

**MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA
MAY 12, 2006
(1:00 P.M.)**

Proceedings of a special/emergency meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, held in the auditorium at the County Administration Building, 4020 Lewis Speedway (County Road 16-A) and US 1 North, St. Augustine, Florida.

Present were: James E. Bryant, District 5, Chairman
Cyndi Stevenson, District 1, Vice Chair
Karen R. Stern, District 2
Ben Rich, District 3
Ted Zebrowsky, Assistant County Administrator
Dan Bosanko, County Attorney
Lenora Newsome, Deputy Clerk

Bruce A. Maguire was not present at the meeting.

(05/12/06 - 1 - 1:04 p.m.)
Chairman Bryant called the meeting to order.

(05/12/06 - 1 - 1:04 p.m.)
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bryant.

(05/12/06 - 1 - 1:04 p.m.)
ROLL CALL

Bryant announced that four commissioners were present with Maguire absent.

(05/12/06 - 1 - 1:05 p.m.)
ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO EMERGENCY MEETING AGENDA

There were no additions nor deletions to the emergency meeting agenda.

(05/12/06 - 1 - 1:05 p.m.)
APPROVAL OF EMERGENCY MEETING AGENDA

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Stern, carried 4/0 with Maguire absent, to approve the emergency meeting as submitted.

(05/12/06 - 1 - 1:05 p.m.)

1. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION CONCERNING THE EROSION ON VILANO BEACH IN ST. JOHNS COUNTY. SUCH ACTION MAY INCLUDE, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO, DECLARING OF AN EMERGENCY PURSUANT TO RULE 62B-33.0051(5), FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, WHICH MAY BE THE BASIS FOR COUNTY APPROVED ACTION FOR PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNERS TO PROTECT THEIR BEACH FRONT PROPERTY

Dan Bosanko stated that he was informed yesterday afternoon that they may have an emergency situation requiring some special action to allow property owners to preserve their property from the elements of the weather. He stated that he investigated the

situation with Darrell Locklear, County Engineer, and Debbie Christensen, Assistant Engineer, and that they had the facts to support the emergency situation. He stated that if the Board agreed that the emergency existed to qualify for county action, then he would propose a resolution to be passed that would allow certain homeowners to take action to protect their property.

(1:06 p.m.) Darrell Locklear, St. Johns County Engineer, reviewed what they had discovered, utilizing the overhead projector, Exhibit A. He stated it appeared that they were loosing land to the ocean, of about five feet every six months. Rich spoke on the back lot line. Stern asked what steps could be taken to protect the homes. Locklear replied that once the local state of emergency was declared, a resident then had 30 days to implement something to protect his residence. But before the resident could implement something, he had to submit it to the county, to the local government for approval. Stern asked if the property owner was responsible for making repairs to their property. Locklear replied yes. (1:12 p.m.) Bosanko gave a legal background on the normal procedures for the homeowners to take action on the beach to preserve their property. Locklear spoke on the erosion, Exhibit B. Bosanko stated that his proposal was to declare this to be a storm event and to adopt the proposed resolution presented. He reviewed the content of the resolution. Locklear mentioned that it would be temporary protection. Stevenson spoke on declaring a local state of emergency. Locklear described what could be used to help stop the erosion. Bosanko mentioned that he was faxed information by the Bureau of Beaches and Coastal Systems, on what could be done to help the erosion, Exhibit C. (1:22 p.m.) **Motion by Rich, seconded by Bryant, carried 4/0 with Maguire absent, to approve the Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, declaring that an emergency exists and any action taken during the emergency special meeting on May 12, 2006, directly pertains to the emergency of Resolution No. 2006-133.**

(05/12/06 - 2 - 1:24 p.m.)
COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

There were none.

Motion by Stern, seconded by Bryant, carried 4/0 with Maguire absent, to adjourn the meeting. With there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 1:24 p.m.

Approved May 30, 2006

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: James E. Bryant
James E. Bryant, Chairman

ATTEST: CHERYL STRICKLAND, CLERK

By: Cheryl Strickland
Deputy Clerk