

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
February 2, 2016

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

1. Commissioner Gene Hall led the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **On motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Bishop and unanimously carried, the consent agenda—consisting of the approval of the agenda and the minutes of the January 19th, 2016 Regular Session—was approved.**
3. Citizen Paul Henry discussed the complaint he presented to the Board regarding the vote on awarding the bid on the US-19 Beautification. He stated his belief that this was not according to procedure. Attorney Bird respectfully disagreed and stated the first motion never received a second so there was no vote and therefore no action taken prior to the approved motion.
4. Citizen Phil Calandra gave his thoughts on Project Game Changer and requested more clarity on the business model for the Sports Complex. Commissioner Barfield requested an evening workshop. Possible dates for the workshop were listed as March 14th, March 17th and March 21st, to be held at 6pm at the Courthouse. Commissioner Barfield also requested that the auditor look at the company’s profit/loss statements.
5. Jennifer Johnson, interim administrator of the Jefferson County Health Department, presented the Board with the Department of Health’s Healthy Weight Community Champion recognition plaque.
6. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Hall and unanimously carried, the Board approved the appointment of Jennifer Johnson as the Jefferson County Health Department Administrator.**
7. Chairman Stephen Walker announced that the Board was entering a public hearing on the CDBG. Bruce Ballister, with Apalachee Regional Planning Council, stated he was looking for projects and could even be directed by the Board to work with staff to find a neighborhood for the improvement grant. There was brief discussion about different locales that could utilize the grant money. Citizen Dick Bailar recommended looking at the I-10/Hwy 59 interchange for infrastructure improvements. Citizen and business owner Arun Kundra also recommended this area. Commissioner Hall closed the public hearing portion of this item. **On motion by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Barfield and unanimously carried, the Board approved submitting an application for grant funds to improve the infrastructure at the I-10/59 interchange.**
8. Attorney Bird stated the building at the Industrial Park was ready to be occupied and there were a few more housekeeping items that needed to be addressed.
9. Commissioner Barfield inquired about noise ordinances for the County, to which Attorney Bird stated the only ordinance in the code was for outdoor entertainment but that the development code had some provisions to address noise when the permit was applied for.

10. Commissioner Barfield asked about the re-districting issue, to which Attorney Bird stated the Federal Judge was giving additional time for both parties to provide more information.
11. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams stated he would submit the RFQ for inspection services for the four upcoming state-funded SCRAP/SCOP projects. He noted that this portion now had to be performed by a separate entity than the company that provided the design.
12. Commissioner Barfield inquired about S. Main Avenue, to which Clerk of Court Kirk Reams stated he would follow up on the CIGP funding.
13. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams provided a brief update on the "A" building and stated the first phase, which was mainly structural, was nearing completion. Commissioner Barfield expressed her desire to invite the state Historic Preservation contacts to see the building.
14. The warrant register was reviewed and bills ordered paid.
15. **On motion by Commissioner Bishop, seconded by Commissioner Barfield and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.**

Chairman

Attest: _____
Clerk