

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
September 15, 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 2: Public Announcements, Presentations & Awards

1. Julie Conley, on behalf of the City Council, thanked Commissioner Barfield for all of her work on the CRTPA.

ITEM 3: Consent Agenda

2. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried, the consent agenda—consisting of the approval of the agenda, the minutes of the September 1st, 2015 Regular Session and the Property Appraiser Budget Transfer Request—was approved.**
3. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick stated the LDC Final Reading would have to be moved to a later date and re-advertised due to an issue with how it was advertised. It was the consensus of the Board to re-advertise for the October 20th, 2015 Regular Session.

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

4. Citizen Anthony Charles stated he would like to see some County money expended on Courthouse beautification.
5. County Coordinator commented on inquiries about lawn maintenance at County facilities and noted that the Board had previously cut the budget for lawn maintenance. He also stated that the Courthouse and Annex facilities were on a regular schedule of approximately every two weeks.
6. Citizen Bill Brown stated he tried to find the County Coordinator at his office and was later informed his office had moved to the Road Department. He requested that if office locations change in the future the public be notified.
7. Anne Holt, Executive Director of Main Street, stated there was an international conference being held in Monticello beginning October 1st.
8. Citizen Franklin Brooks stated he was back before the Board regarding university logos on County vehicles. Chairman Bishop requested that County Coordinator Barwick address this issue.

ITEM 6: PUBLIC HEARING – LLOYD INTERCHANGE BROWNFIELDS

9. Economic Development Director Julie Conley introduced this item and informed everyone it was the second hearing on this issue, with the first having been held at the Lloyd Interchange. Mrs. Conley along with Attorneys Joe Ullo and Bob Fingar gave an extensive presentation on the Brownfields designation process.

ITEM 7a: Mosquito Control Contract

10. County Coordinator Barwick introduced this item and stated it was the annual contract with the Department of Agriculture to continue the mosquito control program. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried, the Board approved the contract.**

ITEM 7b: Road Department Equipment Purchase & Trade

11. County Coordinator Barwick introduced this item and stated it was mainly for informational purposes. He noted he would be trading in several vehicles in the near future and obtaining newer vehicles under lease-to-purchase agreements. He stated this would reduce the number of leased vehicles, but the three vehicles would be retro-fitted and better equipped in order to exceed current hauling capacity. Commissioner Boyd stated his concern with having fewer vehicles in the event of a major storm, to which Coordinator Barwick stated the newly equipped vehicles will be better suited to move equipment and haul than our current fleet. County Coordinator Barwick also stated he would like to replace the old batwing mower with a new model and also purchase a tractor to utilize the existing off-set mower. Mr. Barwick also noted that two graders at were at the end of their five year lease and would be traded in.

ITEM 7c: Fire/EMS Grant

12. Fire Rescue Chief Mark Matthews presented this item to the Board. He stated his intention to utilize this grant in conjunction with some leftover funds from the previous years grant to purchase a new stretcher. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Hall and unanimously carried, the Board approved the resolution for Florida county EMS grant.**

ITEM 7d: US 19 Beautification/Landscaping Grant Recommended Bidder

13. Debbie Preble, for county engineer Preble-Rish, stated that the County only received on bid, so it was decided to extend the bidding period. She also noted she would be pro-actively reaching out to landscaping contractors for bids and that the recommended bidder would be announced at the October 5th morning meeting.

ITEM 7e: Old Lloyd Road Sidewalk CEI Services Recommendation

14. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams stated that the Committee consisting of himself, County Coordinator Barwick and Commissioner Barfield reviewed the RFQs received for CEI services and recommended GPI. Commissioner Barfield inquired if this would be paid for with Federal money, to which Mr. Reams

responded in the affirmative. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried, the Board approved the recommendation of GPI for CEI services.**

ITEM 9: Commissioner Discussion Items

15. County Attorney Buck Bird stated that the county option to acquire a 10-acre tract adjoining the Industrial Park would expire tomorrow (September 16th, 2015). County Coordinator Barwick recommended a professional look at the land to see if it was usable. Chairman Bishop stated that perhaps the county engineer could look at the land. Property Appraiser Angela Gray recommended an appraisal. Citizen Paul Henry urged the Board to keep this land in the private sector and on the tax roll. Property Appraiser Angela Gray stated she could provide the Board with maps and comparable sales from her office, as all of this was public record. It was the consensus of the Board to further research this purchase.
16. Commissioner Barfield stated she was approached by a citizen that wanted to purchase land at the closed solid waste site. It was the consensus of the Board to explore the possibility of selling this land.
17. Commissioner Barfield stated there would be approximately \$20,000-\$30,000 of bike/pedestrian money remaining. She suggested using this money at the Wacissa River for a self-composting toilet, gazebo and area to park bikes at the head of the River. She requested the Board think about this proposal or coming up with another idea to quickly utilize the money. Commissioner Walker suggested the Wacissa River Committee look into this issue.
18. Commissioner Hall stated he had provided staff with some information from the Florida Association of Counties and would like it distributed to the Commissioners at the next meeting.

ITEM 10: Adjournment

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

Chairman

Attest: _____
Clerk