

**MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA
JULY 9, 2009
(9:00 A.M.)**

Proceedings of a workshop meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, held in the auditorium at the County Administration Building, 500 San Sebastian View, St. Augustine, Florida.

Proof of publication of the notice of a Workshop of the St. Johns County Fiscal Year 2010 Financial Plan was received, having been published in *The St. Augustine Record* on July 3, 2009.

Present were: Cyndi Stevenson, District 1, Chair
 Ron Sanchez, District 2, Vice Chair
 Mark P. Miner, District 3
 Ken Bryan, District 5
 Michael D. Wanchick, County Administrator
 Patrick McCormack, County Attorney
 Lenora Newsome, Deputy Clerk

Absent: Phillip Mays, District 4

(07/09/09 - 1 - 9:07 a.m.)

CALL TO ORDER

Sanchez called the meeting to order.

(07/09/09 - 1 - 9:07 a.m.)

ROLL CALL

Sanchez stated that four commissioners were present with Mays absent.

(9:07 a.m.) McCormack mentioned that this day's Workshop was also advertised as a special meeting so there could be other business. He mentioned also at 10:00 a.m. there was a special meeting for the purposes of a bond agreement signing in which they would need the services of the Chair for about five or ten minutes. He requested the Board to break right before 10:00 a.m. instead of 10:30 a.m. so he could escort the Chair to the meeting.

(07/09/09 - 1 - 9:08 a.m.)

1. FY 2010 ST. JOHNS COUNTY FINANCIAL PLAN

Doug Timms, Director of Office of Management and Budget, stated that they were providing a Board Workshop that day, on the recommended County Budget that was presented two days ago at the Regular Board meeting, primarily to provide the Board with a reference and a little more detail on the recommended County Budget. He stated that it was not the end of the process, but really the beginning, because the Board Budget process would continue into September before being finalized. He stated that there would be plenty of opportunity for further input and review. He reviewed the All Funds County Budget Summary stating that it did not have a carryover amount in it. He stated that on page 4, they provided the Board with a summary of the General Fund with a small amount carried forward. He reviewed the different departments and their decreases through the year. Sanchez commented that anything done that day was

tentative and they had to do it. He said the millage could be lowered, was tentative, and was not final. Discussion followed.

(07/09/09 - 2 - 9:15 a.m.)
Sheriff's Office

Joel Bolante, Director of Operations, St. Johns County Sheriff's Office, 4015 Lewis Speedway, stated that he brought Mark Simpson, Chief Financial Officer, with him. Bolante stated that out of the 25 years that he had been at the Sheriff's Office, this was the first year that he could recall that the Sheriff's Office came before the Commission with a reduced budget. He stated that they had instituted hiring freezes, offered early retirement to ranking members, cut their operating and capital budgets by five percent, reduced their fuel budget by 20 percent, drastically reduced off duty driving over the past year, and were continuously looking at ways to save money. He stated that if someone left, they looked at other areas within the agency and redeployed to fill those positions.

(9:19 a.m.) Sanchez thanked the Sheriff's Office for cooperating with the Board. Miner commented on the off duty driving, saying it was a good thing. Bolante stated that research had shown that the biggest deterrence to crime was presence. Bryan stated that it was very admirable that the Sheriff's Office was continuing to reduce their budget. Stevenson thanked the Sheriff's Office, stating that they were an important partner in reforming the Insurance Committee and some of the post retirement benefits in a way that was more sustainable for the County. Bolante stated that they understood during tough times like this, the only way for them, as a County, to be successful, was for everyone to work together as a team. Bryan asked about the Sheriff's Advisory Committee. Bolante stated that they had a great deal of response from the Committee. Bryan said that he thought it was very significant, because it gave people an opportunity to voice their opinions, concerns and recommendations. Timms added his compliments to the Sheriff's Office for their close cooperation with the County's Budget Office. He stated that the Sheriff's Office came in with a four million dollar reduction in their budget, around 6.7 percent.

(9:24 a.m.)
E-911 Communications Fund

Timms stated that E-911 was for specialized fees that were restricted in terms of expenditure. He stated that it was to maintain the E-911 emergency system.

(9:24 a.m.)
Law Enforcement Trust Fund

Timms said the Law Enforcement Trust Fund was for the sale of properties confiscated by the Sheriff during his lawful operations and was also was a restricted fund.

(9:24 a.m.)
Crimes Prevention Trust Fund

Timms stated that fund was for an additional charge on Misdemeanors, and was restricted to crime prevention including safe neighborhood programs.

(9:24 a.m.)
Other Constitutional Officers

Timms stated that they would start with the Property Appraiser, which was fee-based under Florida Statutes, and which received fees based on property taxes assessed and collected. He noted it was also true for the Tax Collector. He stated that the Clerk of Court had presented her budget to the Board previously.

(9:25 a.m.)

Court Services

Timms stated that item included court costs mandated through the State in terms of County responsibility. He named the departments under that area.

(9:26 a.m.)

General Fund - General Government

Timms highlighted the overhead departments: Board of County Commissioners, County Attorney, County Administration, Personnel, Management Information Systems which had made a significant effort at reducing cost, Intergovernmental, GTV, Budget Office, Purchasing Department, Risk Management, Construction Services, Facilities Maintenance, Judicial Maintenance, Annexes, Excelsior Building, Hasting School Building, Southeast Annex, and Facility Maintenance.

(9:29 a.m.) Sanchez asked about Juvenile Justice and if they could bill the guardian or parents for any part of that cost. Stevenson asked what functions were going on in the Excelsior Building.

(9:30 a.m.) Tom Crawford, Director of Housing, replied that there was a museum, and other non profit organizations going in. He said their offices were down stairs. Bryan asked if there was any space in that building that could be rented out. Wanchick stated that they had actually looked at it.

(9:31 a.m.)

General Fund - Public Safety

Timms spoke on Code Compliance, Animal Control, Communications, EMS, Emergency Management, and stated that the Medical Examiner served three counties in their area.

(9:32 a.m.)

General Fund - Physical Environment

Timms reviewed the Agricultural Center, Growth Management, Environmental Services and stated that Development Services had been hit hard with the building activity decline. Bryan asked about Emergency Services. Timms replied that they earned certain fees and that it was a subsidized service. He stated that they were able to combine GIS with Land Management in the Transportation Trust Fund, and it was not in the General Fund. He reviewed the Physical Environment Independent Agencies that were supported by the Board; Hastings Agricultural Research, Soil and Water Conservation, St. Johns River Project, and Ponte Vedra Zoning and Adjustment Board.

(9:35 a.m.)

General Fund - Health & Human Services

Timms stated that they paid mandated costs, primarily with the hospital, and their share of Medicaid cost for the County residents. Stevenson asked if the Ponte Vedra Zoning and Adjustment Board was a shared cost with the MSD. Timms replied that it

was a shared cost, and they supplied one staff person to support that Board. He stated that they were able to merge the County Physician's Office with the Flagler Clinic, which was a substantial savings for the General Fund. He reviewed the Veterans Services, Hastings Community Resource Center, and Health Care Clinic, in which they were able to reduce costs in the service area, which still served indigent patients. He mentioned that the list on page 22 listed the supported independent agencies, and the next several pages gave the details of it. Bryan commented on the independent agencies and asked Timms to explain the substantial increase in EPIC. Timms responded that the funding in EPIC was supported by a couple of different funds. Sanchez followed up on Bryan's comment about the independent agencies, stating that people didn't realize how much those agencies actually saved the County, and the thousands of volunteers who worked with the agencies, giving a lot of their time and paid nothing. Miner stated that many of those agencies received a lot of matching money. Stevenson spoke on County commitment. Wanchick mentioned that they were asking all of their departments to take a seven percent reduction in operating expenses that year. Stevenson noticed that the social infrastructure had not grown up yet. Sanchez spoke on the homeless situations.

(9:43 a.m.)

General Fund – Economic Environment

Timms reviewed the St. Johns Housing Partnership and asked Tom Crawford to speak on it.

(9:44 a.m.) Tom Crawford, Director of Housing Development, spoke on Federal funds received of almost two and a half million dollars, and of earning fees from those funds that were helping offset some of the salaries. Stevenson asked about getting referrals for helping people stay in their houses. Crawford responded on foreclosure assistances and getting as much money into the County as they could. Stevenson spoke on the Neighborhood Stabilization Program. Sanchez spoke on helping people to keep from losing their homes. Crawford spoke on two programs; the Foreclosure Intervention Program and the NSP Program. Stevenson asked Crawford if he would suggest early intervention to people. Crawford spoke on foreclosure intervention. Stevenson spoke on the economy and working with people.

(9:51 a.m.) Timms spoke on tax incentives; property tax relief, water and sewer connection fee relief, and impact fee relief for businesses that were expanding primarily or relocating. He stated that the Board would fund over \$740,000, and most of it was associated with the Ring Power relocation. Bryan asked for an explanation on how the expenditure was going out of the County. Timms replied that they were recouping through the economic impact in the area, with the provision of jobs and the boost to the economy. Sanchez spoke on incentives. Stevenson spoke on tax incentives.

(9:54 a.m.) Timms spoke on the Historic CRA, the new parking garage area in the City of St. Augustine.

(9:55 a.m.) McCormack suggested taking a break so Stevenson could go to the Bond meeting and sign the documents.

The meeting recessed at 9:56 a.m. and reconvened at 10:20 a.m.

Stevenson reported that it was a successful placement of the bonds, with a savings of \$276,000 over the next ten years, and with a very favorable interest rate.

John D. Arms, 1595 Fruit Cove Woods Drive, stated that he thought that the County needed an increase in sales tax in St. Johns County. He stated that they were missing a lot of revenue from people who traveled on I-95. He mentioned that they were excluding, by only going after taxes from property owners, all the people that were excluded from paying property tax. He stated that they needed the push of the Commissioners to get the tax increase passed, or it would never go through. Bryan asked if he anticipated the tax having a deadline on it. Arms stated that he thought that they needed to dedicate it to transportation issues and put a five year life on it. Sanchez stated that that they did have a bus system run by the Council on Aging.

(10:25 a.m.) D.W. Parker, 13870 CR 13 North, spoke on the revenue increase, commended the Board for the steps that the current Commission had made to cut the budget, and put a handle on expenses. He stated that citizens had a decrease in revenue, with people losing their jobs. He spoke on cutting the budget, starting with the Sheriff's Office. He mentioned looking at functions and methods of what people did to seeing if there was a cheaper way to do it. Parker spoke on the auto industry and stated that people could not afford higher property taxes. He encouraged the County not to pass any property tax increases and to start over on the budget, because they had started at the wrong place, and had not cut enough. Stevenson stated that the overall budget would be significantly lower, but some people might experience tax increases because of the drop in property values. Bryan mentioned that if Parker was interested in talking to the Sheriff's Office, they were establishing their own committees. Parker spoke on the mentality of raising the revenue and spending it. Wanchick suggested that the speaker might want to go on line and look at the Town Hall presentation that they did. Miner mentioned that the article in the paper, regarding the School Board, made a good point; that just because there was a millage rate increase, it didn't necessarily equate to more payout on the citizens part. He noted it might be leveled out, with what they paid last year or the year before, because of the revenue drop. Wanchick spoke on the County's revenue, and stated that an increase in millage did not increase revenue to the County. Stevenson said that was a function of the way property taxes were set up at the State level. Wanchick stated that the revenues would fall. Sanchez stated that there were a lot of things in the budget that were mandated by the State. He asked Timms to furnish a list of the items in the budget affected by State mandates so they could relay it to the public. Stevenson said they had the audited actual FY 2008 figures. McCormack stated that the citizen input was a very important part of the budget process and should be highly encouraged. Sanchez spoke on Federal mandates.

(10:38 a.m.)

General Fund – Culture & Recreation

Timms reviewed recreation programs and recreation facilities maintenance. Bryan asked him to elaborate on the aquatic programs, because there was a significant increase. Timms explained the aquatic programs.

(10:40 a.m.)

General Fund – Non-Operational

Timms reviewed the General Fund non-operating, bad debts for emergency medical services. He stated that they had to write those bad debts off. Timms spoke on cost reductions on the Board's part. Stevenson stated that it was not just prefunding, it was also changes in terms, and no cost of living increases. Timms spoke on the General Fund Reserve addressing FY 2011 and 2012. He said they had preventative and more thrifty measures to steer clear of problems.

(10:45 a.m.)

Transportation Trust Fund

Jesse Dunn, Budget Analyst, reviewed the special revenue funds, and stated that some of them included a millage, and were partially or entirely funded with restricted funds. He started with the revenues that included an ad valorem millage, as well as a restricted gas tax, specific to transportation projects. He reviewed the Transportation Project for FY 2010 of about \$7.2 million, and the largest project listed was \$3.1 million, a federally mandated project under the Clean Water Act. He mentioned the various Transportation Departments; Road and Bridge and Mowing, Fleet Maintenance, Traffic and Transportation, Fuel, and Engineering. He stated in FY 2010 they combined Survey, and also noted from the General Fund GIS, into the 1270 Land Management Systems Department and worked with Public Works and Transportation to establish proper reserves as they moved forward.

(10:48 a.m.)

Health Department Fund

Dunn stated that the Health Department was also an ad valorem millage, and had a partnership with the State of Florida.

(10:49 a.m.)

Building Services Fund

Dunn stated that this fund was solely funded through its own fees. He stated that revenues had gone down, and they had eliminated 19 positions within Building Services.

(10:51 a.m.)

State Housing Initiatives Partnership Fund

Dunn stated that this fund had been funded through State funding, and for FY 2010 the revenue would drop drastically. The S.H.I.P. Program had been reduced and eliminated for FY 2010.

(10:52 a.m.)

Mental Health Fund

Dunn stated that this fund was funded by both Federal and State grant dollars and that the County also supported this program as well. This program was for out-patient, mental health services for St. Johns residents.

(10:52 a.m.)

Community Based Care Fund

Dunn stated that this fund delivered services for foster care or related residential needs and was entirely funded through Federal and State funding.

(10:52 a.m.)

Beach Services Fund

Dunn stated this fund was funded by beach toll collections, and a transfer, for this year, for cash flow purposes, from Tourist Development Funds. He reviewed the various expenditure lines; the beach patrol-largely the Sheriff's Department, life guard services, beach services and toll collections maintaining a very small cash flow reserve as they

went from year to year. Bryan asked about any of the beach tolls being passed back to the municipalities. Dunn replied that it went completely for operations. Stevenson asked Dunn to clarify that the beach tolls did not cover the cost of the habitat plan. Dunn replied that was correct.

(10:54 a.m.)
County Pier Fund

Dunn stated that this fund was funded for fees through the use of the pier, and Tourist Development Funds for the balance. Stevenson asked when they began using the Tourist Development Funds to help run the County pier and why the revenues were down. Dunn replied FY 2009 was when they started using Tourist Development Funds and the revenues were down due to the beach renourishment.

(10:55 a.m.)
Amphitheater Fund

Dunn said that it was interesting to note that between the FY 2009 and FY 2010 budgets, they went from \$3 million to \$8.5 million in income. It was close to a self sustaining program, and in FY 2010 they would be paying their own debt service, and would continue forward from there paying their debt service.

(10:56 a.m.)
Tourist Development Tax Fund

Dunn said the Tourist Development Tax was at three percent, and they based the FY 2010 budget on the 40-30-30 split. Stevenson said that would be under further scrutiny at future Board workshops.

(10:56 a.m.)
Tree Bank Fund

Dunn stated that fund was fee imposed to developers and was a self supporting fund. He stated for the next year, they were concentrating on some expenses towards Nocatee, Canopy Shores, and CR 210 landscaping.

(10:57 a.m.)
Impact Fee Funds

Dunn stated those were fees collected to support further service demands required by new growth, and explained where they went. The impact fee levels were down.

(10:59 a.m.)
Court Innovation Fund

Dunn stated that fund was by Article Five requirement. He stated that there was a \$65 court fee imposed, of which 25 percent went to four different funds.

(10:59 a.m.)
Legal Aid Fund

Dunn stated that fund was a self supporting fund and was used to assist counties in providing legal aid services.

(11:00 a.m.)
Law Library Fund

Dunn stated that fund was also supported by Article Five, a \$65 fee of which 25 percent provided legal materials to the public.

(11:00 a.m.)
Court Technology Trust Fund

Dunn stated that was a self supporting fund, and a \$2 recording fee was used for court technology for State Attorney, Public Defender, and Court Services.

(11:00 a.m.)
Communications Surcharge Fund

Dunn stated that fund was also self supported, and was a \$12.50 fee levied on moving violations, which could be used in the future for intergovernmental radio communications or towards their 800 megahertz program.

(11:01 a.m.)
Alcohol & Drug Abuse Trust Fund

Dunn said that fund was also self supported, and \$14 was for misdemeanor drug and alcohol charges.

(11:01 a.m.)
Florida Arts License Plate Fund

Timms stated that this was self explanatory.

(11:01 a.m.)
Florida Boating Improvement Fund

Dunn stated that fund was used for boating related recreational activities and boat ramps. Stevenson mentioned there were also some grant revenues. Dunn replied yes.

(11:02 a.m.)
Northwest Recreational Fund

Dunn stated that fund was for park facilities enhancements. Stevenson spoke on ball fields.

(11:03 a.m.)
Court Facilities Trust Fund

Dunn said that item was on Tuesday's regular agenda, they had increased the fee from \$15 to \$30 per new legislation, and the revenues had increased from \$490,000 in FY 2009 to about \$888,000 in FY 2010.

(11:04 a.m.)
Juvenile Alternative Programs Fund

Dunn stated that was the final 25 percent of the Article Five \$65 fee, for juvenile alternative programs, which supported the Team Court Program. Stevenson asked if that also went to EPIC. Dunn replied yes.

(11:04 a.m.)
Choose Life License Plate Fund

Dunn didn't review.

(11:04 a.m.)
Driver's Safety Education Fund

Dunn stated that fund was self supported and was an additional charge on moving violations. He stated that they were partnering with the School Board to offer a Drivers Education Program.

(11:05 a.m.)
Sidewalk Construction Fund

Dunn didn't review.

(11:05 a.m.)
World Commerce Center DRI Fund

Dunn didn't review.

(11:05 a.m.)
CRA Funds

Stevenson asked where the revenue side of that fund came from. Dunn responded that the funding source was at 10 cent per square foot of developed non-residential property located within the World Commerce Center DRI. Stevenson asked about the expense side. Dunn replied that at that point there was no expense, it was a reserve.

(11:06 a.m.) Tom Crawford, Housing Director, stated that those funds were restricted under the DRI agreement, for down payment systems for employees in World Commerce, so that was why the funds were coming in. Dunn stated that the Flagler Estates CRA was paying their total debt service, and they were going to require some support, because the CRA, itself, would not be able to support its debt service after FY 2010. Dunn mentioned that the shortfall for FY 2011 would be about \$300,000. Dunn stated that the West Augustine CRA for FY 2009 would be able to pay 100 percent of their debt service, most of it in FY2010 and the ability to pay about 80 percent as they move forward from there. Stevenson commented on the CRAs. Dunn mentioned that the Vilano CRA in FY 2009 was able to pay 60 percent of their \$736,000 debt service, and in FY 2010 they would be down to paying about 30 percent of their debt service. Sanchez stated that all of that was a reflection of devaluation of real estate and was working against the CRA areas. Dunn mentioned having a couple of MSTUs and MSBUs, which were taxing units in specific residential areas, which included the Vilano Street Lighting District, St. Augustine South Lighting District, Elkton Drainage, CH Arnold Grading MSBU, Deerwood, Rusty Anchor Wendover Road, and Summerhaven. Stevenson asked if this was what the community had agreed on in Summerhaven. McCormack replied that there was no requirement for a property owner agreement. Stevenson asked if that reflected some of the cost that had been incurred in that area. McCormack replied that was correct.

(11:12 a.m.) Dunn stated that they would now move on to the Enterprise Funds, self contained funds that didn't involve any ad valorem revenues.

(11:12 a.m.)
Solid Waste Fund

Dunn stated that fund was largely funded through collections of disposal rates for solid waste and included the post closure facility operations residential collections. He stated there were a Recycling Program and some debt service. Bryan asked about the transfer stations. Dunn responded. Stevenson asked about recycling being affected by the new legislation; the 75 percent waste stream mandate that came from Tallahassee last session. Locklear responded that they were looking into it and he didn't have an answer at that time.

(11:14 a.m.)
Utility Services Fund

Dunn stated that fund was a self contained fund, largely through water and waste water revenues, as well as unit connection fees. In FY 2010, there was intent to borrow approximately \$15 million towards the construction of a waste water treatment facility in the Northwest.

(11:15 a.m.)
PV Utility Services Fund

Dunn reviewed the different departments. Bryan mentioned that they spent a lot of money in that area, for obvious reason, so he asked if it was self sustaining or pay back to some degree. (11:16 a.m.) Bill Young, Utility Director, stated that typically they did a full analysis, and there was usually a payback of 20-30 years. He stated that they liked to use their loan capacity as much as they could, and they stayed well within their caps. Bryan stated that he just wanted people to understand that when they put out that kind of dollars, that there was a projection that they used in order to be able to recap it. Young mentioned that they factored all of that into it, and a lot of thought went into the decisions before they were made. He noted they wouldn't allow them to borrow the money unless they could prove that it could be paid back without raising the rates. Stevenson wanted to clarify that the utility operated with fee generated revenues and connection fees, and was not subsidized by the General Fund or property tax. Dunn mentioned the Ponte Vedra Utility that incorporated both the Intercoastal and St. Johns Service area.

(11:18 a.m.)
Golf Course Fund

Timms stated that the Golf Course Fund was another fund that was self sufficient through golf course fees through FY 2010.

(11:20 a.m.)
Convention Center Fund

Timms stated that this was another self sufficient fund primarily supporting the debt service on the County Convention Center at the World Golf Village complex. Stevenson mentioned that the hotels in the World Golf Village area pay an extra two percent in bed tax and also a general bed tax that supported the Convention Center.

(11:21 a.m.) Timms stated that the next few funds were the Internal Service Funds that were meant to support employee benefits, which were workers compensation, health insurance, and the new OPEB, which was retired health care requirements.

(11:22 a.m.)

Worker Compensation Insurance Fund

Timms stated that Workers Comp and Health Insurance were in the best financial shape they had ever been in since he had been there. He stated that they had been able to lower or maintain employee rates in all of those areas.

(11:22 a.m.)

FSA Funds

Timms stated that FSA accounts were employee related, and were additional Federal tax benefits to employees to help them support their own medical independent cost, according to Federal requirements.

(11:22 a.m.)

OPEB Trust Fund

Timms stated that the OPEB fund had been a major success story for the County, and the estimated liability of OPEB for the County was \$11.5 million a year. He stated through a lot of work and effort by the Board, that was now down to \$3.5 million a year, an \$8 million dollars a year savings. Stevenson asked about group insurance. Timms replied that they were hopeful that the national effort to contain health care cost would have some success. He stated that he didn't think it was a mystery that health care costs had been increasing on a double digit basis, and that was unsustainable for anyone. He said that if it continued to increase at those levels, they would face challenges in the future. Timms stated that the reserves were actuarial requirements that they had to have, and they didn't have discretion. Discussion followed.

(11:27 a.m.)

Debt Service Funds

Timms stated that the next few funds were obligated, and that they didn't have any discretion on them. He stated that debt service meant the principal in interest related to specific debts that the County had issued. He stated that they had primarily transportation and sales tax debt in 1996 and 1997. He reviewed the different departments within the debt service fund. He spoke on the 2009 sales tax. He stated that the Flagler CRA debt service had incurred primarily on road improvements in that area, and they had been meeting their debt service. He stated that in the long run, they anticipate CRA's would pay their full debt service, but might need some support, from time to time, on a cash flow basis. He stated that they had the 2005 revenue sharing bonds also finishing out the debt service.

(11:32 a.m.) Timms stated that they were now going into the Capital Improvement Funds, which were funds dedicated for larger capital projects for the County and usually funded from impact fees and other sources.

(11:32 a.m.)

Park Projects Fund

Timms stated that this fund primarily began with Davis Park and continued with some improvements occurring. He stated that it expanded beyond Davis Park to other various parks including the West Augustine community.

(11:32 a.m.)

Beach Renourishment Fund

Timms said that fund had taken a lot of advantage of Federal funds and leveraged their money to a large degree. He said the third phase of beach renourishment would come up in September for the St. Augustine Beach, and the County would contribute about \$1.3 million and the Federal Government would add \$7 million. He mentioned that beach renourishment was a fifty year process that accumulated on each phase until it finally accomplished its purpose. Sanchez mentioned that most people didn't realize, that on a tourist survey, there were about 90 percent of the people wanting to go to a beach, and that was a large influence on the tourists business. Timms stated that it was not General Fund money, but was from Tourist Development Funds. Bryan asked if they saw any pull back from the Feds on that, as far as being totally funded. Locklear responded. Timms mentioned that the State had difficulty meeting funding requirements that they were putting in. Discussion followed.

(11:37 a.m.)

Southeast Annex Construction Fund

Timms spoke on the two longer term transportation projects; the Northwest Road Project, and the North Holmes Blvd. Project.

(11:39 a.m.)

Bond Transportation Improvement Fund

Timms mentioned that the FY 2006 Transportation Improvement Bond Projects were not listed separately, but were available in the CIP portion that followed.

(11:40 a.m.)

Fair Share Transportation Projects Fund

Locklear spoke on the SR 207 Corridor Improvement Group Development Agreement. Discussion followed.

(11:42 a.m.)

Transit System Capital Project Fund

Timms stated that fund had to do with the COA Sunshine Bus, which was building an administrative maintenance facility, largely through stimulus funding, which should be occurring through FY 2010.

(11:43 a.m.)

05 Revenue Sharing Bond Projects Fund

Timms stated that those were projects that were largely complete.

(11:44 a.m.)

06 Sales Tax Bonds Projects Fund

Timms said that those were not quite as detailed by the department name, but generally related to the description and were largely completed.

(11:44 a.m.)

09 Sales Tax Bonds Projects Fund

Timms stated that the FY 2009 Sales Tax Bond Projects were the most recent, and were in process, with the courthouse renovation being one of the main projects. He stated

that they had some transit support for that building, but it was not required now due to stimulus funding and the actual grants that they were getting through the FTA.

(11:45 a.m.)

Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) FY 2008-2012

Timms stated that they gave the CIP by fund, the requested and recommended projects, for information as a reference list. He stated that they gave the five-year CIP as it stands at that point. He stated that on the list were projects that could be engaged now, if the funding was available. There was a little bit more detail on the other capital items, with capital being well down the current year given economic conditions. He spoke on the miscellaneous capital items that were required, also well down, particularly in the General Fund, and in some of the other funds that were challenged, in terms of financial on the revenue side.

(11:48 a.m.)

Fire District Fund

Timms stated that they had a separate workshop on fire rescue, and had recommended a higher millage of 1.3 from the current 1.062, to address an emerging deficit in the General Fund in FY 2011. He stated that the County had come a long way in fire services. Bryan mentioned that this area could cost money and asked the status on it. McCormack advised the Board not to have the County Administrator or Administration comment, because there were very strict bargaining unit rules. He mentioned that they could ask questions after the meeting. Stevenson spoke on appreciating everyone's hard work, including the community's. She mentioned traffic calming and how effective it was, utilizing volunteers, and focusing on energy conservation.

2. (07/09/09 - 12 - 11:54 a.m.)

OTHER BUSINESS, AS NECESSARY

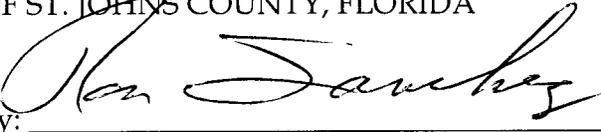
McCormack mentioned that he had a matter pertaining to litigation with the case of W.R. Townsend Contracting, Inc. vs. St. Johns County, where the plaintiff made an offer to settle with the County which the County did not accept. (11:55 a.m.) *McCormack stated that he would like to counteroffer back, after having done some homework, the County keeping \$72,200 and the receipt of that was that the plaintiff would get 37.8 K as an offer of settlement. He stated that they had some monetary requirements that they would also require as part of the settlement, that they noticed there were some deviation to the actual construction which they would require to be fixed as they described and also the as builds corrected.* He stated that he would like to get authorization from the Board to make that counteroffer. (11:56 a.m.) **Motion by Sanchez, seconded by Miner, carried 4/0 with Mays absent, to authorize what McCormack stated.**

(11:56 a.m.) Wanchick stated that one of the budget strategies that he and the Office of Management and Budget employed midyear, was to squeeze money out of various departments, funding that they did not think would be spent, given the draw down rate. He said that they took approximately \$400,000 from the TDC budget that was Category I money that was going to be used for advertising, and placed it into reserve, in case it was needed. He stated that the Delegation from the Tours and Hospitality Industry asked to have that money re-instituted into the TDC budget for a program that they would like to put together later this year. He stated that he had the administrative authority to do it but wanted to make sure everyone was in agreement on doing it. He asked for authority from the Board to do it. Stevenson stated that it sounded like he had the full support of the four members present. Wanchick mentioned that he had already spoken to Mays about it and had his support.

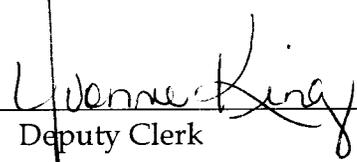
(11:58 a.m.) Motion by Sanchez, seconded by Miner, carried 4/0 with Mays absent, to adjourn the meeting.

Approved August 18, 2009

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: 
Ron Sanchez, Vice Chair

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