

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Regular Session
December 20, 2016

The Board met this date in regular session. Present were Chairman Gene Hall, Commissioners Betsy Barfield, Stephen Fulford, J.T. Surlles and Stephen Walker. Also present were County Attorneys Buck Bird and Scott Shirley, County Coordinator Parrish Barwick and Clerk of Court Kirk Reams.

1. Commissioner Walker led the invocation and pledge of allegiance.
2. Executive Director of Career Source North Florida Sheryl Rehberg announced her retirement and introduced incoming Executive Director Diane Head.
3. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Fulford and unanimously carried, the Board approved the consent agenda—consisting of the approval of the agenda, the minutes of the December 6th, 2016 Regular Session, General/Transportation Fund Vouchers, Bishop Lease Contract Requested Change and the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan—was approved.**
4. Citizen Paul Henry followed up about an expenditure on the voucher list, to which County Coordinator Parrish Barwick stated it was a professional organization and the Department Head was within his authority to join as a member for the edification of his office. Mr. Henry also inquired about the private road improvement plan, to which Mr. Barwick stated the County was ready to act if a subdivision wanted to spend the money.
5. Dick Bailar, on behalf of the Legislative Committee, stated he had discussed the Board's top priority—the renovation of the public health facility—with Senator Montford and Representative Beshears. Both stated that in order for this project to “get off the ground” the county would need to provide a significant match. He also noted the original project was \$7.4 million but the costs had been trimmed down to roughly \$3.9 million. Commissioner Walker stated that any significant contribution would likely require raising the millage rate to fund. Commissioner Barfield stated the county would have some unanticipated revenues and that the Board could also explore in-kind funding. Chairman Hall inquired about unanticipated revenues, to which County Coordinator Barwick there were multiple unanticipated revenues. After discussion by the Board, Commissioner Barfield requested this item be brought to the next meeting and asked Mr. Barwick to prepare figures and funding possibilities.
6. Commissioner Walker stated there was an item that was submitted after the agenda deadline and he had forgotten on Public Announcements. He asked if this could be added, to which Attorney Bird stated only with an unanimous vote. **Commissioner Walker made a motion to add the Planning Commission item to the agenda. The motion died for lack of a second.**
7. Connie Heath, with the Wolf Creek Pet Adoption Center and Jefferson County Humane Society, requested funds from the County for their spaying and neutering

program. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick acknowledged the importance of this issue but recommended Ms. Heath return during budget season with her funding request. He also stated she would likely be funded up to \$2,000 by the small grant program. Commissioner Fulford inquired about funding, to which Ms. Heath stated it was all private, with the exception of the City of Monticello which gave \$5,000 per year for use on city animals. County Coordinator Barwick stated he felt strongly that the Board should not set precedent or change funding procedures but felt Ms. Heath's request was legitimate and offered to match the small grant program funding of \$2,000 with \$2,000 of his own money towards the cause. He stated that hopefully that would fund the program until next budget cycle. Citizen Paul Henry commented that this was a tangible benefit to the County and that by paying now, the County would save money in the future.

8. Planning Attorney Scott Shirley introduced the public hearing on the Code Enforcement Special Magistrate and provided a brief summary of the ordinance. Commissioner Barfield stated she was pleased the Board was moving in this direction. County Attorney Buck Bird stated his belief it would be a great system for the County. Commissioner Barfield inquired if a court reporter would need to be present at hearings, to which Attorney Shirley stated only if the party requested and paid for it. He also stated the County would be responsible for a mechanical recording as well as minutes. **On motion by Commission Walker, seconded by Commissioner Barfield and unanimously carried, the Board adopted Ordinance No. 2016-122016-01, approving a Code Enforcement Special Magistrate.** Attorney Shirley stated the next step would be the Board adopting a resolution to utilize the magistrate instead of the Code Enforcement Board.
9. Commissioner Barfield requested that the committee appointments item be placed on the next agenda. Chairman Hall requested the Planning Commissioner item regarding C.P. Miller be placed on the next agenda.
10. The warrant register was reviewed and bills ordered paid.
11. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Fulford and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.**

Chairman

Attest: _____
Clerk