

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Regular Session
March 16, 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 Attorney Buck Bird, County Coordinator Parrish Barwick and Clerk of Court Kirk Reams.

1. Commission Barfield led the invocation and pledge of allegiance.
2. Consultant Doug Robeson gave a RESTORE ACT presentation.
3. Chamber Director Katrina Richardson gave an update on the Tourist Development Council and the Chamber of Commerce.
4. **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 March 2nd, 2017 Regular Session, General/Transportation Fund Vouchers, CDBG Housing change orders and the TDC Website Proposal—was approved.**
5. Citizen Paul Henry urged the Board not to consider increasing the tourist tax in the future.
6. Citizen Eric Sorensen asked the Board to consider placing Brock Road back on the list of roads to be improved. Citizen Phil Calandra stated a good idea would be to increase the gas tax and use it to float a bond to improve several miles of roads in the county. He also stated he would like to see issues surrounding economic development funding and policy addressed in the future.
7. Commissioner Walker introduced the Wacissa River Park boat ramp item. He stated he would be meeting with the state to go over options for repairs that were needed. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Surles and unanimously carried, the Board approved up to \$15,000 for repairs at the boat ramp.**
8. Recreation Park Mike Holm gave a presentation on the status of his department. Commissioner Barfield asked that the Board move forward with the renovations related to the concessions building.
9. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick presented Road Department items for the Board's consideration. The consensus of the Board was to place Brock Road on the list of road projects for improvement. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Barfield and unanimously carried, the purchase of a backhoe was approved.** Commissioner Fulford and County Coordinator Barwick gave an update on the voluntary roadway improvement assessment program and stated that the homeowners' association of Aucilla Shores would be getting back in touch with them in they obtained a favorable vote from its membership.

10. Commissioner Fulford presented an NFEDP study related to suitable parcels in the county for large commercial development.
11. Commissioner Barfield inquired about the status of the health department project and provided an update on the Dirty Pecan bicycle event. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams stated that the request for health department funding was recently moved through a committee at a session he attended at the Florida Legislature.
12. The warrant register was reviewed and bills ordered paid.
13. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.**

Chairman

Attest: _____
Clerk