

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
November 3, 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 Planning Attorney Scott Shirley, County Coordinator Parrish Barwick and Clerk of Court Kirk Reams.

ITEM 1: Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

1. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick led the invocation and pledge of allegiance.

ITEM 2: Public Annoucements, Presentations & Awards

2. Brian Desloge, newly elected as President of the National Association of Counties, introduced himself to the Board and briefly discussed the benefits of the association.
3. Dick Bailar, on behalf of the legislative committee, stated the Legislative Committee was scheduling meetings with House and Senate and would report back to the Board with any new information. He also let the Board know that the session would begin on January 12th, 2016.
4. Property Appraiser Angela Gray presented a check to the Board for unused budgeted funds.

ITEM 3: Consent Agenda

5. **On motion by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried (5-0), the consent agenda—consisting of the approval of the agenda, the minutes of the October 20th, 2015 Regular Session and the SHIP Satisfaction of Lien—was approved.**

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

6. Citizen Paul Henry expressed his concerns about government spending.
7. Hardy Brumbley stated his concerns that log trucks traveling in Wacissa and Waukeenah were speeding and putting citizens in danger. He asked the Board to consider additional signage and/or speed bumps.

ITEM 5a: CDBG (Ec. Dev.) for Infrastructure at SR-59/I-10 Interchange

8. Bruce Ballister, with Apalachee Regional Planning Council presented this item on behalf of business owner Arun Kundra and requested the Board allow him to move forward with his application for a CDBG grant for infrastructure. Mr. Ballister requested that public hearings be held in December and January with the Task Force meeting in November. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield,**

seconded by Commissioner Boyd and unanimously carried, the Board approved Mr. Kundra's request to move forward.

ITEM 5b: SHIP Annual Report 13-14/SHIP 13-14 Close-Out Certification

9. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick presented the annual report to the Board and requested approval. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried, the Board approved the report.**

ITEM 5c: Non-Profit Grant Program

10. Commissioner Barfield requested this item be tabled to a future meeting.

ITEM 5d: Annual Report Request

11. Commissioner Hall introduced this item and presented the Board with a copy of Leon County's Annual Report. He stated his desire to have something similar generated by Jefferson County each year. After a brief discussion, it was determined that the County would not spend more than \$2000 and the County Coordinator's Office would prepare a draft in-house with assistance from citizen volunteer Phil Calandra. **On motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Hall and carried 4 to 1 (Bishop opposed), the Board voted to move forward with this item.**

ITEM 5e: Request for Stairs at Wacissa River Park

12. Commissioner Walker introduced this item and requested that County Engineer Daryle Gray, with Preble-Rish, discuss possible costs associated with installing steps at the Wacissa River Park. Mr. Gray estimated a cost of \$8605 for fourteen foot wide stairs. Commissioner Barfield expressed a concern with the width of the stairs. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Hall and unanimously carried, the Board approved the stairs at the Wacissa River Park with the caveat that they may alter the width at a later date with funds coming from a budget amendment for 2015 PILOT funds from SRWMD.**

ITEM 5f: Library Director Position

13. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick introduced this item and recommended Interim Library Director Natalie Binder be hired as the new Library Director. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Barfield and unanimously carried, the Board approved Ms. Binder as the Library Director.**

ITEM 7: Commissioner Discussion Items

14. County Attorney Buck Bird discussed the offer to purchase a piece of land at the Industrial Park and stated the Board still needed a formal appraisal in order to determine the value of the land and a fair purchase price.

15. Commissioner Barfield discussed the possibility of additional Brownfield designations for US-19 North. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams stated that he and citizen Phil Calandra were working on this issue and recommended holding a workshop with the City of Monticello sometime in January.
16. Commissioner Walker gave an update on the most recent SRWMD meeting.

ITEM 9: Adjournment

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

Attest: _____
Clerk

Chairman