

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Session  
Courthouse Annex  
April 5, 2018  
6:00 P.M.

The Board met this date in regular session. Present were Chairman Stephen Fulford, Commissioners Eugene Hall and Stephen Walker. Also present were County Attorneys Buck Bird and Scott Shirley, County Coordinator Parrish Barwick and Clerk of Court Tim Sanders.

1. Commissioner Walker led the invocation and pledge of allegiance.
2. Citizen Jimmy Riffle stated he had recently moved to the area and was interested in performing educational wildlife shows and establishing a wildlife preserve in the County. He detailed his experience and expertise in this area and referenced his show on Animal Planet “Gator Boys.” He stated his desire to build an “old Florida” themed preserve. Commissioner Hall inquired if he was licensed and insured, to which Mr. Riffle responded in the affirmative.
3. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Hall and unanimously carried (3-0), the Consent Agenda—including Approval of Agenda, the minutes of the March 15, 2018 Regular Session, the General/Transportation Fund Vouchers, the Final Certification for West Lake Road, Augusta Bird Mortgage Satisfaction of Lien, Traffic Signal Maintenance and Compensation Agreement and Sheriff McNeill’s Request for 2<sup>nd</sup> Dollar Funds for in-service training—was approved.**
4. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick introduced the RESTORE Act selection committee recommendations as follows: Teresa Tinker, Andrew Weldman, Commissioner Betsy Barfield and Clerk of Court Tim Sanders or designee. It was noted that one more member was needed and citizen Phil Calandra had volunteered. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Hall and unanimously carried (3-0), the Board approved the recommendations with the addition of Mr. Calandra.**
5. County Coordinator Barwick introduced the SHIP Local Housing Assistance (LHAP) update item and provided an overview. **On motion by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried (3-0), the LHAP resolution #18-040518-01 was approved.**
6. County Coordinator Barwick introduced the CDBG Housing change order request item and stated he was following protocol that any change order be brought before the Board prior to the working being performed. In this instance, the work had already been performed but he still required it be brought before the Board. **Commissioner Walker made a motion to approve the change order request, to which Commissioner Hall seconded for discussion.** Citizen Chuck Sarkisian recommended it be noted this was an

exception so this type of Board action after the fact would not be expected every time. **Commissioner Walker amended his motion to reflect this was a one-time exception, to which Commission Hall amended his second. The motion was unanimously carried (3-0).**

7. Commissioner Hall addressed the Board regarding local indoor recreation opportunities. He stated that the School Board was open to the idea of using some of their unutilized facilities for indoor recreation such as a multipurpose center, training or recreation. He stated it was his understanding that CDBG monies could be used for recreation. County Coordinator Barwick noted that the time was nearing to go out for bid for someone to administer the county's CDBG program. Commissioner Walker commented that FRDAP grants could also be used for recreation, to which County Coordinator Barwick noted they were usually a dollar for dollar match. CDBG Consultant David Fox noted that there were 4 categories for CDBG money but only one could be pursued each cycle. He also noted that for CDBG money to be used, the County needed to own the building. Citizen Chuck Sarkisian stated his belief that any additional county funds should be put into the Jefferson County Senior Center. Citizen Paul Henry stated that CDBG had 40% overhead and that he would like to see the County move a different direction, such as hiring a professional fundraiser. Citizen Phil Calandra stated he loved the idea of a community center and that efforts had been made in the past to utilize the vacant facilities on Water Street. County Coordinator Barwick requested guidance from the Board. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Hall and unanimously carried (3-0), the Board instructed County Coordinator Barwick to proceed with advertising for a CDBG consultant to begin the next application round.** It was noted that current administrator Fred Fox could be utilized but would have to re-apply.
8. County Coordinator Barwick noted that there would be a clean-up day in Lloyd on April 14<sup>th</sup> at the gas station where Old Lloyd Road and Highway 59 intersect to improve and clean-up the area.
9. Citizen Chuck Sarkisian inquired about budget/expenditures related to the Chamber of Commerce. He suggested that in the future all of their items (budgeted amounts and money for advertising in maps, etc.) be included in one line item. Chairman Fulford responded that since the Board has dissolved the EDC, money that used to go from the Board to the EDC to the Chamber is now flowing directly from the Board to the Chamber. Mr. Sarkisian also noted his disappointment with the Chamber's promotion of the St. Margaret Catholic's centennial celebration and also requested typed or printed names be included on signed documents for clarity and posterity.
10. Katrina Richardson, executive director of the Chamber of Commerce, noted that only \$12,000 had been designated for the Chamber by the Board, since \$2,000 was picked up by the Department of Transportation for the "Keep America Beautiful" program. She also presented reports about activities at the Chamber. Commissioner Hall stated his desire to see the Chamber use some of the money for the MLK parade next year. Ms. Richardson stated that the MLK parade as well as the Catholic church could apply for a \$1,500 TDC grant for advertising outside of the county for an event. Commissioner Hall inquired if

the Watermelon Festival and Barbeque Festival applied each year, to which Ms. Richardson responded in the affirmative.

11. Clerk of Court Tim Sanders advised the Board of an upcoming special meeting on the historic “A” Building with architect Bill Douglas and contractor Riley Palmer on Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. He noted that the meeting was being advertised for the public as well.
12. Mr. Sanders also stated that Attorney Bird—at the direction of the Board—had prepared a proposed amendment to the Building “A” Option to Purchase Agreement between the County and the School Board based upon ideas he presented to the Board at the last meeting. The Clerk stated he was on the agenda to present said amendment to the School Board at their regular meeting on Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup>.
13. Commissioner Hall inquired about the city’s portion of the gas tax money. Clerk of Court Sanders stated that the city gets over 11% of the 5 cent tax, and the county gets over 88%. Commissioner Hall requested counsel research if it was legal to have spent money on MLK Road and the Noble Subdivision, as he would like to assist the city with some of their roads utilizing county funds. Citizen CP Miller commended the Road Bond program and stated that, in the past, city sidewalks had been worked on with these funds. Citizen Phil Calandra requested clarification for the record that the city received their portion of the 5 cents but not any road bond money, to which Chairman Fulford stated the county had pledged their gas tax money towards the bond but the city had not (and only received their funds from the gas tax money, not the road bond).
14. The warrant register was reviewed and bills ordered paid.
15. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Hall and unanimously carried (3-0), the meeting was adjourned.**