

**MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA
SEPTEMBER 26, 2000
(9:00 A.M.)**

Proceedings of a regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, began and held in the Auditorium at the County Administration Building, #4020 Lewis Speedway (County Road 16-A) and U.S. 1 North, St. Augustine, Florida.

Present were: James E. Bryant, District 5, Chair
Mary Kohnke, District 4, Vice Chair
John Reardon, District 2
Marc Jacalone, District 3
Ben W. Adams, Jr., County Administrator
Daniel Bosanko, Deputy County Attorney
Yvonne King, Deputy Clerk

Also present were: Cheryl Strickland, Clerk of Courts; Douglas Burnett, Assistant County Attorney; Michael Givens, Chief Deputy-Finance

Commissioner Pal Howell was absent from the meeting.

(09/26/2000 - 1 - 9:06 a.m.)
CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Bryant.

(09/26/2000 - 1 - 9:07 a.m.)
The Invocation was given by Reardon. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bryant.

(09/26/2000 - 1 - 9:07 a.m.)
ROLL CALL

The roll was called by the Deputy Clerk.

(09/26/2000 - 1 - 9:07 a.m.)
PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mary Cornwell, 2652 SR 13, Switzerland, urged the Board to waive the application fee of \$2,500 as part of the landmark designation process for the establishment of the historic marker on the Bartram Scenic Highway. Discussion followed on the request. (9:21 a.m.) ***It was the consensus of the Board for the Historical Board to submit a written statement of their position on this request.*** (9:22 a.m.) Patrick McCormack, 1 Independent Drive, Jacksonville, requested to meet with Mr. Adams and the County Department involved to address an issue involving his client, who is currently under code enforcement. Discussion followed. (9:34 a.m.) H. L. Davis, 520 N. Woodlawn Street, Licensed Contractor, asked if any plans were being done to improve West St. Augustine. Discussion followed on some plans for West St. Augustine.

(09/26/2000 - 1 - 9:42 a.m.)
ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO CONSENT AGENDA

Kohnke requested to remove Item #7 from the Consent Agenda; it was added to the Regular Agenda as Item #9a.

Motion by Reardon, seconded by Jacalone, carried 4/0 with Howell absent, to approve the Consent Agenda, as amended.

1. Approval of Minutes:
9/12/00 – BCC Regular
2. Sheriff's Bonds:
Approve: Chapman, Lori
Approve: Clements, Melissa
Approve: Greene, Kevin
Approve: Horton, Jr. Elwood
Approve: Lopez, Evette
Approve: Shimer, Leigh
Approve: Shipley, Susan
3. Approval of a motion to adopt Resolution suspending automatic indexing of water and sewer rates and unit connection fees for Fiscal Year 2001

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-142

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, STATE OF FLORIDA, SUSPENDING THE AUTOMATIC INDEXING OF WATER AND SEWER RATES AND UNIT CONNECTION FEES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2001; PROVIDING A DATE FOR THE RATES AND FEES TO RESUME INDEXING; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

4. Approval of a motion to transfer \$100,000 from 417-56402-605-56302 to establish a new project budget for the purpose of accomplishing the project and the carry forward of all unexpected project funds into FY 2001 and to authorize the County Administrator to execute an agreement with the St. Johns River Water Management District for a groundwater quality investigation in North-Central, St. Johns County
5. Approval of a motion to adopt Resolution naming a road Indian Branch Ranch Road

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-143

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, STATE OF FLORIDA, NAMING A ROAD INDIAN BRANCH RANCH ROAD

6. Approval of a motion to adopt Resolution naming a road Kent Estate Road

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-144

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, STATE OF FLORIDA, NAMING A ROAD KENT ESTATE ROAD

7. Motion to approve the write-off of 2,050 EMS accounts totaling \$573,789.74 and 1,826 Utility Service accounts totaling \$151,294.13 from the appropriate accounts receivable effective for September 30, 2000 (This item was removed from the Consent Agenda and added to the Regular Agenda as Item #9a; see page 11)

8. Approval of a motion to adopt Resolution establishing the carry-forward of unspent monies in the E-911 Communications Fund for the purposes of funding allowable “E-911” capital expenditures pursuant to Florida Statute Section 365.171

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-145

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, STATE OF FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING THE CARRYFORWARD OF UNSPENT MONIES IN THE “E-911 COMMUNICATIONS” FUND FOR PURPOSES OF FUNDING ALLOWABLE “E-911” CAPITAL EXPENDITURES PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTE SECTION 365.171

9. Approval of a motion to transfer \$15,000 from the General Fund reserve to the Humane Society pursuant to Florida Statute Section 129.06(2)(a)
10. Approval of a motion to transfer \$450,000 from the General Fund Reserve to General Fund Refunds-bad debt expense (081-59900) pursuant to Florida Statute Section 129.06(2)(a)
11. Approval of a motion to transfer \$21,394 from 434.59920 (Reserves – Golf Course) to Department 433 (Golf Course)
12. Approval of a motion to transfer \$139,300 from 426-59920 (Reserves) to Department 409 (Utilities – Administration)
13. Approval of a motion to transfer \$39,000 from 426-59920 (Reserves) to Department 413 (Transmission & Distribution)
14. Approval of a motion to transfer \$220,008 from 428.59920 (Reserves) to 428.55900 (Depreciation)
15. Approval of a motion to transfer \$3,361 from 434.59920 (Reserves) to Department 429 (Golf Course – Administration)
16. Approval of a motion to transfer \$120,023 from 083.59920 (General Fund Reserves) to Department 023 (Circuit Court)
17. Approval of a motion to transfer \$2,500 from 230.59920 (Fire Services – Reserves) to 219.54600 (Station 14 – Building Maintenance)
18. Approval of a motion to transfer \$15,000 from 083.59920 (General Fund Reserves) to 014.59101 (Transfer to Officers)
19. Approval of a motion to transfer \$2,000 from 230.59920 (Fire Services – Reserves) to 208.55200 (Station 3 – Operating Supplies)
20. Motion to clarify the motion of June 13, 2000 to approve the Board of County Commissioners joining Cornerstone for two years in the amount of \$45,000 per year
21. File:
 - a. Proof, Notice to Bidders, Bid No. 00-83
 - b. Proof, Request for Proposals, RFP 00-82
 - c. Proof, Notice to Bidders, Bid No. 00-66
 - d. Proof, Request for Proposals, RFP 00-77

- e. Proof, Notice to Bidders, Bid No. 00-78
- f. Proof, Notice of the 3rd Annual Regional Cooperation Summit on Regional Finance & Economic Development, September 20, 2000
- g. Proof, Notice of Town Meeting County Commission District 4, September 28, 2000 at 6:30 p.m.
- h. Proof, Notice of Special Meeting to hold Public Hearings to Consider Adopting the proposed final millage rate and final budget for FY2001
- i. Proof, Request for Proposals, RFP 00-79
- j. Proof, Notice of Public Hearing, Bartram Park DRI, September 19, 2000
- k. Proof, Notice of Public Hearing, Bartram Park Comprehensive Plan Amendment, September 19, 2000
- l. Proof, Notice of Public Hearing, Variance to Ordinance 2000-47, Rathel Moratorium Variance, September 19, 2000
- m. Proof, Notice of Public Hearing, Variance to Ordinance 2000-47, Allan Roberts Moratorium Variance, September 19, 2000
- n. Proof, Certificate of Liability Insurance, Herrington Industries, Inc.
- o. Proof, Certificate of Liability Insurance, Hudson & Associates Construction
- p. Proof, Memorandum of Insurance, Gee & Jenson Engineers-Architects-Planners, Inc.

(09/26/2000 - 4 - 9:43 a.m.)

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO REGULAR AGENDA

Adams requested to add Item #5a; budget transfers. Adams requested that Item #6 be heard after Item #1.

(09/26/2000 - 4 - 9:45 a.m.)

APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

Motion by Kohnke, seconded by Reardon, carried 4/0 with Howell absent, to approve the Regular Agenda, as amended.

(09/26/2000 - 4 - 9:46 a.m.)

1. PUBLIC HEARING – WEST AUGUSTINE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CRA) RESOLUTION. THE RESOLUTION CREATES THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION III, CHAPTER 163, FLORIDA STATUTES, DESIGNATES THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY AS THE BOARD OF THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY, ESTABLISHES THE PURPOSES OF THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY, CREATES A VOLUNTEER STEERING COMMITTEE TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE TO THE COUNTY, PROVIDES THAT A COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT PLAN SHALL BE COMPLETED, PROVIDES THAT GRANTS AND OTHER FUNDING SOURCES SHALL BE AGGRESSIVELY PURSUED, AND THAT PRIVATE SECTOR PARTNERSHIPS SHALL BE FORMED, AND DESIGNATES THE BOUNDARIES OF THE WEST AUGUSTINE REDEVELOPMENT AREA

Proof of publication of the notice of public hearing regarding the West Augustine Community Redevelopment Area was received having been published in The St. Augustine Record on September 11, 2000.

Joe Stephenson, Public Works Director, explained the resolution creating a Community Redevelopment Agency for West Augustine to address specific problems with the community. Stephenson said that most specifically this resolution addresses the existence of slum and blighted conditions in a portion of the community. Stephenson said the purpose of the Agency is to provide service to eliminate and reduce blighted conditions; establish community policing to encourage compliance with established community standards and

to enforce county ordinances; support the creation and provision of affordable housing for very low and low income elderly or disabled persons; provide and encourage expansion and public sewer and water facilities; provide and support the improvement of roadway and storm sewer infrastructure; encourage and provide incentives for appropriate economic development; and encourage and foster the development of activities which impact on culture and the quality of life. Stephenson said there will be a volunteer steering committee which will provide community involvement. Stephenson shared some of the things that have been done in the West Augustine redevelopment area. Discussion followed regarding the redevelopment of West Augustine and the composition of the steering committee.

(10:07 a.m.) Robert Hancock, 1845 Old Moultrie Road, expressed concerns with having no access to his property. (10:15 a.m.) Elisa Hancock, 1845 Old Moultrie Road, commented on a situation of having no access to her home. (10:24 a.m.) Rev. Nathaniel Jackson, 135 N. Rodriguez Street, addressed the steering committee. (10:31 a.m.) Anthony Bryson, 740 W. Cathedral Place, expressed concerns with West Augustine being neglected, and commented in support of the steering committee. (10:41 a.m.) **Motion by Reardon, seconded by Jacalone, carried 4/0 with Howell absent, to enact Resolution No. 2000-146, creating the West Augustine Redevelopment Agency, and defining the West Augustine Redevelopment Area.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-146

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, STATE OF FLORIDA, FINDING THE EXISTENCE OF SLUM AND BLIGHTED AREAS IN ST. JOHNS COUNTY; FINDING THE NEED FOR A COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF PART III, CHAPTER 163, FLORIDA STATUTES; DESIGNATING AND DEFINING THE WEST AUGUSTINE REDEVELOPMENT AREA; ESTABLISHING THE WEST AUGUSTINE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

The meeting recessed at 12:42 p.m. and reconvened at 12:48 p.m.

(09/26/2000 - 5 - 12:48 p.m.)

Motion by Kohnke, seconded by Reardon, carried 4/0 with Howell absent, to move Items #2, #3, #4, #5, #5a, Commissioners' Reports, County Administrator's Report, County Attorney's Report and Clerk of Courts Report to the afternoon session of the meeting.

(09/26/2000 - 5 - 12:48 p.m.)

2. CONSIDER REQUEST FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES DIVISION OF FORESTRY FOR FREE USE OF THE SJC CONVENTION CENTER

Item #2 was continued to the afternoon session; see page 7.

(09/26/2000 - 5 - 12:48 p.m.)

3. CONSIDER REQUEST FROM THE ST. GERARD HOUSE (CAMPUS) FOR FREE USE OF THE SJC CONVENTION CENTER

Item #3 was continued to the afternoon session; see page 7.

(09/26/2000 - 5 - 12:48 p.m.)

4. CONSIDER RESOLUTIONS ESTABLISHING THE SOLID WASTE ASSESSMENT RATES FOR DISPOSAL, COLLECTION, AND RECYCLING

Item #4 was continued to the afternoon session; see page 8.

(09/26/2000 - 6 - 12:48 p.m.)

5. CONSIDER CONTRACT WITH DELOITTE & TOUCHE FOR AUDITOR SERVICES FOR FY 2000/2001/2002

Item #5 was continued to the afternoon session; see page 8.

(09/26/2000 - 6 - 12:48 p.m.)

- 5a. BUDGET TRANSFERS

Item #5A was continued to the afternoon session; see page 9.

(09/26/2000 - 6 - 10:55 a.m.)

6. CONSIDER A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONVEYANCE OF 17.3 ACRES OF COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY TO THE CRESCENT BEACH BAPTIST CHURCH, INC., A FLORIDA NON-PROFIT CORPORATION, PURSUANT TO SECTION 125.38, FLORIDA STATUTES

Mary Ann Blount, Real Estate Manager, explained the resolution for the County to convey 17.3 acres of property to the Crescent Beach Baptist Church for the construction of a church. Discussion followed regarding the property being open for public use, the property being restricted to non-profit functions associated with the church, and the property not be allowed to be sold without consent from the County. (11:07 a.m.) Andrew Coleman, Pastor of Crescent Beach Baptist Church, made a presentation of why the property should be conveyed to the church. (11:12 a.m.) Chris Ledley, Youth Pastor of Crescent Beach Baptist Church, expressed the need for the property to be conveyed to the Crescent Beach Baptist Church. (11:14 a.m.) Jim Hale, 7870 A1A South, commented in favor of the property being conveyed to the church.

(11:18 a.m.) Bill Birchfield, #3000, 1 Independent Drive, commented in opposition to the property being purchased for the church. (11:25 a.m.) Dr. Linda Tague, 116 Seychelles Court, commented in favor of the property being conveyed to the church. (11:30 a.m.) Roger Harris, 1365R, SR 206 E., suggested a buffer be placed along the property line and the drainage be addressed. (11:33 a.m.) Maurice Brown, 8550 A1A South #154, commented in favor of the property being conveyed to the church. (11:37 a.m.) Bryan Denman, 5201 Shore Drive, commented in favor of the property being conveyed to the church. (11:39 a.m.) Ann Taylor, 1365 E. SR 206, commented in opposition to the property being conveyed to the church. Taylor then read a letter from Roger Van Ghent, President of the St. Johns County Audubon Society, recommending that a buffer be maintained between the roosts and any development; and also that the properties be considered for conservation easements.

(11:44 a.m.) William Bryant, 340 Mystical Way, commented in opposition to the property being conveyed to the church. (11:48 a.m.) Bill Filaski, 1365 SR 206 E, suggested the utility site be placed at the front of the site or to the west. (11:49 a.m.) Herbert Luoma, Jr., 5125 Atlantic View, expressed concerns with buffers on the property. (11:53 a.m.) Dr. Armando Silverio, 412 Keller Lane, commented in opposition to the property being conveyed to the church. Discussion followed on the location of the lift station on the property, vegetative buffer on the property, access to the utility site, lighting of the ball fields, and if the site was a previous dump site. (12:38 p.m.) **Motion by Jacalone, seconded by Kohnke, carried 4/0 with Howell absent, to adopt Resolution No. 2000-147, with the following conditions: the development of the property incorporate a 75' buffer on the eastside of the property; no overhead stadium type lights be used within the development area; the access easement be relocated to the west side of the parcel; in Exhibit "A" to the Purchase and Sale Agreement - the language in the easement reflect the southwest preservation, and the easement would be along the westerly property line; a 5th condition in Section 4 of the Resolution that the property would be subject to a 75' natural vegetative buffer along the**

easterly border of the property; and a 6th condition that stadium lighting and ballfield lights of the intense that are usually found on the average high school ball field are prohibited.

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-147

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, STATE OF FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING CONVEYANCE OF 19.3 ACRES OF COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY TO THE CRESCENT BEACH BAPTIST CHURCH, INC., A FLORIDA NON-PROFIT CORPORATION, PURSUANT TO SECTION 125.38, FLORIDA STATUTES

(09/26/2000 - 7 - 12:48 p.m.)

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS: (See page 12)

(09/26/2000 - 7 - 12:48 p.m.)

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: (See page 12)

(09/26/2000 - 7 - 12:48 p.m.)

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT: (See page 12)

(09/26/2000 - 7 - 12:48 p.m.)

CLERK OF COURT'S REPORT: (See page 12)

(12:49 p.m.) **Motion by Reardon, seconded by Jacalone, carried 4/0 with Howell absent, to recess the meeting.**

The meeting thereupon recessed at 12:49 p.m. and reconvened at 1:45 p.m. with Bryant, Kohnke, Jacalone, Reardon, Adams, Bosanko, and Deputy Clerk Lenora Newsome present. Also present were: Cheryl Strickland, Clerk of Court; and Michael Givens, Chief Deputy-Finance

Commissioner Pal Howell was absent from the afternoon meeting.

(09/26/2000 - 7 - 1:49 p.m.)

2. CONSIDER REQUEST FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES DIVISION OF FORESTRY FOR FREE USE OF THE SJC CONVENTION CENTER

Liana Chapman, Development Review, explained that the Tourist Development Council was requesting free use of the St. Johns County Convention Center for a FireWise Community Workshop. Kohnke questioned how many free days were left and suggested combining partial day meetings on the same day. Chapman stated there were six free days left and dates are combined whenever they can be. **Motion by Reardon, seconded by Jacalone, carried 4/0 with Howell absent, to grant the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Division of Forestry free use of the SJC Convention Center at the World Golf Village on November 30, 2000 for the purpose of conducting the FIREWISE Communities Workshop.**

(09/26/2000 - 7 - 1:52 p.m.)

3. CONSIDER REQUEST FROM THE ST. GERARD HOUSE (CAMPUS) FOR FREE USE OF THE SJC CONVENTION CENTER

Chapman stated that this request was from the St. Gerard House for free use of the SJC Convention Center for the purpose of its annual fashion show. Discussion followed on requesting the free use of the convention center for a fund raiser, and bringing this request

back next week revised with different language. Bosanko agreed that it would be best for everybody for them to amend their application and give some evidence of other purposes for the event. **Motion by Kohnke, seconded by Jacalone, carried 4/0 with Howell absent, to continue this item until the next possible agenda.**

(09/26/2000 - 8 - 1:58 p.m.)

4. CONSIDER RESOLUTIONS ESTABLISHING THE SOLID WASTE ASSESSMENT RATES FOR DISPOSAL, COLLECTION, AND RECYCLING

Joe Vonasek, Budget Officer, reviewed this item, stating the changes. Bryant requested for somebody to sample some commercial bills from the two collectors to make sure the savings are passed along to the commercial customers. Vonasek stated that they would look into it and report back to the Board. Kohnke questioned when this reduction would take affect. Vonasek replied that it would be effective now. Discussion followed on sending out a press release reporting this reduction, the savings this reduction would bring, and on what is recycled. **Motion by Jacalone, seconded by Kohnke, carried 4/0 with Howell absent, to adopt Resolution No. 2000-148, setting the Solid Waste disposal Assessment at \$42.00.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-148

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, STATE OF FLORIDA, MODIFYING CERTAIN WEIGH SCALE FEES AND CHARGES PERTAINING TO GARBAGE AND REFUSE DISPOSAL AND ESTABLISHING THE RATE OF THE ANNUAL SOLID WASTE NON AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT LEVIED PURSUANT TO ST. JOHNS COUNTY ORDINANCE 89-20, AS AMENDED

Motion by Jacalone, seconded by Kohnke, carried 4/0 with Howell absent, to adopt Resolution No. 2000-149, setting the Solid Waste Collection Assessment at \$85.00 and the Solid Waste disposal Recycling Assessment at \$25.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-149

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, STATE OF FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING THE RATE OF THE ANNUAL SOLID WASTE NON AD VALOREM COLLECTION ASSESSMENT AND THE RATE OF THE ANNUAL SOLID WASTE NON AD VALOREM RECYCLE ASSESSMENT LEVIED PURSUANT TO ST. JOHNS COUNTY ORDINANCE 94-7, AS AMENDED

(09/26/2000 - 8 - 2:09 p.m.)

5. CONSIDER CONTRACT WITH DELOITTE & TOUCHE FOR AUDITOR SERVICES FOR FY 2000/2001/2002

Doug Burnett, Assistant County Attorney, entered the meeting. Vonasek stated that they selected the firm Deloitte & Touche once again to do the audit services arriving at an agreement with them to perform the audit for the FY 2000 at the price of \$160,000. Vonasek explained the process Deloitte & Touche uses for their audit and stated their job is to accurately report the resources that are there. Burnett stated that this is a one year contract, not a three year contract as stated on the agenda sheet. **Motion by Reardon, seconded by Kohnke, carried 4/0 with Howell absent, to direct the County Administrator to execute the attached contract for audit services with Deloitte & Touche.**

(09/26/2000 - 9 - 2:19 p.m.)

5a. BUDGET TRANSFERS

Vonasek stated this item is regarding transfers from reserves that have been requested by departments due to end of the year operational necessity. He reviewed items 5a, 5b, 5c, 5d and requested the Board to approve the transfer of same items. **Motion by Kohnke, seconded by Reardon, carried 4/0 with Howell absent, to approve the transfer of \$608 from the General Fund Reserves (083.59920) to Department 081 (General Fund - Refunds).** **Motion by Kohnke, seconded by Reardon, carried 4/0 with Howell absent, to approve transfer of \$135,044 from 407.59920 (Reserves). \$135,000 to 406.55900 (Depreciation) and \$44 to 406.59900 (Bad Debt Expense).** **Motion by Kohnke, seconded by Reardon, carried 4/0 with Howell absent, to approve the transfer of \$190,000 from 500.59920 (Group Insurance Reserve) to 500.52310 (Prescription Drug Premiums).** **Motion by Kohnke, seconded by Jacalone, carried 4/0 with Howell absent, to approve transfer of \$11,000 from 184.59920 (Private Roads Projects - Reserves) to 184.57200 (Private Roads Projects - Interest).**

(2:24 p.m.) Vonasek stated that these items relate to salary and benefit adjustments that were required by various departments in the last part of the fiscal year, to be able to allow funds for any shortages that had occurred and for the last pay period accrual which will occur after the fiscal year end. He reviewed items 5e, 5f, 5g, 5h, 5i, and requested the Board to approve the transfer of same items. **Motion by Reardon, seconded by Jacalone, carried 4/0 with Howell absent, to approve the transfer of \$9,574.21 from 083.59920 General Fund Reserves to Department 064 (Animal Control).** **Motion by Reardon, seconded by Jacalone, carried 4/0 with Howell absent, to approve transfer of \$40,085 from 083.59920 (General Fund Reserves) to 048.52200 (EMS Retirement).** **Motion by Reardon, seconded by Jacalone, carried 4/0 with Howell absent, to approve transfer of \$7,805 from 083.59934 (Salary Adjustment Reserves) to Department 005 (Intergovernmental Relations).** **Motion by Reardon, seconded by Jacalone, carried 4/0 with Howell absent, to approve the transfer of \$1,991 from 083.59934 (Salary Adjustment Reserve) to 060.51200 (Regular Salaries).** **Motion by Reardon, seconded by Jacalone, carried 4/0 with Howell absent, to approve transfer of \$9,859 from 083.59934 (Salary Adjustment Reserves) to Department 010 (Intergovernmental Relations).** Vonasek explained how he came up with the adjustments, stated he had sent out a memo and e-mail to the departments on the transfers.

(09/26/00 - 9 - 2:30 p.m.)

7. CONSIDER A MOTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF THE 1997-1998 COUNTY-HELD TAX CERTIFICATES.

Cheryl Strickland, Clerk of Courts, submitted information to the Board regarding the sale of the 1997-1998 County-Held Tax Certificates. Bryant and Strickland explained to the Board what it means to sale county-held tax certificates. Bryant proposed to the Board to look at the lots that are in the affordable housing area. Strickland mentioned getting with Maryann Blount to identify the lots in the affordable housing area, submit a list back to the Board for all the parcels that are under the \$5,000 threshold and then hold a sale on those if the Board wishes. Reardon volunteered to work with Maryann Blount to come up with some kind of program to bring back to the Board on these lots. Discussion followed on matching some of the lots for sale against the wetland maps. **Motion by Reardon, seconded by Jacalone, carried 4/0 with Howell absent, to authorize the sale of the County-Held Tax Certificates for 1997 & 1998 and authorize payment in the amount of \$7,140.00 made payable to the Tax Collector and \$12,860.00 made payable to the Clerk of Circuit Court to cover the cost of the said sale in fiscal year 2001.** Strickland left the meeting.

(09/26/00 - 9 - 2:37 p.m.)

8. CONSIDER CONTRACT WITH RIVER CITY CONTRACTORS, INC. FOR THE PONTE VEDRA BEACH BRANCH LIBRARY EXPANSION AND RENOVATION PROJECT, AND ALLOWING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO PERFORM A VALUE ENGINEERING EXERCISE WITH THE 2ND LOW BIDDER, RIVER CITY CONTRACTORS, INC., PROVIDED THAT THE PROGRAM STANDARD IS NOT

SUBSTANTIALLY CHANGED AND THE BUDGET AMOUNT FOR THE PROJECT
CAN BE MAINTAINED.

Mike Rubin, Director of Construction, reviewed the status of the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library Expansion & Renovation Project. He stated that the low bidder, Hudson & Associates Construction Co., has requested withdrawal of their bid without penalty since they are not well versed in the value engineering process, and based on their reference and past performance with St. Johns County on the Orangedale Fire Station, Staff recommends that we allow them to withdraw without penalty. He mentioned that the Board had several options; 1) throw out the design, redesign and start all over again, 2) rebid with some minimal design changes, or 3) try to value engineer their way through this process. Rubin stated that the next low bidder, River City Contractors, Inc., replied that they could cut it down to within budget, and the question is can they get it within budget and still have an acceptable building, in which River City Contractors thinks they can. River City Contractors realizes that if the Board decides to go through this exercise and can't get there, then the County owes them nothing and the County would have to make another move. He explained that the County was expecting to get \$400,000 out of the building, which is a lot of money on a \$1,655,000.00 project and explained how the project would be done. Discussion followed on value engineering and what it means, how well River City Contractors did on the Flagler West renovation, River City Contractor's bid being changed on the bid tabulation, having a complete list of what is in the building and what would be taken out of the building, and if changes are made, making sure the Friends of the Library are notified. He listed the general reasons why the project got so far out in left field, 1) the economic times have changed and it's a contractors market big time, 2) part of it was the County's fault because they were too busy to pay attention to what was going into the building, the building is over specified by quite a bit, and 3) there are some ambiguous items in the drawings and documents that a contractor in good times does not want to take a risk on. **Motion by Kohnke, seconded by Reardon, carried 4/0 with Howell absent, for the County Administrator, to perform a value engineering exercise with the second low bidder, River City Contractors, Inc., and provided that the program standard is not substantially changed and the budget amount of the project can be maintained, the County Administrator is hereby authorized to recommend a contract with River City Contractors Inc., for construction and renovation of the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library Expansion on or after October 1, 2000 and to allow the low bidder to withdraw without penalty.** Strickland entered the meeting. Burnett left the meeting.

(09/26/00 - 10 - 2:51 p.m.)

9. CONSIDER A MOTION ALLOWING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH MEDICAL SPECIALISTS, FOR THE PROVISION OF MEDICAL AND DENTAL SERVICES AT THE HASTINGS CLINIC.

Joe Burch, Purchasing Manager, relayed that this project is for the provision of improved medical services at the Hastings Clinic located in Hastings, FL. He stated the major differences between the two firms on the RFP and the recommendation is to negotiate and enter into a contract with Medical Specialist for the provision of medical and dental services at the Hastings Clinic. Kohnke suggested setting up a check list evaluation tool set up for the new providers. (2:56 p.m.) Reardon left the meeting. Burch replied that they can set that up and incorporate those evaluation criteria into the contract itself. Kohnke requested for Adams to take a look at every professional that is currently employed in the County complex to make sure everyone is licensed in the State of Florida. Bosanko brought two things to the Board's attention if they go with the recommendation of the RFP Evaluation Committee, 1) the contract that Medical Specialist would be considered for, would have to be a three year contract, and 2) if Medical Specialist is the choice, the present contract with Family Medical and Dental Centers runs out at the end of this month, and suggested if Medical Specialist was selected, that the Board consider some reasonable extension of the present contract to

allow for an appropriate turnover instead of having it all happen this weekend. (3:02 p.m.) Mrs. Vance replied that the Board allow Family Medical and Dental Centers 30 to 45 days to complete the process of moving out. She stated that she thought the evaluation tool was excellent and would like to congratulate their Staff for the excellent care given the past number of years. (3:05 p.m.) Dr. Marathe stated that Medical Specialist is prepared to start on Monday, if approved, would like the old Staff to stay on if they wish and mentioned that they would need to have the patients medical records. Bryant asked Vance about the medical records. Vance mentioned that the records belong to patients and there should be a workable solution. Discussion followed on making the transition as smooth as possible, turning over the medical records, and concern for the patients during the transition. Dr. Marathe suggested by contract to purchase the practice in Hastings for a nominal value and then there would be no legal issue on retaining the patients records. Bosanko stated that the County cannot require retaining of the records, it would have to be an agreement between the two parties. He requested that if a motion is made, that he would suggest some changes. Kohnke suggested to figure out what will be done between the two parties before next Tuesday. Bosanko suggested to enhance a smooth turnover for both entities, go ahead and set a date for the turnover, and then he can work with Dr. Marathe and Ms. Vance to work out an efficient way to turnover the record. Kohnke suggested two weeks for the turnover. Dr. Marathe stated that they plan to retain all the employees if they are willing to stay with them. Vance stated that they needed to remove all the equipment, so they would need at least 30 days. Jacalone agreed that two weeks is too short of time and a month is more reasonable for a smoother transition. Bosanko suggested having a conference call between Dr. Marathe and Vance on Thursday or Friday to work out the details. **Motion by Jacalone, seconded by Kohnke, carried 3/0 with Howell and Reardon absent, to allow the County Administrator, or his designee, to negotiate and enter into a 3 year contract with Medical Specialists, for the provision of medical services at the Hastings Clinic; the contract to commence November 1, 2000 and to authorize the Administrator to extend the current contract with Family Medical and Dental Center to expire October 31, 2000.** Dr. Marathe introduced the Staff that would be coming on board.

(09/26/00 - 11 - 3:33 p.m.)

9a. AUTHORIZATION TO WRITE OFF UN-COLLECTIBLE EMS AND UTILITY SERVICE ACCOUNTS (*This item was removed from the Consent Agenda as Item #7.*)

Kohnke requested this item to be pulled to voice her concern about the uncollected funds. Doug Timms, Budget Office, explained that this write-off was a continuation from last year. Timms mentioned that the un-collectible accounts are over one year old. Frank McElroy, EMS, stated that there are seven EMS teams. Timms mentioned that the expenses are projected at 20% of the revenues, which would be about \$340,000 a year. Kohnke questioned if it was the same people over and over causing the expenses. Frank replied yes, but they are trying to correct this problem. Frank stated that their limitation is, if it is a valid emergency they have to transport them. Discussion followed on cutting down on repeated service of non paying people, collection of money being relaxed and need to be more aggressive on collecting, EMS not being a money maker, informing people ahead of time how much it cost to transport them, the cost of the utility expenses, and by next year the expenses being accurate to within a year. **Motion by Jacalone, seconded by Kohnke, carried 3/0 with Howell and Reardon absent, to approve the write-off of 2,050 EMS accounts totaling \$573,789.74 and 1,826 Utility Service accounts totaling \$151,294.13 from the appropriate accounts receivable effective for September 30, 2000.**

(09/26/00 - 11 - 3:54 p.m.)

10. OTHER BUSINESS

Bryant mentioned extending the Family Medical & Dental Contract for thirty more days and questioned if they requested their monies quarterly or monthly. Gloria Benischeck replied that she thought they got their money monthly in arrears. They will be paid the final amount to them at the end of September. Bosanko suggested payment of the money out of

reserves. Benischek stated that they are being paid on a different amount for this year. Bosanko recommended to do a prorated amount for October. Vonasek stated that if the amount is in addition to the amount that was proposed to be budgeted which the Board adopted for the FY 2001 Budget for the Hastings Medical Clinic, then the prorated amount would need to come from reserves. Jacalone replied that the budgeted amount should cover it because it was going to be the same period of time. Vonasek responded that as long as we are not paying both services at the same time, then the budgeted amount should cover it.

(09/26/2000 - 12 - 3:57 p.m.)
COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Kohnke:

Kohnke reminded everyone of the town meeting regarding Nocatee set for Thursday at Rawlings School at 6:30 p.m.

(3:57 p.m.)
Commissioner Jacalone:

Jacalone mentioned that the World Golf Foundation is an Organization that has two primary purposes, 1) is running in the furtherance of the World Golf Hall of Fame and 2) is the First Tee Fund Raiser. The fund raiser was a huge success and raised over \$50,000.

Commissioner Bryant:

No Report

(09/26/2000 - 12 - 3:59 p.m.)
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Adams mentioned that Staff is excited about the CRA and the opportunity to address West Augustine. He stated how much effort the Commissioners have put forward.

Adams stated that he has a nominee for a possible Housing Director.

Adams reviewed the holiday schedule; said the meeting around Thanksgiving on November 21, 2000 will not be canceled, there will not be a meeting on December 26 and January 2. Also, there will be no morning items on the meeting of November 7, election day.

(09/26/2000 - 12 - 4:02 p.m.)
COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

No report

(09/26/2000 - 12 - 4:03 p.m.)
CLERK OF COURT'S REPORT

Strickland, on behalf of the Health Insurance Committee, stated that she came before the Board at the last meeting with recommendations and the Board made a motion to stay with Blue Cross and Blue Shield. On a portion of that policy, the consultant reviewed the figures and found that there could be additional savings if the carrier was changed on the life and accidental death portion of the policy with a \$16,000 a year savings instead of the \$2,300 savings they project. She requested a motion to change the life and accidental death portion to Aetna. Bosanko mentioned that the Board can take action today and it doesn't have to be advertised. Strickland mentioned that it is still based on the original number submitted, the calculation of the volume and the amount of policies that were underwritten through the County. Jacalone requested backup and an illustration of how it is occurring. Strickland

replied that she would get that information to the Board. Jacalone suggested delaying this decision until they have time to look at the backup information and asked if this was time critical. Strickland responded that they were aiming for the October 1 effective date and not sure if they are going to have an overlap possibly to a November date because of cancellations with the previous company that was carrying it. Kohnke stated that Aetna explained to her what had happened, and it was just a mistake, and she suggested for them to get with Strickland and Adams, in which they did and since it was an error to correct it and what Strickland is saying they made an error and they are correcting it. Jacalone questioned if the consultant had been notified of these late breaking numbers. Strickland stated yes and the consultant was the one that had contacted her, the agent, and Mark Bailey. Jacalone questioned how soon they got the information. Strickland replied that it was yesterday or the day before. **Motion by Kohnke, seconded by Bryant, carried 3/0 with Howell and Reardon absent, to change the life and accidental death insurance portion from Florida Combined to Aetna.**

Motion by Kohnke, seconded by Jacalone, carried 3/0 with Howell and Reardon absent, to adjourn the meeting. There was no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 4:07 p.m.

REPORTS:

1. St. Johns County, Check Register, checks number 293983 through 294238 totalling \$926,914.90

Approved _____ October 10 _____, 2000

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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By: _____
James E. Bryant, Chair

ATTEST: CHERYL STRICKLAND, CLERK

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