

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
Regular Session  
December 6, 2016

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

1. Commissioner Bishop led the invocation and pledge of allegiance.
2. County Judge Robert Plaines swore in returning Commissioner Stephen Walker as well as Commissioner-Elects Stephen Fulford and J.T. Surles.
3. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick presented outgoing Commissioners Bishop and Boyd with plaques and thanked them for their service.
4. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams presented outgoing Commissioners Bishop and Boyd with plaques and thanked them for their service.
5. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Fulford and unanimously carried, the Board approved Gene Hall as Chairman. On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Barfield and unanimously carried, the Board approved Stephen Fulford as the Vice-Chair.**
6. Property Appraiser Angela Gray informed the Board of United Way's goal in Jefferson County and encouraged their participation in any way.
7. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Barfield and unanimously carried, the consent agenda—consisting of the approval of the agenda, the minutes of the November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Regular Session, CDBG Housing Change Orders, General/Transportation Fund Vouchers and Bailar resignation letter—was approved.**
8. Citizen Paul Henry inquired about two expenditures on the voucher list included in the consent agenda.
9. Julie Conley, Director of the Economic Development Council, provided some clarification on the CDBG grant application discussed at the previous meeting.
10. Connie Heath, with the Jefferson County Humane Society, requested to be placed on the next agenda to request funding for the spay/neuter program for county animals. County Coordinator Barwick stated that any action or funding by the Board may necessitate a budget amendment. Commissioner Barfield requested that other organizations that perform similar spay/neuter functions attend the meeting and requested County Coordinator Barwick reach out to these groups.
11. Commissioner Walker introduced the BOCC meeting time change item. He stated his belief that moving the meeting to the afternoon or early evening would

increase attendance by the public. **Commissioner Walker made a motion to move the first Tuesday meeting every month to 4:30 pm, to which Commissioner Surles seconded for discussion.** Citizens Phil Calandra, Troy Avera and Chuck Sarkisian provided comments on changing the meeting time. Commissioner Fulford stated that a later meeting would be better for residents that worked outside of the County. Chairman Hall stated his preference for a 6 o'clock meeting. Citizen Dick Bailar stated that a 6 pm meeting on Tuesday would conflict with the City Council meetings. **Commissioner Walker withdrew his original motion and Commissioner Surles withdrew his second. On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Surles and unanimously carried, the Board moved meetings to the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of each month at 6 pm.** (It was later the consensus of the Board that this change would be effective January 2017.)

12. County Coordinator Barwick introduced the Road Department's vehicle purchase request. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Surles and unanimously carried, the Board approved the purchase of the two pick-up trucks.**
13. County Coordinator Barwick introduced the Boards and Committees Appointments informational item. Clerk of Court stated that the Value Adjustment Board would also need two Commissioners and one citizen. Commissioner Barfield stated her desire that the Board really focus on the Recreation Park Board. Chairman Hall requested to be an alternate on the CRTPA. It was the consensus of the Board to review the list and email preferences to County Coordinator Parrish Barwick and he would compile the list and place on the next agenda.
14. Fire Chief Mark Matthews presented the ambulance grant request to the Board. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried, the Board approved the application for the grant to purchase a used Ambulance.**
15. Dick Bailar, on behalf of the Legislative Committee, presented the legislative yearbooks to the Board.
16. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams stated that FDOT had announced its 5-year work plan. He stated that Lake Road was awarded a SCOP project in the amount of \$2,195,000 for 2021-2022. He also stated that Thompson Valley Road was awarded a SCRAP project in the amount of \$1,124,000 for 2019-2020. He also noted that the West Lake Road project was moved up to this year and listed 3 bridge replacements that would take place in 2019. Commissioner Barfield provided a brief update on the CRTPA and discussed the upcoming repaving project of US-90 west of Monticello. She also inquired about Main Avenue, to which Clerk Reams stated it had been submitted but was kicked back and that he was exploring options under different programs.
17. Commissioner Barfield requested an update on the "A" Building. Clerk of Court Reams stated that the \$350,000 grant had just closed and the second \$350,000 grant was about to begin. He noted that both of these grants addressed structural

issues and improvements. He recommended a workshop in February or March to discuss ideas about the function of the building once restored. Clerk Reams also noted that the building had been approved for two more grants in the amount of \$500,000 each.

18. Commissioner Barfield recommended a new County Commissioner workshop be held and asked if Commissioner Surles would be interested to which he answered in the affirmative. A workshop was scheduled for 4 pm on February 16<sup>th</sup>, preceding the regular Board meeting at 6 pm.
19. Chairman Hall requested that County Coordinator Barwick reach out to current members of the Recreation Park Board to organize a meeting in the near future.
20. The warrant register was reviewed and bills ordered paid.
21. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Fulford and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.**

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk

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Chairman