

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Session Agenda Wednesday, November 6th, 2024 6 PM

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

1. 6PM Call to Order, Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance

2. Public Announcements

- a. Michelle Milligan 23-24 presented a check to the board unspent funds.
- b. Sheriff Mac McNeil returns two checks to the board of unspent funds.
 - a. Proclamation, Drink Responsibly- Promote sober driving during the holidays in honor of Steven. Proclamation read by Renee Long. Signed by all commissioners.
 - b. Commissioner Tuten motioned to approve, Commissioner White seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.**
- c. CareerSource- Talent and Innovation summit. Kevin Vaughn Chair Wakulla County. Apprentice grant. Lead program. Power hour. Professional Development workshops. Career Seeker Solutions. Leap Team Youth Program. Summer Youth Program. Hope Florida. One-stop operations. Social Events. Financial Highlights. Monty Morgan to be appointed to the board. Austin questioned the budget was cut because of low unemployment.

3. Citizens Request & Input on Non-Agenda Items

- a. Scott Arden- Rotary Club President
 - i. Asking for an American Flag project around the courthouse to honor a hero to raise funds for the scholarship program. Everyone is in favor.
- b. Demitrious Bronko
 - i. Asked for support from the Board for a family related matter. Son died because of a distracted driver in Tallahassee. Adopt a resolution to ask legislators to do better.

4. Consent Agenda

- a. **Commissioner Hosford motioned to approve the Consent Agenda with the amendment to add what Clerk Hightower added, Commissioner White seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.**
- b. Vouchers
 - i. Clerk Trey Hightower made agenda modification for a voucher for a payment to Regions Bank for \$74,900 for a debt service payment 2022 Bond.
- c. Meeting Minutes
- d. VAB Board Appointment
- e. Settlement Agreement

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5. General Business

- a. CareerSource Capital Region Board of Directors Appointment- Add Monty Morgan.
 - i. **Commissioner Tuten motioned to approve, Commissioner White seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.**
- b. Parking Ordinance
 - i. County Attorney Evan Rosenthal
 1. Change ordinance for Board approval for all changes. Change to the process for creation of department areas. There is a resolution that establishes a no parking area.
 - ii. **Commissioner White motioned to approve the ordinance, Commissioner Tuten seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.**
 - iii. **Commissioner White motioned to approve the resolution, Commissioner Tuten seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.**
- c. School Board Conveyance
 - i. Letter sent to County manager to give direction to work with attorney for direction for purchase. The school board said the county was behind in payments, but records showed otherwise. Asked for the County Manager and one board member to attend next school board meeting.
- d. Capital Improvements Plan Work Authorization
 - i. County Manager
 1. \$28,096 request from County
 - ii. **Commissioner Tuten motioned to approve the Capital Improvement Plan Work Authorization, Commissioner White seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.**
- e. Animal Control- Public hearing for animal control ordinance. Tuten said the state already has regulations that would cover these issues.
 - i. Lisa Hayes
 1. Requests leash laws due to issues with her neighbor's dogs messing with her horses.
 - ii. Cay Curtis
 1. Asks for ordinance for dog trespassing because of issues at her residence and dogs at large problems throughout the county. Workshop needs to be had between the Commissioner/ Animal Control and a citizen. Requests county animal control to enforce the state rules.

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- iii. Maria Balbomy
 - 1. Has been attacked and had property damage due to neighbor's dogs. Requests the ordinance be passed. Requests animal control to be removed from the solid waste department. She trapped a dog with their own trap.
- iv. Rachel Herman
 - 1. Read an email she has sent to Commissioners about a woman who was attacked in front of her dogs. Requests local protections for dogs at large and dog abandonment. Has been attacked by dogs and had property damage along with her own animals being killed.
- v. Nikki Sauls
 - 1. Wanted clarification of the rabies tags and the dogs who get out accidentally.
- vi. Commissioner Hosford
 - 1. Expressed concern over the number of instances and the need for the ordinance.
- vii. Chairman Surles
 - 1. Creating the ordinance will not stop the instances
- viii. More public discourse of a similar manner regarding fine collection and enforcement.
- ix. **Commissioner Hosford motioned to approve the Animal Control Ordinance; Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Commissioners White, Tuten, and Surles opposed. Motion fails.**
- f. Extension of the A Building Agreement with the Department of State
 - i. **Commissioner Hall motioned to approve, Commissioner Tuten seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.**
- g. FY 24/25- Budget Amendment Public Hearing
 - i. Presentation by County Budget Officer Gus Rojas
 - ii. **Commissioner White motioned to approve, Commissioner Tuten seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.**
- h. MLU- City of Monticello
 - i. County Manager Shannon Metty
 - 1. Getting help from the county for tree removal. Seeking reimbursement to get this project done.
 - ii. Steve Wingate-City Manager for City of Monticello
 - 1. Requesting help for tree removal.

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2. **Commissioner Tuten motioned to approve the MLU, Commissioner White seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.**

6. Clerk of Court

- a. Property Fraud Alert. Shed light on an example of property fraud in Hillsborough County.

7. County Engineer

- a. Not present. Crack on Waukeena Highway.

8. County Attorney

9. County Manager

- a. Gift card from the Board. Kennels update to move the trash compactor. Still on schedule for the first of December. Planning meeting next week.

10. County Commissioners

- a. Commissioner Tuten
 - i. Mosquito control requested at the Rec Park. Request Monday instead of Wednesday. Grant money for Aucilla Shores. Bid will go out in a couple of weeks.
- b. Commissioner Hosford
 - i. Update with the Lloyd depot. Contractor is the same one doing Ashville highway. Thanks Commissioner Tuten for everything he has done.
- c. Commissioner Surles
 - i. VAB update

11. Adjourn

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