

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Regular Session
November 1, 2016

The Board met this date in regular session. Present were Chairman Stephen Walker, Commissioners Betsy Barfield, Benjamin “Benny” Bishop, Hines Boyd and Gene Hall. Also present were County Attorneys Buck Bird and Scott Shirley, County Coordinator Parrish Barwick and Chief Deputy Clerk Tyler McNeill.

1. Commissioner Bishop led the invocation and pledge of allegiance.
2. Ann Holt, with Main Street, presented the Board members with a signed copy of her most recent book.
3. City Councilman Troy Avera informed the Board of upcoming events related to Veterans Day, including a luncheon, parade and breakfast.
4. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick stated that, per statutes, the new Commissioners could not be put in place until November 22nd. Commissioner Barfield suggested that the new Commissioners attend the next Board meeting on November 15th but be sworn in at the first December meeting.
5. Chairman Walker discussed pulling the public hearing because it was advertised tonight. Commissioner Walker requested pulling item c (Florida Rural Economic Development Association Support Resolution) for discussion. Bruce Ballister with the Apalachee Regional Planning Council stated that the public hearing was advertised for tonight for public input but he would be happy to discuss this item during this meeting. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Bishop and unanimously carried, the Board approved the consent agenda as amended.**
6. Citizen Phil Calandra requested the minutes and agendas be updated on the website.
7. Dick Bailar, on behalf of the Legislative Committee, requested the Board’s legislative priorities. The Board discussed the health department facility, and Mr. Bailar noted it was the 5th most important in whole state to be remodeled or replaced. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Hall and unanimously carried, the Board approved the base funding priorities with the health facility moved to the top of the list.**
8. Commissioner Hall introduced the Rocky Branch Road resurface request. City Manager Steve Wingate stated they received SCOP funding to repair Mamie Scott Drive but had no funding for Rocky Branch. He requested any help the County could provide. Commissioner Hall stated the road would cost about \$34,000. County Coordinator Barwick stated the money was not budgeted and requested money be taken from contingency fund. **Commissioner Hall made a motion to pave Rocky Branch Road, to which Commissioner Boyd seconded for discussion.** Citizen Phil Calandra stated that if the city and county wanted to work together, the process should be formalized. Commissioner Barfield stated she was

not in favor of the county funding the Rocky Ranch Road paving project. Citizen Paul Henry stated that other counties pave city connector roads but then take control of them. Commissioner Boyd stated this was a reasonable request considering the practices of the Board the last few years. Commissioner Barfield requested the motion be amended to petition any money left over from the SCOP project on Mamie Scott be transferred to the work performed on Rocky Branch. City Manager Steve Wingate stated the state will not let you move funds to another road. Commissioner Barfield inquired about liability issues. County Attorney Buck Bird stated the County could enter into an inter-local agreement and have the County set an amount they are providing towards the project. **The motion carried 4 to 1 (Barfield opposed).**

9. Solid Waste Director and Code Enforcement Officer Beth Letchworth stated the Board was set to transition from a code enforcement board to a special magistrate. Attorney Scott Shirley fielded question from the Board and further discussed the process. He stated a contract for the magistrate would be approved by the Board, but that the County Coordinator would advertise and select the magistrate. **On motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Hall and unanimously carried, the Board approved moving forward with a public hearing on this item.**
10. Commissioner Boyd introduced the Glen Bishop Enterprises item and stated he was encouraged after a recent site visit. He noted that a lease was provided in the packet but it had not yet been completed. He recommended one change that the option to purchase the building goes away if the tenant ever defaults. Attorney Bird stated the term was initially set at 7 years and the Board needed to decide to either leave the term at 7 years or if they would allow a month-to-month lease. Commissioner Boyd recommended the Board leave it as a 7-year lease and leave it up to Glen Bishop to decide how payments are made. Commissioner Barfield stated her desire to go over aspects of the contract and have Attorney Bird present to Mr. Bishop to sign by November 15th. **Commissioner Barfield made a motion to amortize the back rent amount. The motion died for lack of a second.** The consensus of the Board was to add the back rent owed to the end of the 7 year term. The start date of the lease was discussed. Attorney Bird stated the note was taken out in July. Commissioner Barfield stated that the County used its money since February so the beginning of the lease should be February. The consensus of the Board was to list the 7 year term as February 1, 2016 through March 1, 2023. The consensus of the Board was to increase the medical expenses insurance limit from \$5000 to \$25,000. The consensus of the Board was to leave the security deposit as listed in current lease. The Board requested a legal description, to which Attorney Bird stated a survey would need to be performed. Commissioner Boyd requested clarification of the default clause. Citizen Bob Morris inquired if Glen Bishop would be personally liable or if the LLC was listed, to which Attorney Bird stated it was an LLC. **On motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Hall and carried 4-0 (Bishop abstained), the Board approved the lease with revisions and requested Attorney Bird make changes and present to tenant for execution.**
11. Commissioner Barfield requested some language changes on the Florida Rural Economic Development Association support resolution. Julie Coney, with the

Economic Development Council, requested the changes in writing so should could amend the resolution and have the Chairman sign. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Hall and unanimously carried, the Board approved the changes to the resolution.**

12. Bruce Ballister, with the ARPC, discussed the CDBG economic development application. Commissioner Barfield stated she was not ready to vote for the Board putting up \$148,000 and that this item needed to be added on the agenda for further discussion. She also stated that if the Board put money forward for infrastructure this time, others would expect it in the future. Mr. Ballister stated the Board still had plenty of time. Business owner Arun Kundra discussed this project and asked the County to support this infrastructure improvement. Commissioner Hall stated this was a win-win for the county to stimulate growth. It was the consensus of the Board that Mr. Ballister return to the November 15th meeting.
13. Attorney Bird stated the School Board would pay directly for their portion of attorney fees in the redistricting suit.
14. Commissioner Hall inquired about employee salaries and whether or not they had received pay increases. County Coordinator Barwick stated that last year, any increases were by the Department Heads finding the money within their existing budgets.
15. Commissioner Barfield stated she had concerns about the minutes and agenda not being posted online regularly. She also stated she would like to see check register vouchers placed on the consent agenda in the future. Commissioner Barfield also requested that any purchases, task orders or change orders of \$10,000 or greater come before the Board via the consent agenda. Commissioner Boyd expressed concern with micromanaging department heads.
16. Commissioner Bishop thanked County Coordinator Barwick for having the trees trimmed away from roads in the County.
17. The warrant register was reviewed and bills ordered paid.
18. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Hall and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.**

Chairman

Attest: _____
Clerk