

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
November 17, 2015

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

ITEM 1: Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

1. Chairman Benny Bishop led the invocation and pledge of allegiance.

ITEM 2: Public Annoucements, Presentations & Awards

2. Sheriff David Hobbs presented information about emails addressed to the Board from a registered sex offender. He explained his deputies were aware of the situation and he would keep the Board apprised.
3. Chairman Bishop stated that Mr. Fowler, whose son was recently involved in a serious accident, was very complimentary of the Sheriffø Office, particularly Deputy Rigdon.

ITEM 3: Election of Chair

4. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Boyd and unanimously carried, Commissioner Stephen Walker was elected Chairman.**

ITEM 4: Election of Vice-Chair

5. **On motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Bishop and unanimously carried, Commissioner Eugene Hall was elected Vice-Chair.**

ITEM 6: Consent Agenda

6. **On motion by Commissioner Bishop, seconded by Commissioner Barfield and unanimously carried (5-0), the consent agenda—consisting of the approval of the agenda, the minutes of the November 3rd, 2015 Regular Session and the NFEDP Regional Rural Development Grant support letter—was approved.**

ITEM 7: Citizens Request & Input on Non-Agenda Items

7. Property Appraiser employee Deborah Pauley requested reasonable accommodations per the Americans with Disabilities Act with regards to the parking lot. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick stated he would work with Human Resources/Chief Deputy Clerk Tyler McNeill as well as the Countyø attorney to research and resolve the issue.

ITEM 8a: Resolution-Osceola County Housing Finance Authority

8. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick introduced this item. The Board briefly discussed the costs and figures provided and also their concerns that local vendors and contractors would not be utilized. Commissioner Boyd recommended the Board not approve the resolution until they received additional information and answers to questions regarding this resolution. Citizen John Nelson stated his opinion that the Board should not pass this

resolution. It was the consensus of the Board for County Coordinator Parrish Barwick to get additional information on this resolution before they voted.

ITEM 8b: Non-Profit Small Grant Program

9. Commissioner Barfield introduced this item and stated that a multitude of non-profits requested money during the budget process. She stated this program would help streamline and organize the process and that the maximum amount would be \$2,000 per year, per applicant. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Boyd and carried 4 to 1 (Bishop opposed), the Board approved the application and guiding principles for the non-profit small grant program**

ITEM 8c: Brownfield

10. It was noted for the record that item c was mistakenly listed on the agenda packet.

ITEM 8d: Lloyd Interchange Brownfield District Advisory Committee

11. This item was tabled to a future meeting.

ITEM 10: Commissioner Discussion Items

12. County Attorney Buck Bird briefly addressed the offer to purchase a piece of land at the Industrial Park and stated he would send each Board member a copy of the appraisal. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams also stated that County Engineer Preble-Rish had provided a document listing the amount of usable land/acreage.
13. Commissioner Barfield informed the Board that she was recently elected the Chair of the CRTPA. She also noted she would provide an update/report on the RESTORE Act at the next meeting.
14. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams requested dates for a workshop on Project Game Changer in the first or second week of December. The Board provided the following dates for a possible workshop: December 7th, 8th, 14th or 15th.

ITEM 9: Adjournment

15. The warrant register was reviewed and bills ordered paid.
16. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Boyd and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.**

Chairman

Attest: _____
Clerk