

**MINUTES OF A JOINT MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
AND THE SCHOOL BOARD OF  
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
FEBRUARY 22, 2005  
(9:00 A.M.)**

Proceedings of a joint meeting of the Board of County Commissioners and the School Board of St. Johns County, Florida, began and held in the large meeting room at the Southeast Library, 6670 U.S. 1 South, St. Augustine, Florida.

Present were:        St. Johns County:  
Bruce A. Maguire, District 4, Chair  
James E. Bryant, District 5, Vice Chair  
Ben Rich, District 3  
Karen R. Stern, District 2  
Cyndi Stevenson, District 1  
Ben W. Adams, Jr., County Administrator  
Daniel Bosanko, County Attorney  
Yvonne King, Deputy Clerk

School Board:  
Diane Lovell, District 3, Chairman  
Bill Fehling, District 4, Vice Chairman  
Beverly Slough, District 1  
Tommy Allen, District 2  
Carla Wright, District 5  
Joseph Joyner, Superintendent  
Tracy Upchurch, School Board Attorney

Also present were: Scott Clem, Assistant County Administrator of Operations; Teresa Bishop, Planning Director; MaryAnn Blount, Land Management Director; Patrick MacCormack, Assistant County Attorney; David Toner, and Sid Ansbacher

(02/22/05 - 1 - 9:00 a.m.)  
Maguire called the meeting to order.

(02/22/05 - 1 - 9:01 a.m.)  
Slough gave the invocation, and Stevenson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

(02/22/05 - 1 - 9:03 a.m.)  
A.     DISCUSSION ON IMPACT FEES

Scott Clem reviewed the impact fee schedule, and reviewed the past payment credits method. Discussion followed regarding the collection of impact fees from municipalities within the county; using construction costs vs. CPI; the cost of living in St. Johns County; the impacts of development; the use of transfer fees; and impact fee credits.

(02/22/05 - 1 - 9:39 a.m.)  
B.     SCHOOL DISTRICT 2004 FIVE-YEAR FACILITIES WORK PLAN

David Toner reviewed the five-year work plan; reviewed the number of schools to be built over the next 20 years; where most of them would be built; how they would be

funded; and how the existing schools would be rehabilitated. Discussion followed on the funding of the new schools.

(02/22/05 - 2 - 9:48 a.m.)

C. SCHOOL BOARD COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE

Dan Bosanko addressed the compliance of the School Board with local land development codes. (9:54 a.m.) Tracy Upchurch, School Board Attorney, further addressed the compliance of new school construction with the current land development codes. Discussion followed on the working relationship of the two boards and new school construction.

(02/22/05 - 2 - 10:07 a.m.)

D. SIGNAGE FOR NEW SCHOOLS

Slough said she had received several complaints regarding flashing school signage near the schools in the Durbin Creek area. (10:09 a.m.) Joe Stephenson, Public Works Director, addressed the school crossing signage. Discussion followed regarding signage for other schools around the county.

(02/22/05 - 2 - 10:18 a.m.)

E. DORI SLOSBERG DRIVER EDUCATION SAFETY ACT

Joseph Joyner relayed that the State mandated, but did not fund, driver education in the county. (10:19 a.m.) Upchurch explained the Dori Slosberg Fund; then, reviewed how the money was distributed to those entities providing driver improvement education. (10:21 a.m.) Springfield said they were trying to develop a driver improvement program for other high schools around the county on a first come first served basis. Discussion followed regarding the Slosberg Fund.

(02/22/05 - 2 - 10:32 a.m.)

F. UPDATE ON THE GAINES ROAD FACILITY

Toner gave an update on the Gaines Road property that was formerly the Gaines School.

(02/22/05 - 2 - 10:36 a.m.)

G. CONVEYANCE OF HASTINGS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO THE COUNTY

Toner addressed the conveyance of the Hastings Elementary School building to the County, because of the new South Woods Elementary School being constructed. Discussion followed regarding possible uses of the school facility: i.e. preschool, after school care, senior citizen activities. The boards also discussed the conveyance of the property to the County.

(10:44 a.m.) Wright questioned the status of the county park near South Woods Elementary School. Stern responded that the County had closed on the property.

(02/22/05 - 2 - 10:45 a.m.)

H. AMERICAN YOUTH CHARACTER AWARDS BANQUET

Allen requested that the awards banquet be approved as an annual special event at the World Golf Village, so that they did not have to request use of the facility every year. Discussion followed regarding the banquet. Allen announced the banquet date of April 26, 2005.

(02/22/05 - 3 - 10:49 a.m.)  
PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

(02/22/05 - 3 - 10:49 a.m.)  
OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

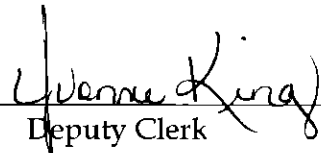
With there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Approved June 14, 2005

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By:   
Bruce A. Maguire / Chairman

ATTEST: CHERYL STRICKLAND, CLERK

By:   
Deputy Clerk

