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 Speedeway (County Road 16-A) and U.S. 1 North, St. Augustine, Florida.

Present were:  
James E. Bryant, District 5, Chair  
Nicholas Meiszer, District 1, Vice Chair  
John Reardon, District 2  
Marc Jacalone, District 3  
Mary Kohnke, District 4  
Ben W. Adams, Jr., County Administrator  
Michael Hunt, Assistant County Attorney  
Lenora Newsome, Deputy Clerk

Also present:  
Cheryl Strickland, Clerk of Court; George Lareau, Chief Deputy;  
and Jolie Tillis, Assistant Finance Director

Chair Bryant called the meeting to order.

Bryant gave the Invocation.  Reardon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Bryant mentioned that all five Commissioners were present.

PROCLAMATION TO DECLARE THE WEEK OF JUNE 3rd – 7th, 2002 AS CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS’ APPRECIATION WEEK

Meiszer read the proclamation.  Jim Acosta, Supervisor of Code Enforcement, accepted the proclamation and thanked his group for doing a good job.

APPROVAL OF TODAY’S PROCLAMATION

Motion by Kohnke, seconded by Meiszer, carried 5/0, to approve the Proclamation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dante Salamone, 5225 Datil Pepper Road, spoke on hurricane evacuation and requested the public be notified of the shelters in advance.  Salamone then requested the County impose a fire ban.  Discussion followed on burn bans and hurricane evacuation shelters.  (9:21 a.m.) Bryant directed Adams to place on the agenda a discussion regarding hurricane evacuation from the Emergency Management Department.  (9:25 a.m.) Louise
Thrower, 288 Orange Avenue, spoke on the St. Augustine Record editorial from Saturday, June 1, 2002 titled “Last one aboard the ferry, pull up the anchor.” (9:30 a.m.)

Dan Weimer, Parks and Recreation Department, informed the Board that Candy Smith, a County Employee, died this past weekend at her home. She was the Beach Toll Supervisor.

(06/04/02 - 2 – 9:31 a.m.)

DELETIONS TO CONSENT AGENDA

There were no deletions to the Consent Agenda.

(06/04/02 - 2 – 9:31 a.m.)

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Reardon, seconded by Jacalone, carried 5/0, to approve the Consent Agenda, as submitted.

1. Approval of the Cash Requirement Report

2. Approval of Minutes:
   05/14/02 – BCC Regular Meeting

3. Sheriff’s Bonds:
   Approve: Elizabeth A. Adelsperger
   Approve: Marie E. Blunden
   Cancel: Alexis Boryzewski

4. Motion to allow the County Administrator, or his designee, to negotiate with and enter into a contract with the overall No. 1 ranked firm, Judith Bailey, d.b.a. JMB of St. Augustine for RFP 02-75, Agreement for the Operation of the Restaurant Facility at the St. Johns County Golf Course, authorization is requested to terminate negotiations and begin negotiations with the No. 2 ranked firm

5. Motion to approve a rate increase for Seaboard Waste Systems as prescribed by the most recent Consumer Price Index Bulletin (April 2002) setting the rate for the remainder of this year’s operation of the Tillman Ridge Transfer Station at $7.57 per ton

6. Proofs:
   c. Proof, Certificate of Liability Insurance, Waste Pro. – A Division of JM Diversified Investments
   d. Proof, Ann’s Site Cleaning Inc.
   e. Proof, Waste Pro of Florida
   f. Proof, RFP 02-75, Notice of Special Public Meeting, Agreement for the Operation of the Restaurant Facility at the St. Johns County Golf Course, May 20, 2002
   g. Proof, Notice of Proposed Exchange of County Property, St. Johns River Community College & St. Johns County, May 14, 2002
   h. Proof, Notice of Meeting, Organization SJC Value Adjustment Board, May 22, 2002
   i. Proof, Notice to Bidders, Bid No. 02-99
   j. Proof, Notice to Bidders, Bid No. 02-96
   k. Proof, Notice to Bidders, Bid No. 02-92
l. Proof, Request for Proposals, RFP 02-97
m. Proof, Notice to Bidders, Bid No. 02-94

(06/04/02 - 3 – 9:32 a.m.)
ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO REGULAR AGENDA

Meiszer requested to add to the agenda the reappointment of Jean Emery to the Historical Resources Review Board. It was added as Item #2a.

(06/04/02 - 3 – 9:33 a.m.)
APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

Motion by Reardon, seconded by Jacalone, carried 5/0, to approve the Regular Agenda, as amended.

(06/04/02 - 3 – 9:33 a.m.)
1. PRESENTATION OF CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS BUDGETS:

   A. SHERIFF'S OFFICE – SHERIFF NEIL PERRY

Neil Perry, Sheriff of St. Johns County, explained the services provided by the Sheriff’s Office. Sheriff Perry requested the Board approve a total budget of $31,167,415.00. Sheriff Perry then provided reasons for the requested increase in the Sheriff’s budget. Discussion followed on the Sheriff’s Office Budget.

(06/04/02 - 3 – 10:27 a.m.)
   B. CLERK OF THE COURT – CHERYL STRICKLAND

Cheryl Strickland, Clerk of Courts, explained the services provided by the Clerk’s Office; then, requested a total increase of 6.52% in the Clerk of Courts Budget. Discussion followed regarding the Clerk of Courts Budget.

The meeting recessed at 10:36 a.m. and reconvened at 10:47 a.m.

(06/04/02 - 3 – 10:48 a.m.)
2. UPDATE ON THE STRATEGIC PLAN/ST. JOHNS VISION BY JIM SUTTON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & JOHN HEWINS, VICE-CHAIRMAN

Ted Zebrowsky, Director of Intergovernmental Relations, introduced John Hewins and Jim Sutton. (10:49 a.m.) John Hewins, Vice Chairman of the Steering Committee for St. Johns Vision, gave an update of the process of the Committee since the beginning of this year. Discussion followed on the Strategic Plan.

06/04/02 – 3 - 10:56 a.m.)
2a. REAPPOINTMENT OF JEAN EMERY TO HISTORICAL RESOURCE REVIEW BOARD

Meiszer explained that the vacancy was due to excessive absences of a member of the Committee. Meiszer explained why Ms. Emery was absent from several of the meetings. (10:59 a.m.) Motion by Meiszer, seconded by Reardon, carried 5/0, to reappoint Jean Emery to the Historical Resource Review Board to fill the unexpired term of her vacancy.

(06/04/02 - 4 – 10:59 a.m.)
COMMISSIONERS’ REPORTS
Commissioner Kohnke:

Kohnke announced the opening of the new Dog Park at Davis Park on Saturday morning.

(11:00 a.m.)

Commissioner Reardon:

Reardon brought to the attention of the Board a letter he received requesting the configuration of CR 210 heading towards I-95 be reviewed.

(11:04 a.m.)

Commissioner Meiszer:

No report.

(11:04 a.m.)

Commissioner Jacalone:

No report.

(11:04 a.m.)

Commissioner Bryant:

Bryant recognized the deaths of Candi Smith and Mel Kutzer.

Bryant informed the Board of a letter written by one of the commissioners to a company located in St. Augustine imploring them to comply with a franchise agreement. Bryant requested that when commissioners write letters that it be clear in the letter that it is from a single commissioner and not the full Board.

(06/04/02 - 4 – 11:06 a.m.)

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Adams announced that Mr. Edwin Porter was nominated by the St. Augustine Beach Commission last night to replace Commissioner Linda Ratz-Broudy, who resigned due to a change in her address.

(06/04/02 - 4 – 11:06 a.m.)

COUNTY ATTORNEY’S REPORT

No report.

(11:07 a.m.)

Kohnke said there are bears in Twelve Mile Swamp and west of I-95. Kohnke relayed that she requested bear tunnels be placed under I-95 to join the two areas because the highway will be widened. Kohnke requested authorization to send a letter from the Board relaying this request. Discussion followed. (11:08 a.m.) It was not the consensus of the full Board to relay this request.

(06/04/02 - 5 – 11:12 a.m.)

CLERK OF COURT’S REPORT

No report.
The meeting recessed at 11:12 a.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m. with Bryant, Meiszer, Reardon, Jacalone, Kohnke, Adams, Hunt, Strickland, and Deputy Clerk Yvonne King present.

(06/04/02 - 5 – 1:38 p.m.)
3. PUBLIC HEARING – PURCHASE OF THE CRESCENT COVE WATER SYSTEM. THE PURPOSE OF THIS HEARING IS TO CONSIDER THE COUNTY’S PURCHASE OF THE CRESCENT COVE WATER SYSTEM. THE CRESCENT COVE SUBDIVISION IS LOCATED OFF OF STATE ROAD 206 (EAST OF US 1 & WEST OF THE MATANZAS RIVER). THE SYSTEM CURRENTLY SERVES 50 HOMES AND HAS THE POTENTIAL TO SERVE 40 ADDITIONAL HOMES. BASED ON THE ATTACHED ANALYSIS THE NEGOTIATED PURCHASE PRICE IS SET AT $65,000. THIS HEARING WILL ADDRESS THE ITEMS MANDATED BY FLORIDA STATUE 125.3401 TO DETERMINE PUBLIC INTEREST

Proof of publication of the notice of public hearing on the purchase of the Crescent Cove Water System was received having been published in the St. Augustine Record on May 22, 2002.

William Young, Utility Director, gave a presentation on the acquisition of Crescent Cove Water, Inc., as follows: reviewed the acquisition guiding principles; the public interest requirements; the most recent available income and expense statement for the Utility; the most recent available balance sheet for the Utility; the statement of the existing rate base of the Utility; the physical condition of the utility being purchased; the reasonableness of the purchase contract price and terms; the impacts of purchase on customers, both positive & negative; the additional investment required and ability/willingness to make such investment; alternatives to purchase and potential impact of no sale; the ability of County to provide & maintain high-quality & cost-effective utility service; the financial analysis; the rate impact; and the estimated structure – sources & uses. (1:54 p.m.) Motion by Jacalone, seconded by Meiszer, carried 5/0, that the Board of County Commissioners having considered the fact as prescribed in Section 125.3401 Florida Statutes acknowledge that the purchase of Crescent Cove Water System is in the public’s interest and direct Staff to bring back proper documents to effectuate the purchase. (1:56 p.m.) Pamela Wallace, 6789 Magnolia Lane, commented in favor of the acquisition of the Crescent Cove Water System. (2:01 p.m.) Bobby Jones, Executive Officer of the Crescent Cove Water, Inc., informed the Board that he is the owner of the system.

(06/04/02 - 5 – 2:02 p.m.)
4. PUBLIC HEARING – CPA (SS) 2001-09 ISLAND HOUSE INN SMALL SCALE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT. FILE #CPA (SS) 2001-09 IS A PROPOSED SMALL SCALE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT TO THE COUNTY’S FUTURE LAND USE MAP. A SMALL SCALE AMENDMENT IS SUBMITTED TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS AND THE REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL FOLLOWING ITS ADOPTION BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF PABLO ROAD, APPROX. 500 FEET WEST OF PONTE VEDRA BOULEVARD. THE APPLICANT IS ASKING TO CHANGE THE 2015 FUTURE LAND USE MAP (FLUM) DESIGNATION FROM RESIDENTIAL DENSITY - B TO COMMERCIAL. THE SITE MEASURES 1.33 ACRES IN SIZE AND IS PART OF THE PONTE VEDRA INN & CLUB, AND IS LOCATED ADJACENT TO THE GOLF COURSE AND CLUBHOUSE FACILITIES. THE SITE INCLUDES THE ISLAND HOUSE INN, A TWO-STORY, 22-ROOM, 15,000

Proof of publication of the notice of public hearing of the CPA (SS) 2001-09, Island House Inn, was received having been published in the St. Augustine Record on May 20, 2002.

Donna Godfrey, Senior Planner, gave a general overview of the request for a small scale amendment to the Future Land Use Map of the 2015 Comprehensive Plan. This is a request to change the Future Land Use Map designation from Residential Density - B to Commercial CM. (2:07 p.m.) Motion by Reardon, seconded by Kohnke, carried 5/0, to enact Ordinance No. 2002-32, adopting CPA (SS) 2001-09, Island House Inn, amending the Future Land Use Map, adopting Findings of Fact to support the motion, as provided in Section 1 of the Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2002-32

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, STATE OF FLORIDA, AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP, FROM RESIDENTIAL DENSITY ZONE “B” TO COMMERCIAL “CM” AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

(06/04/02 - 6 – 2:08 p.m.)

5. PUBLIC HEARING – NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE (NOPC) FOR MARSHALL CREEK DRI 2002-02. THIS NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE (NOPC) TO THE MARSHALL CREEK DRI DEVELOPMENT ORDER PROPOSES TO ADD 15.4 ACRES OF LAND TO THE EXISTING MARSHALL CREEK DRI, WHICH INCLUDES 8.8 ACRES OF UPLANDS AND 6.6 ACRES OF WETLAND PRESERVATION. THE APPLICANT ALSO PROPOSES TO CLARIFY SELECTION OF 2 ALLOTTED BOARDWALK/PIER AREAS, AS WELL AS DESIGNATING A PRESERVATION AREA SURROUNDING ARCHEOLOGICAL SITE 8SJ3146. DURING THE DRI REVIEW, OWNERSHIP OF THE 15.4 ACRES OF LAND WAS DISPUTED BY THE STATE OF FLORIDA. AS SUCH, THE APPLICANT REMOVED THE DISPUTED LANDS FROM THE DRI AND PROVIDED A CONDITION IN THE DEVELOPMENT ORDER ADDRESSING THIS LAND. SPECIAL CONDITION 41 OF THE DEVELOPMENT ORDER STATES THAT WHEN THE DISPUTE IS SETTLED, THE DEVELOPER SHOULD NOT BE SUBJECT TO ANY FURTHER REVIEW FOR IMPACTS BEYOND THIS NOPC. A COPY OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE AND DEVELOPER, WHICH WAS CONCLUDED ON APRIL 10, 2001, IS ATTACHED. ACCORDING TO FLORIDA STATUTES, SECTION 380.06(19)(E) 3, CHANGES TO A DRI INVOLVING LAND
PREVIOUSLY NOT REVIEWED IS CONSIDERED A SUBSTANTIAL DEVIATION TO THE DRI UNLESS REBUTTED BY CLEAR AND CONVINCING EVIDENCE THAT THE PROPOSAL IS NOT A SUBSTANTIAL DEVIATION. THE APPLICANT HAS PROVIDED TO THE COUNTY, NEFRPC AND DCA THE EVIDENCE TO PROVE THIS NOPC IS NOT A SUBSTANTIAL DEVIATION. THE APPLICANT PROVED THAT THIS REQUEST ONLY ADDS THE DISPUTED LAND AND THE DRI REVIEW CONSIDERED THIS LAND IN THE OVERALL APPROVAL. CONDITION 41 OF THE APPROVED DEVELOPMENT ORDER ADDRESSES THIS LAND. STAFF HAS NO OBJECTIONS TO THE APPROVAL OF THIS NOPC, AND A RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL WAS MADE BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING AGENCY ON MAY 2, 2002 BY A VOTE OF 4-2

Proof of publication of the notice of public hearing of the Notice of Proposed Change for Marshall Creek DRI 2002-02 was received having been published in the St. Augustine Record on May 20, 2002.

Joseph Bornstein, Planner III, gave a general overview of the request for a notice of proposed change to the Marshall Creek DRI, to rezone 15.4 acres from OR to PUD and a Major Modification to the development plan of the Marshall Creek PUD. (2:10 p.m.) Bryant disclosed that he met with Glenda Thomas, and also received a letter addressing her concerns. Bryant also disclosed that he went to the site with Mr. Holly Smith to verify and to see what was actually happening. (2:11 p.m.) Kohnke disclosed that she spoke with Mr. Fletcher, who alerted her to the fact that they had settled their problems with the State. Kohnke disclosed that she also spoke to Mr. Smith and Mr. Heinz. (2:12 p.m.) Meiszer disclosed that he received a written message requesting a tabling of this item for a week. (2:14 p.m.) John Metcalf, 1104 Mill Creek Drive, representing Marshall Creek Ltd. and Genesis Ltd., further explained the requested notice of proposed change. Discussion followed on how the archeological site will be preserved, access to the outparcels, community access to the boardwalk facilities, and the location of the gate. (2:37 p.m.) Dante Salamone, 5225 Datil Pepper Road, commented on Shannon Road being accessed from U.S. 1. (3:06 p.m.) Olen Williams, 600 Shannon Road, commented in opposition to the rezoning and the major modification. (3:07 p.m.) Robert Williams, 600-A Shannon Road, commented in opposition to the proposed change. (3:15 p.m.) Merrill Roland, 6281 Old Dixie Drive, requested the boardwalk be handicap accessible. (3:15 p.m.) Louise Thrower, 288 Orange Avenue, asked several questions regarding the project. (3:20 p.m.) Metcalf responded to the questions. (3:25 p.m.) Motion by Jacalone, seconded by Kohnke, carried 5/0, to adopt Resolution No. 2002-103, approving a Notice of Proposed Change to the Marshall Creek DRI Development Order, adopting Findings of Fact to support the motion.

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-103

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, STATE OF FLORIDA, MODIFYING THE MARSHALL CREEK DRI DEVELOPMENT ORDER AS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BY ST. JOHNS COUNTY ON OCTOBER 13, 1998, UNDER RESOLUTION 98-191 AND AS PREVIOUSLY MODIFIED BY RESOLUTION 98-220 APPROVED DECEMBER 10, 1998; FINDING THE MODIFICATION DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A SUBSTANTIAL DEVIATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

The meeting recessed at 3:25 p.m. and reconvened at 3:33 p.m.

Proof of publication of the notice of public hearing of the Marshall Creek PUD 2002-03 was received having been published in the St. Augustine Record on May 20, 2002.

Nicole Clayton, Planner II, gave a general overview of the request to rezone 15.4 acres from OR to PUD. (3:36 p.m.) John Metcalf, 1104 Mill Creek Drive, representing Marshall Creek Ltd., was present to answer questions. (3:36 p.m.) Dante Salamone, 5225 Datil Pepper Road, commented on the density. (3:42 p.m.) Louise Thrower, 288 Orange Avenue, addressed several questions to Metcalf regarding the project. Metcalf responded to the questions of Thrower. (3:47 p.m.) Motion by Reardon, seconded by Jacalone, carried 5/0, to enact Ordinance No. 2002-33, known as PUD 2002-03 Marshall Creek, adopting Findings of Fact 1 – 7 to support the motion.

ORDINANCE NO. 2002-33

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, STATE OF FLORIDA, REZONING LANDS AS DESCRIBED HEREAFTER FROM OPEN RURAL (OR) TO PUD (PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT) AND A MAJOR MODIFICATION TO THE MARSHALL CREEK PUD ORDINANCE NUMBER 98-64, AS AMENDED;
PROVIDING FOR SPECIAL CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FINDINGS OF FACT; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; REQUIRING RECORDATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

(3:47 p.m.) Bosanko informed the Board that a bill has been signed into law by the Governor that changes the number of growth management laws. One of the changes is that a School Board member may serve on the Planning & Zoning Agency.

(3:48 p.m.) Motion by Kohnke, seconded by Jacalone, carried 5/0, to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 3:48 p.m.

REPORTS:

1. St. Johns County Check Register, checks number 319655 through 319945 totalling $1,148,384.31 (05/28/02)
2. St. Johns County Check Register, checks number 319946 through 319965 totalling $379,921.38 (05/30/02)

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter to Susan Bloodworth of Rogers, Towers, Bailey, Jones & Gay regarding an interlocal agreement between the City of St. Augustine Beach and St. Johns County (05/30/02)
2. Letter to City Manager Max Royle, City of St. Augustine Beach regarding an interlocal agreement between the City of St. Augustine Beach and St. Johns County (05/30/02)
3. Letter to Robert Betts regarding an interlocal agreement for the Anastasia Mosquito Control District (05/30/02)

Approved July 16, 2002

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: James E. Bryant, Chair

ATTEST: CHERYL STRICKLAND, CLERK

By: Deputy Clerk

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