

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR SESSION  
April 19, 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 Gene Hall led the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Alex Quintana, from Representative Gwen Graham's Office, informed the Board that Mrs. Graham's office hours in Jefferson County would now be held at the library.
3. Commissioner Barfield requested that item 5(f), Road Improvement Plan, immediately follow item 5(a). **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Bishop and unanimously carried, the consent agenda as amended—consisting of the approval of the agenda, the appointment of Commissioner Hall to the North Florida Workforce Development Consortium and the Proclamation for Water Conservation month—was approved.**
4. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams introduced the Barrington Road bid recommendation. Peavy and Sons was the low bidder at \$526,428.48. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Hall and unanimously carried, the Board approved the bid recommendation of Peavy and Sons for Barrington Road.**
5. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick introduced the Road Improvement Plan. The Board discussed prioritization list that would identify which roads would receive paving and/or stabilization. The following roads were placed on the stabilization list: Flatwoods, Cody Church/Upper Cody, Hayfield Spur, Barrington Drive, Clinton, Christmas Acres network with Blue Jay and Hartsfield contingent upon funding. The following roads were placed on the paving list: Barrington Drive, Christmas Acres network, Payton, W.A. Rogers, DeSoto and Lott. Funding for these items would be utilizing the \$63,000 from FEMA and the Road Department budget line item for Road Construction in the current year as well as next year per Clerk of Court Kirk Reams's request. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Hall and unanimously carried, the Board approved the revised prioritization list.**
6. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick introduced the Industrial Park property offer item. County Engineer Debby Preble discussed the usable acreage and fielded questions from the Board related to the property. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to not pursue acquiring the property.
7. Commissioner Barfield introduced the Economic Development project update on Glen Bishop Enterprises. County Coordinator Barwick stated he had met with Glen Bishop and reviewed invoices related to the project. Coordinator Barwick stated that before the final contract could be signed there were several site preparation invoices in question as well as an additional invoice from Capital Asphalt yet to be received. In addition, Commissioner Barfield requested an appraisal of the land value before the final costs could be determined.
8. Commissioner Boyd provided an update on the Game Changer project. There was a discussion regarding the feasibility study that had not yet been finalized. In addition,

questions were raised concerning the approval process for this project as to whether it would be a Board vote or placed on ballot as a referendum item.

9. County Attorney Buck Bird presented the federal consent decree regarding the redistricting lawsuit. He stated that the issue should be resolved, as the federal judge had accepted the new map proposed. Commissioner Boyd discussed the case from 1984 that precipitated the map issue, stating it was outdated and the center of previous costly lawsuits. **Commissioner Boyd made a motion to have the judge vacate the ruling, to which Commissioner Barfield seconded for discussion. Commissioner Boyd amended his motion for clarification, not vacating, to which Commissioner Bishop seconded for discussion.** There was a discussion as well as citizen input on the 1984 case. **The amendment failed 2 to 3 (Barfield, Hall, and Walker opposed). The original motion failed 1 to 4 (Barfield, Bishop, Hall and Walker opposed).**
10. County Coordinator Barwick informed the Board of five vehicles that he was declaring surplus. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Bishop, and unanimously carried, the list was approved.**
11. Commissioner Hall spoke of his desire to do an evaluation of the County Coordinator.
12. Commissioner Boyd stated that he had an individual outside of his district that was willing to serve on the Planning Commission.
13. Chairman Walker stated that County Coordinator Barwick should be compensated for taking on the role of Mosquito Control Director.
14. The warrant register was reviewed and bills ordered paid.
15. **On motion by Commissioner Bishop, seconded by Commissioner Barfield and unanimously carried (5-0), the meeting was adjourned.**

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Chairman

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Clerk