

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
September 1, 2015

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

ITEM 1: Call to Order, Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance

1. Chairman Bishop led the invocation and pledge.

ITEM 2: Public Announcements, Presentations & Awards

2. Abby Johnson, with the Suwannee River Water Management District, gave a presentation entitled the State of the Resource 2015. Bradley Williams, with SRWMD, presented the Board with a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) check in the amount of \$9163.41.

ITEM 3: Consent Agenda

3. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Hall and unanimously carried, the consent agenda—consisting of the approval of the agenda and the minutes of the August 18th, 2015 Regular Session—was approved.**

ITEM 4: Citizens Request & Input on Non-Agenda Items

4. Citizen Paul Henry informed the Board of his recent meeting with Paul Michael regarding the Jefferson Senior Center. He stated his desire to work on a coalition to rectify issues and requested the Board keep this issue in mind for its legislative priorities.
5. Kaitlyn Culpepper, with Tri-County Electric, invited the Board to Tri-County's annual meeting on September 19th in Madison County from 9 am to Noon.
6. Citizen Franklin Brooks inquired about university/sports logos on county vehicles, to which County Coordinator Parrish Barwick stated he would look into this issue.

ITEM 5a: Small Business Grant Proposal

7. Marcia Elder, with the Small Business Development, introduced this item and requested permission to submit the grant proposal. She noted that the total amount would be between \$10,000-\$20,000 and could be used on a combination of projects. Commissioner Barfield stated that the County needed to be forward thinking with regards to freight and distribution, which would likely require a study. Citizen Paul Henry cautioned the Board to be careful. Citizen Phil Calandra provided an overview of his work and research into freight/distribution.

Commissioner Walker inquired if any staff time or assistance would be needed, to which Ms. Elder responded no but that she would be coordinating with the County Extension Office. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Hall and unanimously carried, the Board approved the grant proposal.**

ITEM 5b: Budget Discussion/Action

8. Commissioner Barfield discussed Roberts Rules of Procedures and the steps necessary in order for this issue to be re-considered. Commissioner Boyd stated he primarily wanted to present his findings and the results of the information he previously requested from the Sheriff's Department. County Attorney stated that discussion would be fine but no action. Commissioner Boyd gave a Powerpoint presentation on the Sheriff's budget.

ITEM 6: County Coordinator

9. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick informed the Board of a proposal about the county acquiring property connected to the Industrial Park. He stated he would work with Attorney Bird and bring the item back to the Board. Attorney Bird informed the Board that a decision was due by September 16, 2015.

ITEM 7: Commissioner Discussion Items

10. Commissioner Boyd gave an update on the construction at the Harrell Nut Company site.
11. Attorney Bird stated the County was moving forward with the loan for the Bishop building at the Industrial Park.
12. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams stated the US-19 beautification project had been bid out and they would be opened on September 15, 2015. He requested this item be placed on the agenda for the meeting that day with county engineer Preble-Rish providing results at the meeting. Clerk Reams also stated there would be a bid opening on the first phase of the grant for the "A" building. Commissioner Barfield inquired about what all the first phase entailed, to which Clerk Reams stated structural integrity. Commissioner Barfield requested a workshop on the look and functionality of the "A" building, to which Clerk Reams requested a date in January if possible.
13. Commissioner Walker inquired about possibly using the PILT money from SRWMD to provide steps at the head of the Wacissa River.
14. Commissioner Barfield stated she had been approached by Tallahassee Commissioner Nick Maddox on behalf of the Workforce Development Board about Jefferson County possibly moving from the Madison division to the Tallahassee division. Chairman Bishop stated he always felt better aligning with small, similarly situation counties. Commissioner Barfield agreed, but stated that 51% of Jefferson County's workforce was employed in Leon County. Commissioner Barfield requested an agenda item for this at a future meeting.

15. Commissioner Barfield stated the Brownfield meeting in Lloyd was very productive. Citizen Phil Calandra suggested possible Brownfield designation for old gas stations on US-19 north. Commissioner Barfield requested the Board consider this and suggested it be added on a future agenda under General Business. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams suggested a joint meeting with City Council, to which Attorney Bird agreed.
16. Commissioner Barfield gave an update on the BP Restore Act meeting and started that the 23-county consortium was given a total of \$267 million to the state expenditure pot.
17. Chairman Bishop inquired about engineering costs and fees he noticed on recent work orders/invoices, to which Clerk Reams stated most of the figures were for SCRAP/SCOP services that were paid by the State. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams stated the County would need to do an RFQ in the near future for a firm to inspect an engineering project after its completion. He stated that new FDOT rules required a separate firm to inspect the completed project.

ITEM 8: Adjournment

18. The warrant register was reviewed and bills ordered paid.
19. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.**

Chairman

Attest: _____
Clerk