

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Regular Session
January 5, 2017

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 Attorneys Buck Bird and Scott Shirley, County Coordinator Parrish Barwick and Clerk of Court Kirk Reams.

1. Chairman Hall led the invocation and pledge of allegiance.
2. Commissioner Barfield introduced Andrew Wellman as her District 4 applicant for the Planning Commission.
3. **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 December 20th, 2016 Regular Session, General/Transportation Fund Vouchers and Mr. Wellman’s appointment to the Planning Commission—was approved.**
4. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick introduced the Committees and Assignments item. Appointments were made with the records of appointments being kept by County Coordinator Barwick. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Surles and unanimously carried, the appointments were approved.**
5. Fire Rescue Chief Mark Matthews presented his recommendations on the fire engine purchasing plan. His revised plan totaled \$512,992, with a \$63,008 savings returned to the General Fund. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Barfield and unanimously carried, the recommendation was approved.**
6. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick and Clerk of Court Kirk Reams introduced the County Health Department funding possibilities item. Among the possibilities mentioned as potential match amounts were reserve funding, sales of surplus property and timber sales. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried, the Board voted to continue exploring match possibilities for the health department and committed 10% of the total cost per year for the next 2 years.**
7. Chairman Hall introduced the Planning Commissioner decision item and asked Planning Official Bill Tellefsen to explain the proper process for removing a Planning Commissioner. Mr. Tellefsen stated that the process was outlined in the Land Development Code and was not followed in the instance of the removal of Mr. C.P. Miller. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick stated that it was the Board’s prerogative to remove any Planning Commissioner per the LDC rules and that the proper procedures may not have been followed but the authority did exist. Planning Attorney Scott Shirley stated that the Board had the authority but a better practice would be to provide the party in question with notice so that he/she may respond to actions taken. Commissioner Walker stated he did not like the

way it was handled and that he felt like Mr. Miller was singled out. Commissioner Fulford agreed but stated he did not like to rescind prior Board decisions. Citizen Bud Wheeler stated no one on the Planning Commissioner should be removed for absences except Mr. Miller. Commissioner Barfield stated her desire to have Mr. Tellefsen put together the proper information on attendance records and bring back before the Board. Citizen James Mack stated that the Board should not dismiss someone based on incorrect attendance records. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Fulford and carried 4 to 1 (Barfield opposed), the Board rescinded its prior vote to remove Mr. Miller from the Planning Commissioner. On motion by Commissioner Fulford, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried, the Board decided to review all attendance records of volunteers on all boards at the first meeting in January every year.**

8. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams introduced the Main Street request agenda item. Dan Schall, with Main Street, requested that the shelter/carport at the Old Jail and that per their lease with the County, they needed the approval of the Board to move forward. **Commissioner Barfield made a motion to approve, to which Commissioner Surles seconded for discussion.** Commissioner Fulford stated he would like the Supervisor of Elections input and requested that the County Coordinator reach out to Supervisor of Elections Marty Bishop. **Commissioners Barfield and Surles withdrew their motion and second respectively.**
9. County Attorney Buck Bird was requesting a reverter clause be waived so that the City may retain ownership of the former Humane Society site. Chairman Hall requested this item be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.
10. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams gave an update on the historic restoration of the A Building and the Lamont Schoolhouse.
11. Commissioner Barfield stated that the surplus property process needed to begin and requested that the item be placed on the next agenda.
12. Chairman Hall stated he would like to see the Clerk of Court's recommendation for a workshop on the Fire Assessment and future planning of the Fire Department. He asked if this could be held in March or April.
13. Citizen James Mack stated he would like to be on the agenda for the next meeting to discuss concerns for citizens in both District 3 and District 4.
14. The warrant register was reviewed and bills ordered paid.
15. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Fulford and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.**

Chairman

Attest: _____
Clerk