory evac Mobile Homes, older homes, and low-lying areas. Uber will help people get out.
  - c. Debris on the roads – call the EOC. If you can't get through, call 911.
  - d. Sheriff – predicted a Cat 4 – HWY 98 could be under 15 ft surge. Very Dangerous Storm
- 11. County Commissioners**
  - a. Commissioner Hall – Stay safe

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**12. Adjourn**

- a. **Commissioner Hosford motioned to adjourn, Commissioner Hall seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.**