

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR SESSION  
April 5, 2016

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

1. Commissioner Benny Bishop led the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Jennifer Johnson, with the County Health Department, stated that the week of April 4<sup>th</sup> was National Public Health Week.
3. City Councilman Troy Avera reminded the Board that the Bike Fest was to be held this weekend.
4. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick stated that April is water conservation month and he would be providing a proclamation to be approved at the next meeting.
5. Commissioner Bishop asked for clarification on the two grant requests. Citizen Paul Henry made a presentation to the Board on local grants and stated the county's grant spending had increased 700% since 2011 whereas revenue only increased by 2%. He also noted the TDC was spending more money than they were bringing in. Commissioner Bishop inquired about the TDC spending, to which Commissioner Barfield stated they were spending their reserves from the Bed Tax. City Manager Steve Wingate commented that the parking lot on West Dogwood was nearing completion and should be ready to use for the events this weekend. He also thanked the County Coordinator for all of his help. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Hall and unanimously carried (5-0), the consent agenda—consisting of the approval of the agenda and the Bike Fest & Southern Music Rising Grant Requests—was approved.**
6. Dick Bailar, on behalf of the Legislative Committee, presented the 2016 session report to the Board.
7. County Coordinator Barwick introduced the issue of Grant Committee Membership Recommendation and noted the Small Grant and Non-Profit Grant would share the same committee. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Boyd and unanimously carried (5-0), the Board approved the appointment recommendation of Gretchen Avera and Jennifer Johnson.**
8. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick introduced the Road Improvement Program item. He gave an update on how well the County roads fared during the recent wet weather, with portions of the County receiving 7 inches. Commissioner Boyd agreed that the County roads did better than they would have 7-8 years ago. Commissioner Walker stated his desire to see more than stabilization in the future but also more paving. Commissioner Barfield requested this be placed on the next agenda for more discussion. Commissioner Bishop stated the Board needed to look at debt and consider performing work gradually within the budget of the Road Department rather than another bond. Commissioner Barfield stated the Board should look at tweaking prioritization, noting that connectivity was important for future projects but that other roads were in terrible shape and needed attention. Citizen Paul Henry stated the Board should look at having Florida Association of Counties or another lobbying firm to see that money was spent for paving or

stabilization of road rather than items like plants on US-19. Commissioner Barfield stated a combination of paving and road stabilization is needed

9. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick stated he would be setting mosquito traps this month. He noted that the mosquito control program started over last year and that people would need to contact his office if they had an issue.
10. County Attorney Buck Bird praised the Board for rising to the occasion regarding the issue of re-districting. He noted that the Attorney had filed the answer to the Federal Court.
11. Commissioner Hall thanked County Coordinator Barwick for the draft of the annual report. Commissioner Hall also mentioned the owner of Willow Pond was having issues with flooding and he requested staff to look into the issue regarding the dam at Lake Miccosukee.
12. Commissioner Bishop requested that Commissioner Hall replace him on the Workforce Development Board. The consensus of the Board was to appoint Commissioner Hall. Commissioner Barfield requested this item be placed on the next consent agenda.
13. Commissioner Barfield stated she was approached by the Wildflower Foundation for the State of Florida and that they had requested a portion of SR-59 not be mowed. Chairman Walker stated he had spoken with this entity as well and they had reached an agreement.
14. Commissioner Barfield inquired about a possible roundabout in Wacissa. She asked if it was possible for the County to pay for this while SR-59 was being re-surfaced if it was not cost prohibitive. She requested that County Engineer Debbie Preble look into this issue.
15. Commissioner Barfield stated that Old Lloyd Road would need to be considered for re-surfacing and widening in the near future. She also inquired why there were no recent NRCS projects, to which Clerk of Court Kirk Reams stated there were no declared emergencies so the County had not been eligible. She also praised the city for the parking lot on Dogwood and congratulated Clerk Reams for the grant money received for the A Building.
16. Commissioner Barfield requested that the Bishop building be placed on the next agenda and requested the following items: what services in-kind the County and City had performed; the cost of the building; the status of the building, rent and contract. She also requested to see the certificate of contract.
17. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Boyd and unanimously carried (5-0), the meeting was adjourned.**

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Chairman

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Clerk