

MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA
MARCH 2, 2010
(9:00 A.M.)

Proceedings of a regular 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.

Present were: Ron Sanchez, District 2, Chair
 Ken Bryan, District 5, Vice Chair
 Cyndi Stevenson, District 1,
 Ray Quinn, District 3
 Phillip Mays, District 4
 Michael D. Wanchick, County Administrator
 Patrick McCormack, County Attorney
 Terry Bulla, Deputy Clerk

(03/02/10 - 1 - 8:59 a.m.)
CALL TO ORDER

Sanchez called the meeting to order.

(03/02/10 - 1 - 8:59 a.m.)
ROLL CALL

Sanchez stated that all five commissioners were present.

(03/02/10 - 1 - 8:59 a.m.)
Bryan gave the Invocation and Sanchez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A video was shown on the US Census 2010 prior to the presentation, urging all citizens to fill out and return their census forms. Sanchez said it was very important.

(03/02/10 - 1 - 9:01 a.m.)
RECOGNITION OF THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES WHO WERE RECENT RECIPIENTS
OF THE NE FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL'S AWARDS

Sanchez told about an award in the Cultural Events Division of the Northeast Florida Regional Council presented to Troy Blevins, Director Recreation & Parks, and to Ryan Dettra and Jenai Master of the St. Johns County Amphitheatre. He noted they had received a trophy at the event for all the hard work they had done. Blevins called up Lisa Tompkins, Jessica Jassner and Dan Laron, also of the Amphitheatre, who also worked to help achieve the success.

Stevenson told about the Excellence in Environmental Stewardship Award presented to Joe Stephenson and Ray Inman, of the Road and Bridge Department, by Northeast Florida's Regional Council for the Biodiesel Fuel Program. The innovative idea was to recycle waste vegetable oil to power County diesel vehicles. Stephenson said they could not have done it without the support of Administration. He said they were pleased with what had been accomplished. He said they had met the standards for the American Society for Testing, and they were the first to have done so with the feed stock, as it was a complex process.

(9:13 a.m.) Quinn recognized Dana Moore, Administrator of the Home Ownership Programs and Tom Crawford, Director of the St. Johns Housing and Community Services Department, who received the Excellence in Affordable Housing Award from the Northeast Florida Regional Council for their Foreclosure Intervention Program. He said Moore had led the way and developed the program, and 234 families in St. Johns County had been saved from foreclosure and been able to remain in their homes since September 2008. Moore said it was a privilege to serve the residents of St. Johns County and thanked all those who had helped in making the program possible.

(9:16 a.m.) Wanchick said there were less than a dozen awards from the Northeast Florida Regional Council and St. Johns County was the only County that won three awards. He said it was a tremendous accomplishment and he did not want it to go unnoticed. Sanchez said he was very proud of the staff and thanked them for their dedication.

(03/02/10 - 2 - 9:18 a.m.)

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE WEEK OF MARCH 7, 2010 AS GIRL SCOUT WEEK

Sanchez read and presented the proclamation to Nicole King, Membership Specialist for Girl Scouts of Gateway Council and Robbie Cordese, Service Unit Manager for St. Augustine Service Unit. He told of a recent award ceremony for the Girl Scouts in St. Johns County. King thanked Sanchez for attending the awards ceremony. She said they were always looking for volunteers and new Girl Scouts. She also reminded them to be sure to get their cookies.

(9:22 a.m.) **Motion by Stevenson, second by Bryan, carried 5/0, to approve the Proclamation.**

(03/02/10 - 2 - 9:23 a.m.)

DELETIONS TO CONSENT AGENDA

Stevenson asked to pull Consent Item 19 for discussion.

Wanchick asked to add a corrected Resolution to Consent Item No. 6 and a letter of support to Consent Item No. 20.

(03/02/10 - 2 - 9:24 a.m.)

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Bryan, seconded by Stevenson, carried 5/0, to approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

1. Approval of the Cash Requirement Report
2. Sheriff Bonds
Cancel: Anna Gibson
James L. Anderson, Jr.
3. Minutes:
BCC Special 2/8/10
4. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2010-41**, approving the final plat for Coastal Oaks at Nocatee Phase 1 Replat

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-41

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING A SUBDIVISION PLAT FOR COASTAL OAKS AT NOCATEE PHASE 1 - REPLAT

5. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2010-42**, approving the terms of a Purchase and Sale Agreement and a Temporary Construction Easement and authorizing the County Administrator, or designee, to execute a Purchase and Sale Agreement for property needed for the improvements to the intersection of San Sebastian View and Lewis Speedway

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-42

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE TERMS OF A PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT AND A TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, OR DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE A PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT FOR PROPERTY NEEDED FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE INTERSECTION OF SAN SEBASTIAN VIEW AND LEWIS SPEEDWAY

6. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2010-43**, rescinding Resolution 2009-125, dated May 5, 2009 and approving the terms of a Purchase and Sale Agreement and authorizing the County Administrator, or designee, to execute the Agreement for property needed for the drainage improvements in the West St. Augustine area

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-43

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 2009-125 DATED MAY 5, 2009 AND APPROVING THE TERMS AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, OR DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE A PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT FOR PROPERTY NEEDED FOR THE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE WEST ST. AUGUSTINE AREA

7. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2010-44**, approving the terms and authorizing the County Administrator, or designee, to execute a certain Purchase and Sale Agreement for property required for Seg. III of the Volusia Street/Four Mile Road Improvement Project

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-44

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE TERMS AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, OR DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE A CERTAIN PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT FOR PROPERTY REQUIRED FOR

**SEGMENT III OF THE VOLUSIA STREET/FOUR MILE
ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

8. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2010-45**, approving the terms and conditions of a Conservation Easement required for an upland buffer that surrounds a portion of Nocatee Trailhead Park North and authorizing the Board Chair to execute the Conservation Easement on behalf of the County

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-45

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF A CONSERVATION EASEMENT REQUIRED FOR AN UPLAND BUFFER THAT SURROUNDS A PORTION OF NOCATEE TRAILHEAD PARK NORTH AND AUTHORIZING THE BOARD CHAIR TO EXECUTE THE CONSERVATION EASEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY

9. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2010-46**, accepting a Modification of Easement Agreement and Special Warranty Deed for a lift station site in connection with the St. Johns Service Company utility acquisition in 2006 and authorizing the Board Chair to execute the Modification of Easement Agreement on behalf of the County

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-46

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING A MODIFICATION OF EASEMENT AGREEMENT AND SPECIAL WARRANTY DEED FOR A LIFT STATION SITE IN CONNECTION WITH THE ST. JOHNS SERVICE COMPANY UTILITY ACQUISITION IN 2006 AND AUTHORIZING THE BOARD CHAIR TO EXECUTE THE MODIFICATION OF EASEMENT AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY

10. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2010-47**, accepting a Grant of Easement for the maintenance of drainage facilities located on the north side of Vaill Point Road

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-47

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING A GRANT OF EASEMENT FOR MAINTENANCE OF DRAINAGE FACILITIES LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF VAILL POINT ROAD

11. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2010-48**, accepting a Deed of Dedication Right-of-Way for certain strips of land adjacent to a portion of the proposed right-of-way for County Road 2209 lying south of County Road 210 West

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-48

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING A DEED OF DEDICATION RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR CERTAIN STRIPS OF LAND ADJACENT TO A PORTION OF THE PROPOSED RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR COUNTY ROAD 2209 LYING SOUTH OF COUNTY ROAD 210 WEST

12. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2010-49**, approving the executed Assignment Agreement between Davis, Monk & Company and Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC for auditing services to St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-49

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS ASSOCIATED WITH AN ASSIGNMENT AGREEMENT FOR AUDIT SERVICES WITH ST. JOHNS COUNTY BETWEEN DAVIS, MONK & COMPANY, AND CARR, RIGGS & INGRAM, LLC; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

13. Motion to approve organizational position (paid by State Funding) changes within the Community Based Care Division through the realignment and reduction of positions resulting in an overall savings of \$7,436
14. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2010-50**, authorizing the County Administrator, or designee, to submit an application seeking funding assistance through the Florida Inland Navigation District Waterways Assistance Program Grant for the construction of the River House Fishing Pier

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-50

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, OR DESIGNEE, TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION SEEKING FUNDING ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE FLORIDA INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT WATERWAYS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GRANT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE RIVER HOUSE FISHING PIER

15. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2010-51**, authorizing the County Administrator, or designee, to submit an application seeking funding assistance through the Florida Inland Navigation District Waterways Assistance Program Grant for Phase II Construction of the Fort Mose Boardwalk and Canoe/Kayak Platform

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-51

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, OR

DESIGNEE, TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION SEEKING FUNDING ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE FLORIDA INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT WATERWAYS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GRANT FOR A PHASE II CONSTRUCTION OF THE FORT MOSE BOARDWALK AND CANOE/KAYAK PLATFORM

16. Motion to execute a renewal of the certificate of public convenience and necessity for St. Johns County Fire Rescue and Ambulance Service, Incorporated, effective until March 5, 2013. County Ordinance 95-17 requires those providing ambulance services to obtain a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (COPCN) from the governing body of the county in which those services will be provided
17. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2010-52**, which sets forth the restructure of the FY 2010 Fire/EMS staff structure to reflect the FY 2009 Board approved structure. A restructure of the FY 2010 Fire/EMS staff structure is being recommended to ensure 45 lieutenant position levels. There are no additional funds needed for this action. This restructure does not increase the number of FTEs. Additionally, the resulting restructure stays within the adopted FY 2010 salary budget and does not require a reserve transfer

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-52

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE RESTRUCTURE OF THE FY 2010 FIRE/EMS STAFF TO REFLECT THE FY 2009 BOARD APPROVED FIRE STRUCTURE

18. Motion to approve a transfer in the amount of \$5,553 from Transportation Trust Fund Reserves to the appropriate salary and benefit budget line items in the Road & Bridge Department to allow filling an existing Heavy Equipment Operator II position at Pay Grade 112 Step 9 by promotion in accordance with requirements of the Local Bargaining Agreement

This item was pulled and moved to the regular agenda as Item 1A, see page 8.

19. Motion to adopt a Resolution, approving the terms, provisions, conditions, and requirements of a Hospitality Purchase Agreement between St. Johns County, Florida and the PGA TOUR, Inc. for the 2011 - 2015 "Players" Golf Tournament, and authorizing the County Administrator, or designee, to execute the Agreement on behalf of the County
20. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2010-53**, authorizing the County Administrator or designee to execute two National Scenic Highway Grant Applications for purposes of submitting to the Florida Department of Transportation for the William Bartram Scenic and Historic Highway - Corridor Management Council

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-53

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, OR DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE TWO NATIONAL SCENIC HIGHWAY GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR PURPOSES OF SUBMITTING TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF

**TRANSPORTATION FOR THE WILLIAM BARTRAM
SCENIC AND HISTORIC HIGHWAY-CORRIDOR
MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

21. Proofs:
 - a. Proof: Notice to Bidders, Bid No. 10-22, published January 29, 2010, and February 5, 2010, in the St. Augustine Record
 - b. Proof: Notice of Joint Special Meeting of St. Johns County Commission on February 8, 2010, published February 5, 2010, in the St. Augustine Record
 - c. Proof: Notice to Bidders, Bid No. 10-36, published January 30, 2010, and February 6, 2010, in the St. Augustine Record
 - d. Proof: Notice to Bidders, Bid No. 10-41, published January 30, 2010, and February 6, 2010, in the St. Augustine Record
 - e. Proof: Notice to Bidders, Bid No. 10-21, published February 5, 2010, in the Ponte Vedra Recorder
 - f. Proof: Notice to Bidders, Bid No. 10-22, published February 5, 2010, in the Ponte Vedra Recorder
 - g. Proof: Notice to Bidders, Bid No. 10-36, published February 5, 2010, in the Ponte Vedra Recorder
 - h. Proof: Notice to Bidders, Bid No. 10-41, published February 5, 2010, in the Ponte Vedra Recorder
 - i. Proof: Notice to Bidders, Bid No. 10-46, published February 5, 2010, in the Ponte Vedra Recorder
 - j. Proof: Notice to Bidders, Bid No. 10-50, published February 12, 2010, in the Ponte Vedra Recorder
 - k. Proof: Notice to Bidders, Bid No. 10-51, published February 12, 2010, in the Ponte Vedra Recorder
 - l. Proof: Request for Proposals for Temporary Staffing Services, RFP No. 10-40, published February 12, 2010, in the Ponte Vedra Recorder
 - m. Proof: Notice to Bidders, Bid No. 10-39, published February 12, 2010, in the Ponte Vedra Recorder
 - n. Proof: Notice to Bidders, Bid No. 10-46, published February 5, 2010, and February 12, 2010, in the St. Augustine Record
 - o. Proof: Notice to Bidders, Bid No. 10-21, published February 5, 2010, and February 12, 2010, in the St. Augustine Record.
 - p. Proof: Notice to Bidders, Bid No. 10-39, published February 6, 2010, and February 13, 2010, in the St. Augustine Record
 - q. Proof: Certificate of Liability Insurance for Hygema House Movers, Inc., P.O. Box 2655, Jacksonville, FL 32203

(03/02/10 - 7 - 9:26 a.m.)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Phil McDaniel, 51 Water Street, St. Johns Cultural Council, gave an overhead presentation, showed pictures and thanked the Commission and the County Recreation and Parks Department as well as the 450 Next Division of the Young Professionals Organization of St. Augustine for the successful completion of the first Arts in Public Places installation at the Solomon Calhoun Community Center. He said the 450 Next chose to do a public art project and worked with children from the community after school program at the Calhoun Center, the Calvin Peete Center, the Boys and Girls Clubs and the American Legion Post 194, to complete a decorative wall at the Center. He thanked the children for making it possible. He thanked others who were involved at the Center.

(9:28 a.m.) Stevenson said the wall was beautiful, and there had been great coverage of the project.

(03/02/10 - 8 - 9:29 a.m.)

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO REGULAR AGENDA

Sanchez said Item 19 from the Consent Agenda would become item 1A on the Regular Agenda.

Wanchick asked to add the Kids Bridge item to the Regular Agenda.

(03/02/10 - 8 - 9:30 a.m.)

APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

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

(03/02/10 - 8 - 9:30 a.m.) *(This Item was previously Consent Item No. 19, see page 6.)*

1A. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2010-54**, approving the terms, provisions, conditions, and requirements of a Hospitality Purchase Agreement between St. Johns County, Florida and the PGA TOUR, Inc. for the 2011-2015 "Players" Golf Tournament, and authorizing the County Administrator, or designee, to execute the Agreement on behalf of the County

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-54

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE TERMS, PROVISIONS, CONDITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS OF A HOSPITALITY AGREEMENT BETWEEN ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND THE PGA TOUR INC. FOR THE 2011-2015 "PLAYERS" TOURNAMENT, AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, OR DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY

Stevenson said this item was for a long term contract with PGA Tour. She said her concern was because of the continued budget constraints. She suggested it be funded out of the new penny approved for TDC funding, rather than from where the beach renourishment program received funding. She asked the Board to confirm TDCs intent, and that they would support it coming out of the new penny. Mays said that was his understanding, and he would commit to that. Bryan said he had no problem as long as it was legal. Hunt said there was no problem. Wanchick said that was always the Commission's intent. He said the Attorney's office would be bringing them a new Ordinance, and it would be spelled out in more detail. He said it was a little ahead of the sequence but totally appropriate. Quinn said it was his understanding that the new penny would be the source of the revenue to fund it. Quinn said he was fine with documenting that statement.

(9:34 a.m.) Troy Blevins said the return on investment on the contract was phenomenal, close to \$4.15 million last year.

(9:35 a.m.) **Motion by Stevenson, seconded by Mays, carried 5/0, to approve Item 19.**

(03/02/10 - 9 - 9:36 a.m.)

1. INFORMATIONAL UPDATE ON THE RECENT RECOGNITION OF THE ST. JOHNS COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT BEING RANKED AS ONE OF THE TOP TWO HEALTHIEST COUNTIES IN FLORIDA BY THE 2010 COUNTY HEALTH RANKINGS REPORT

Dr. Dawn Allicock, M.D., Director of the St. Johns County Health Department, gave an overhead presentation and paid tribute to the Public and Private Partnerships. She provided an informational update on the recent Recognition of the St. Johns County Health Department being ranked as one of the top two healthiest counties in Florida by the 2010 County Health Rankings Report. She reviewed the highlights for the County, including that St. Johns County was the only county to rank in the top two for both health outcomes and health factors, which included low mortality rates, low Chlamydia and teen birth rates, access to healthcare providers, education and a low percentage of children living in poverty. She also noted there were opportunities for improvement including binge drinking in adults, preventable hospital stays, diabetic screening, income inequality, access to healthy foods, liquor store density, tobacco use, obesity and unemployment. She thanked the Board for their leadership and stated that her staff was there to serve. Bryan lauded Allicock's leadership, especially regarding a \$20,000 grant for environmental health. He said they were able to achieve a survey in the West Augustine area in order to determine health and risk factors in that area, with a particular focus on water and sewer. He said it was a pleasure to work with her and her staff. Quinn commented that when he visited the health facility, it far exceeded his expectations. He said they were to be applauded for their tremendous success.

(9:50 a.m.) It was noted that they needed to return to Item 1A, to Read the Resolution and assign a Resolution Number.

(9:51 a.m.) **Motion by Stevenson, seconded by Mays, carried 5/0, to adopt Resolution No. 2010-54, approving the terms, provisions, conditions, and requirements of a Hospitality Purchase Agreement between St. Johns County, Florida and the PGA Tour, Inc. for the 2011-2015 "Players" Golf Tournament, and authorizing the County Administrator, or designee, to execute the Agreement on behalf of the County.**

(03/02/10 - 9 - 9:51 a.m.)

2. CONSIDER A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF THE LOAN NOTE AND OTHER RELATED DOCUMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE FLORIDA LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE COMMISSION POOLED COMMERCIAL PAPER LOAN PROGRAM AND THE BORROWING OF \$2,050,000 TO ACQUIRE VOTING EQUIPMENT AND FIRE RESCUE VEHICLES AND AN ADJUSTMENT TO THE FIRE/EMS IMPACT FEES FUND REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE BUDGETS TO ACCOUNT FOR UNANTICIPATED FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500,000

McCormack explained the resolution and said it was for formal approval. He said Jean Mangu was present, if there were questions.

(9:53 a.m.) **Motion by Quinn, seconded by Bryan, carried 5/0, to adopt Resolution 2010-55, authorizing the execution and delivery of the Loan Note and other related documents associated with the County's participation in the Florida Local Government Finance Commission Pooled Commercial Paper Loan Program and the borrowing of \$2,050,000 to acquire voting equipment and fire rescue vehicles and an**

adjustment to the Fire/EMS impact fees fund revenue and expenditure budgets to account for unanticipated funds in the amount of \$500,000.

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-55

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, THAT SUPPLEMENTS ST. JOHNS COUNTY RESOLUTION NOS. 99-138, AS AMENDED; MAKES FINDINGS; PROVIDES DEFINITIONS; AUTHORIZES THE COUNTY TO BORROW \$2,050,000 (THE "THIRTEENTH LOAN") FOR THE PROJECT DESCRIBED HEREIN FROM THE POOLED COMMERCIAL PAPER LOAN PROGRAM OF THE FLORIDA LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE COMMISSION; PLEDGES CERTAIN NON-AD VALOREM FUNDS TO THE PAYMENT OF THE THIRTEENTH LOAN; APPROVES THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE NOTE THAT WILL EVIDENCE THE THIRTEENTH LOAN; AUTHORIZES A NEGOTIATED SALE OF THE THIRTEENTH LOAN NOTE; AUTHORIZES THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF THE THIRTEENTH NOTE; DIRECTS THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENSURE THAT CERTAIN TASKS ARE PERFORMED; AUTHORIZES THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF OTHER DOCUMENTS; AMENDS THE FISCAL YEAR 2010 FIRE/EMS IMPACT FEES FUND BUDGETS TO RECEIVE LOAN PROCEEDS AND AUTHORIZE AN EXPENDITURE FOR THE PURCHASE OF A FIRE RESCUE VEHICLE; AND PROVIDES AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(03/02/10 - 10 - 9:54 a.m.)

3. WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS THE FISCAL YEAR 2011 BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS BUDGET

Doug Timms, Director of the Office of Management and Budget, gave an overhead presentation, and noted it was the budget kickoff for FY 2011. He reviewed the Budget Process and the dates during which each phase was to take place. He explained that they could not deficit spend at the local level. He reviewed the Total Projected County Budget for 2011, and said there was an estimated \$36 million decrease in the budget, or about 6%, and it would be the fourth successive year of a decreasing budget. He reviewed CIP funding and noted they were projecting considerable decreases in the coming years. He reported that they had exhausted their debt capacity. He reviewed the Percentage of Breakdown of Property Tax Revenue and that the Board's percentage of that revenue was 25%. He said the Board was in a position to hold the millage rates steady for the current year and next year, depending on the economy. He said property tax declines were at approximately 7.5%. He reviewed Recent Financial Impacts which had resulted in a total revenue decrease of \$66.5 million. He reported on the General Fund Projections, and estimated a deficit in good shape until 2013 assuming that the economy did not deteriorate any further. He said there would be a \$4 million deficit in 2013 at the current trend. He reviewed projected expenditures and said we would be living on reserves during the projected term. He reviewed the Fire District Fund Projections and he said they would also be living off of reserves. He discussed what a general Fund Deficit would mean in FY 2013, and noted that the Fire District Fund was

projected to go negative in FY 2014. He said that under State Millage Rate Limits, the County would likely only be able to increase the aggregate millage rate 3% per year in FY 2012 through FY 2014. The Fire District Fund balancing millage rate is projected to be 1.40 mills (from the current 4.80 mills) in FY 2014. The General Fund balancing millage rate is projected to be 5.00 mills (from the current 4.80 mills) in FY 2013. He said the County would not be able to raise both the Fire District Fund millage and the General Fund millage to those balancing millage rates in the same year, due to the projected 3% limit. He reviewed steps that had already been taken since FY 2007 to reduce expenditures, the FY 2011 Budget Guidelines, and significant upcoming dates in the budget workshop process.

(10:08 a.m.) Stevenson clarified her comments regarding Fire Services that had been published in *The St. Augustine Record*. She said that Palencia residents had experienced the problems that the northwest area also had; increased insurance rates and some people being dropped for lack of fire insurance services. She said those issues were being addressed in the current budget. She added that in the South, the fire station posed a safety risk, and it was also being addressed in the budget as well. She said there simply was not enough in the current budget to address the fire station in the northwest sector, which had been long awaited. She said everyone was tightening their belts and people were going without in certain places. She expressed concern about when that area would be addressed. She said she would appreciate all the Boards' support in looking at all the strategies possible for extending the life of the jail, so they wouldn't have that added expense until they were out of the budget downturn. She said she hoped the State would not pass on their budget problems to the counties, as we had our own problems. She commended Administration and staff on the hard work that had gone forth on their part.

(10:11 a.m.) Sanchez said he appreciated her clarifying that. He said that when construction was started on the station, the Palencia area would see a difference in their insurance rates.

(10:11 a.m.) Mays said they were faced with the problem of having to address the problems which should have been addressed when the projects were improved. He thanked Timms for his work on the project. He emphasized that the county only received 25% of the tax budget. He said County employees had to be patient and had taken a big hit, and that he was grateful for their patience and support. He asked Timms to discuss reserves and what would needed to happen in the future to replace those reserves.

(10:13 a.m.) Timms highlighted the General Fund Reserves, and explained that the Board had previously decided, last year, to build up the reserves to get them through the difficult times. He said there was about \$25 million in reserves, but that would be drawn down to about \$10 million in 2013, and that was still a minimally acceptable level. He said if any type catastrophe should occur, they would be left vulnerable in that regard. He said they had to hope for, but not count on, the economy to pick up and rebound, and they should then see the reserves strengthened.

(10:15 a.m.) Wanchick said they were not drawing down on the normal fund balance reserves. He said what the Board did last year, and in prior years, was to start a trend towards building reserves. He noted that even though they were drawing upon those reserves, they were still maintaining appropriate fund balances. He said it was only in the out years that they faced that issue again. Sanchez added that they had been working for that for several years, and had put extra money in the reserves beginning with the FY 2008 budget. Wanchick said the other thing that was important, was that the size and cost of St. Johns County government had gone down significantly. He said

the problem was that revenues were falling at a more rapid rate. He said if it continued to fall in the out years, it would become necessary to raise ad valorem rate, but because of property tax reform, they were limited to 3% a year. He said their strategy was to maintain the programs as they were currently, and any new revenue would go to the critical needs. He added that the things they would like to do, would be delayed for awhile. He said the County would get through it, but it was going to be a difficult and challenging time.

(10:18 a.m.) Bryan commended Timms and his staff. He said they needed to assume the worst, that the economy would not turn around soon, and they needed to plan accordingly. He encouraged staff to look at places where money could be saved and to continue to do so.

(10:20 a.m.) Stevenson said she was interested in talking about the impact of past legislation and how it would affect budget decisions. She stated that the public and others should understand how that legislation would significantly affect the budget, and what path they were being driven down. She mentioned the 3% increase and noted that many people would be unhappy if that occurred. She asked if it was the aggregate millage, and Wanchick said it was. Timms said the 3% would be close to the actual amount of revenue produced, based on the assumptions they were making in the model. Stevenson said it would not be that the tax bills were going up, but that the revenues were falling and the millage would have to be adjusted to fill in the gap. Timms said they could ride it out for two years before addressing the actual deficit. Stevenson said people appreciated that they were tightening their belt. She said they had discussed that St. Johns County revenues would recover one year after the market recovered. Timms said that was correct, and they could see a significant lag in terms of further economic downturn if that occurred.

(10:23 a.m.) Quinn said he was grateful for the planning last year which was easing the pain somewhat for the coming year. He said as they went forward with the workshops, the department heads would be able to assist the Board even further, and he looked forward to that.

(10:23 a.m.) Sanchez said they were not looking at a tax increase during the current year or the following year. He said the devaluation of property would lower people's taxes and also the Airport Board was going to come off the tax roles next year. He encouraged people to look at the positive side, and to understand what they had been through and what they were going to have to go through.

(10:24 a.m.) Wanchick said that by nature, the Office of Management and Budget, Administration, and the Commission had to anticipate the worst, but there were signs of life. He said building permits had begun to pick up during the past six months. He said they were trying to keep the community out of trouble by planning for the worst and hoping for the best.

CONVENE AS COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

(03/02/10 - 12 - 10:25 a.m.)

4. CONSIDER A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF ONE LOT OWNED BY ST. JOHNS COUNTY COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY TO THE HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, IN ORDER FOR THE LOT TO BE USED IN CONNECTION WITH THE CWHIP PROGRAM FOR WORKFORCE HOUSING

Proof of publication of the notice of public hearing on Transfer One Lot on Aiken Street, CRA Hearing, was received, having been published in *The St. Augustine Record* on February 19, 2010.

Tom Crawford, Director Housing & Community Services, explained the request.

(10:27 a.m.) **Motion by Mays, seconded by Bryan, carried 5/0, to adopt CRA Resolution No. 2010-2, authorizing the conveyance of one lot owned by St. Johns County Community Redevelopment Agency to the Housing Finance Authority of St. Johns County, so that the lot can be used in connection with the CWHIP program for workforce housing.**

CRA RESOLUTION NO. 2010-2

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, ACTING AS ST. JOHNS COUNTY COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY, AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF ONE LOT OWNED BY ST. JOHNS COUNTY COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY TO THE HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY TO BE USED IN CONNECTION WITH THE CWHIP PROGRAM FOR THE WORKFORCE HOUSING

RECONVENE AS THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Board recessed at 10:28 a.m. and reconvened at 10:43 a.m.

Another short video on the census was shown.

(03/02/10 - 13 - 10:45 a.m.)

District 2

5. PUBLIC HEARING - REZ 2009-14, ANASTASIA BAPTIST CHURCH AT STATE ROAD 16 REZONING. THIS IS A REQUEST TO REZONE FROM PLANNED SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT (PSD) TO OPEN RURAL (OR). SUBJECT PROPERTY IS APPROXIMATELY 8.16 ACRES IN SIZE AND IS GENERALLY LOCATED AT THE SOUTHEAST INTERSECTION OF SR 16 AND CIRCLE DRIVE EAST. THE PLANNING DIVISION FINDS THE REQUEST TO REZONE TO OR SUBSTANTIALLY MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE. THE PLANNING AND ZONING AGENCY RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THIS REQUEST AT THE JANUARY 21, 2009, MEETING BY A VOTE OF 7 TO 0

Proof of publication of the notice of public hearing on REZ 2009-14, Anastasia Baptist Church, was received, having been published in *The St. Augustine Record* on January 6, 2010.

Michael Robinson, Planner I Growth Management Services, gave an overhead presentation explaining the request. He said staff found that it met the requirements of the Comprehensive Plan and the LDC.

(10:48 a.m.) Karen Taylor, 77 Saragossa St., said the applicant had owned the land for several years and church services and Sunday School classes were also held there.

(10:49 a.m.) Motion by Bryan seconded by Quinn, carried 5/0, to enact Ordinance 2010-10, known as REZ 2009-14, adopting findings of fact one through four to support the motion.

ORDINANCE NO. 2010-10

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF ST. JOHNS, STATE OF FLORIDA, REZONING LANDS AS DESCRIBED HEREINAFTER FROM THE PRESENT ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PLANNED SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT (PSD) TO OPEN RURAL (OR); MAKING FINDINGS OF FACT; REQUIRING RECORDATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

(03/02/10 - 14 - 10:50 a.m.)

District 3

6. PUBLIC HEARING - REZ 2009-16, DOBBS ROAD REZONING. THIS IS A REQUEST TO REZONE 2.41 ACRES FROM INDUSTRIAL WAREHOUSE (IW) TO COMMERCIAL INTENSIVE (CI). SUBJECT PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT 2330 DOBBS RD WITHIN THE MIXED USE DISTRICT FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION. THE PLANNING DIVISION FINDS THE REQUEST TO REZONE TO COMMERCIAL INTENSIVE (CI) SUBSTANTIALLY MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE. THE PLANNING AND ZONING AGENCY HEARD THIS ITEM AT THEIR FEBRUARY 4, 2010, MEETING AND RECOMMENDED APPROVAL BY A VOTE OF 6 TO 0

Proof of publication of the notice of public hearing on REZ 2009-16, Dobbs Road, was received, having been published in *The St. Augustine Record* on February 15, 2010.

Michael Blackford, Growth Management, gave an overhead presentation explaining the request.

(10:52 a.m.) George McClure, 81 King St. Suite A, for the applicant, said he was there to answer questions. He gave a brief explanation and history of the operation.

(10:54 a.m.) Motion by Mays, seconded by Bryan, carried 5/0, to enact Ordinance No. 2010-11, known as REZ 2009-16, adopting findings of fact one through four to support the motion.

ORDINANCE NO 2010-11

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF ST. JOHNS, STATE OF FLORIDA, REZONING LANDS AS DESCRIBED HEREINAFTER FROM THE PRESENT ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF INDUSTRIAL WAREHOUSE (IW) TO COMMERCIAL INTENSIVE (CI); MAKING FINDINGS OF FACT; REQUIRING RECORDATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

(03/02/10 - 14 - 10:55 a.m.)

7. 2010 SAFE HAVEN SUPERVISED VISITATION GRANT APPLICATION

Wanchick gave an explanation of the grant request. Stevenson gave a background of the project.

(10:56 a.m.) **Motion by Stevenson, seconded by Mays, carried 5/0, to authorize staff to prepare and submit an application for funding for the Supervised Visitation Grant Program under the Department of Justice Office of Violence Against Women Grant Program, 2010.**

(03/02/10 - 15 - 10:57 a.m.)
COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

(10:58 a.m.)
Commissioner Stevenson:

Stevenson said it was a great day for St. Johns County, and the economic and physical health of the County was in good shape. She said they were facing tough times, but they were in pretty good shape for the shape they were in. She said the focus would be on needs not wants. She said many counties were having things much worse.

(10:59 a.m.)
Commissioner Mays:

Mays said he had worked with local farmers and with Sen. Carey Baker. He said most farmers were large farmers and were distributing to large distributors. He said what they were working on, was helping small local growers to get their products on local shelves. He said it would be appropriate to support a resolution for support of that initiative. Stevenson said she would support it. *There was general Board consensus to do so.*

(11:01 a.m.)
Commissioner Bryan:

Bryan said he had made opening remarks at the Women Farmers of Florida convention recently. He said about 200 women farmers were there, and they were an active group. He said he had attended a gathering in Lincolnville recognizing the "The Way We Were", a film documenting many of the seniors in the community who talked about the way things were many years ago. He said there were less than 20 African American businesses in St. Johns County and they needed to work on that. He said a Gulla Geechee program had been presented at Fort Mose to highlight the significance of the Gulla Geechee and how they migrated from the Carolinas down through Florida. He noted and highlighted their presence in St. Johns County. He said the Permits and Planning Office had worked with constituents in his district to help them to expand their businesses and to assist with obtaining business permits. He encouraged people to talk with Howard White and his staff, who would help those with needs to work things out. He thanked their staff for their help. He mentioned the census and said he had talked with the Realtors Board about it. He said they were trying to impress on the public the importance of the census. He said every person represented \$1,400 to the community.

(11:04 a.m.)
Commissioner Quinn:

Quinn said he had toured farms in the Hastings area with David Dinkins last week, and he supported all efforts on behalf of the farmers.

(11:05 a.m.)

Commissioner Sanchez:

Sanchez said Parks and Recreation was working hard to get a small community center for Flagler Estates and that it was moving forward. He said he agreed 100% about support for the farmers, and it was a critical time for the farmers in their planting process. He noted that St. Johns County was doing well with awards to staff and community residents. He said they were making it through the tough times. He said they should never forget the tough times and should remain conservative during the better times. He said they should focus on their needs and not wants.

(03/02/10 - 16 - 11:08 a.m.)

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Wanchick said that Dr. Allcock had emphasized that a team was necessary. He said he would like to add a new member to that team, Venerria Lucas Thomas as Director of Health and Human Services. He said she was exceptionally well qualified. He asked for a salary of \$93,300, the midpoint in the range and \$20,000 less than what the previous Director was paid, and relocation expenses not to exceed \$5,000. Sanchez said there was Board consensus. McCormack said a motion was necessary.

(11:10 a.m.) Motion by Sanchez, seconded by Bryan, carried 5/0, to approve the County Administrator's request to hire Venerria Lucas Thomas as Director of Health and Human Services with a salary of \$93,300 and moving expenses not to exceed \$5,000.

Wanchick clarified that he thought their intent was to prepare a Resolution for support of the farmers. *There was Board consensus to do so.*

Wanchick said the March 17 meeting would be a long one and they might want to add March 30 at 9:00 a.m. to finish the meeting.

(11:11 a.m.) Bryan said he forget to mention an item. He said military personnel often had to leave their pets when they were deployed. He said there was a web site, *militarypetsfosterproject.com* that would help in temporary foster placements for pets. He said soldiers could then get their pets back when they returned.

(11:12 a.m.) Wanchick said there would be a joint meeting with the School Board on March 4 at 9:00 a.m.

(03/02/10 - 16 - 11:13 a.m.)

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

McCormack commented on the high ranking the County had received on the health study. He said that other county attorneys were commenting on it. He said it was not a vanity study; it was done by the University of Wisconsin, and was an objective study. He noted that the Board should be proud. He said also, regarding the Bird Island Park Project contract, that the project was almost complete, and the representatives for the contract between the County and Ponte Vedra Beach Park at the Library Boulevard, Inc., had requested an extension to their contract with the County, to ensure that it went through properly. He asked that the Board extend the contract to make sure all the details were completed on it. He said Cameron was knowledgeable about the project, and asked the Board to extend it to May 31, 2010, a two month extension.

(11:17 a.m.) Wanchick said they had to terminate the original contractor and it had caused a delay. He said the request was appropriate.

(11:17 a.m.) **Motion by Mays, seconded by Sanchez, carried 5/0, to extend the Bird Island contract to May 31, 2010.**

(03/02/10 - 17 - 11:17 a.m.)
CLERK OF COURT'S REPORT

There was no report.

With there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

REPORTS:

1. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Check Register, Check No. 452674 through 452948, totaling \$826,302.95 (02/09/10)
2. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Check Register, Check No. 452949, totaling \$\$200.00 (02/10/10)
3. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Check Register, Check No. 452950 through 452973, totaling \$3,376.10 (02/11/10)
4. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Voucher Register, Voucher No. 1457 through 1499, totaling \$601,741.57 (02/16/10)

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter dated February 18, 2010, to Liz Cloud Program Administrator, Department of State filing St. Johns County Ordinances Number 2010-6 through 2010-9.

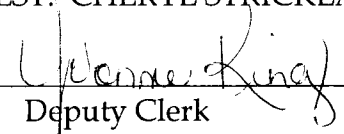
Approved March 16, 2010

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: 

Ron Sanchez, Chair

ATTEST: CHERYL STRICKLAND, CLERK

By: 
Deputy Clerk

