

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
October 6, 2015

The Board met this date in regular session. Present were Chairperson Benjamin öBennyö Bishop, Commissioners 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: Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

1. Commissioner Boyd led the invocation and pledge of allegiance.

ITEM 3: Consent Agenda

2. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Boyd and unanimously carried (4-0), the consent agenda—consisting of the approval of the amended agenda, the minutes of the September 15th, 2015 Regular Session, the minutes of the September 15th, 2015 Tentative Budget Hearing, the minutes of the September 28th, 2015 Final Budget Hearing, the Small Grant Application and the Health Department Contract and Fee Schedule—was approved.**

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

3. Citizen Paul Henry stated that if Economic Development had so much activity, then they should not keep coming to taxpayers for funding.
4. Citizen Tommy Graham expressed concerns about Tyson Road, particularly the need for striping. He also asked why the road was half-asphalt and half-chip-seal, to which Commissioner Walker stated it was a compromise to do half of the road with a difference surface in order to see the longevity of each material.
5. Kim Albritton, with the Florida Department of Health ó Jefferson County, stated that tomorrow (October 7th) was Walk to School Day.
6. Citizen John Nelson stated that Clinton Road needed attention.

ITEM 6: SCRAP/SCOP Projects

7. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams introduced the SCRAP and SCOP resolutions that were added to the agenda under General Business. The Commissioners and public had no additional questions. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Boyd and unanimously carried (4-0), the Board approved Resolution No. 2015-100615-01 approving Piney Woods Road for SCRAP. On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Boyd and unanimously carried (4-0), the Board approved Resolution No. 2015-100615-02 approving St. Augustine Road for SCRAP. On motion by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried (4-0), the**

Board approved Resolution No. 2015-100615-03 approving Barrington Road for SCOP. On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Hall and unanimously carried (4-0), the Board approved Resolution No. 2015-100615-04 approving Big Joe Road for SCOP.

ITEM 6a: SHIP Ownership Rule Exemption Discussion

8. County Coordinator Barwick introduced this item. Jay Mosley, with Government Services Group, stated that a variance would be needed in order to approve an applicant for down payment assistance due to her name being listed on a deed for another residence. He stated the Board had two options: to authorize the exception/variance or to deny the exception/variance. He further stated his recommendation the Board deny the exception. Citizen Juanita Crumity stated she was the applicant in question and commented that her elderly mother added her to her deed unbeknownst to her. Citizen Dick Bailar stated that this type of exemption would open a can of worms and recommended the Board stick to the rules and deny the variance. **Commissioner Boyd made a motion to deny the variance. The motion died for lack of a second. On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Hall and carried 3 to 1 (Boyd opposed), the Board approved the variance for Juanita Crumity.**

ITEM 6b: VAB Volunteer Appointment

9. Clerk of Court stated no volunteer applications had been received for the Value Adjustment Board and he recommended that citizen Paul Michael serve on the VAB, with citizen Dick Bailar as an alternate, since both had past experience. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Boyd and unanimously carried, the Board approved Mr. Michael and Mr. Bailar per the Clerk's recommendation.** Clerk of Court Reams stated that the Value Adjustment Board meeting would take place on October 14th at 1:30 pm, with an organization meeting being held on Friday, October 9th at 4:00 pm.

ITEM 6c: Mont./Jeff. Co. High School Historic Preservation Grant Bid

10. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams introduced this item and stated that last year, the County was awarded \$350,000 for the historic preservation grant. He stated the bids for the first phase which is primarily for structural improvements were received on October 1st and recommended low bidder Riley Palmer at \$542,866, which the additional funding being provided from the \$30 traffic surcharge. **On motion by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried (4-0), the Board approved Riley Palmer for the project.**

ITEM 6d: US-19 Landscaping/Beautification Grant Bid Recommendation

11. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams stated that no bids were received for this project and that it would be re-advertised.

ITEM 7: County Coordinator / Equipment Purchase Discussion

12. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick stated that two graders were ready to go on the obuy backö plan and requested the Board authorize him to lease a Caterpillar grader for the yearly fee of \$9500 for 2 years with 1500 hours per year. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Hall and unanimously carried (4-0), the Board approved the lease of the Caterpillar grader.** County Coordinator Barwick stated he would be requesting additional equipmentö specifically related to mowingö at a future meeting.

ITEM 8: Commissioner Discussion Items

13. County Attorney Buck Bird stated he was finalizing the lease for the Glen Bishop Enterprises land at the Industrial Park and would need to work with Commissioner Walker since Chairman Bishop had recused himself. Mr. Bird stated that an appraisal or valuation of the property would have to completed in order to finalize the agreement. Commissioner Boyd stated there were comparables in the area, but the prices greatly varied.
14. Attorney Bird provided an update on the re-districting lawsuit and stated summary judgment had been applied for but he was still awaiting a response.
15. Tyler McNeill, Chief Deputy at the Clerkö Office, provided an update on repairs to the Courthouse a result of the vehicle crashing into the south side in August.
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 Hall inquired about the issue of university logo bumper stickers on county vehicles, to which Citizen Franklin Brooks stated the issue had been addressed.

ITEM 9: Adjournment

18. The warrant register was reviewed and bills ordered paid.
19. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Hall and unanimously carried (4-0), the meeting was adjourned.**

Chairman

Attest: _____
Clerk