

**MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA
JANUARY 4, 2011
(9:00 A.M.)**

Proceedings of an emergency meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, held in the San Sebastian Conference Room at the County Administration Building, 500 San Sebastian View, St. Augustine, Florida.

Proof of publication of the notice of the emergency meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, was received, having been published in *The St. Augustine Record* on January 4, 2011.

Present: J. Ken Bryan, District 5, Chair
Ray Quinn, District 3
Jay Morris, District 4
Michael Wanchick, County Administrator
Jerry Cameron, Assistant County Administrator
Patrick McCormack, County Attorney
Carl Shank, Fire Rescue Chief
Jeremy Robshaw, St. Johns County Fire Rescue
Ray Ashton, Emergency Management
Karen Pan, Office of Public Affairs
Terry Bulla, Deputy Clerk

(01/04/11 - 1 - 2:00 p.m.)

McCormack opened the meeting, stated there was a quorum of the Board present, and explained the purpose of the meeting, which was to consider extending the state of local emergency declared the previous week, regarding a burn ban in St. Johns County. He explained that the burn ban was permitted for only seven days and the Board needed to determine whether to extend it or not. He stated that violation of the ban would be a criminal offense. He noted that an extension could be done by the chair or the vice chair, but he wanted a quorum of the Board to meet, at least once, because of the criminal nature of any violations.

(2:03 p.m.) Carl Shank, Operation/ Assistant Chief Fire and Rescue, spoke and said they had responded to 30 burns during the week. He said they had worked with the Sheriff's office regarding enforcement. He said Fire/Rescue had not had any issues. He stated that the current conditions were at 614 on the drought scale and Volusia and Flagler were at 626 and 639. He noted they were all very dry. He said that a little rain had come through over the weekend, but it was not a significant amount, and it would take a great deal of rain to bring the County out of drought conditions. He said they recommended continuing the burn ban for the next seven days.

(2:06 p.m.) Wanchick asked if adjacent counties still had burn bans in effect. Shank said that they did.

(2:06 p.m.) McCormack reviewed the Resolution.

(2:08 p.m.) Bryan asked if the ban would begin at midnight or whether it would overlap. McCormack said it would overlap. He said if it needed to be extended again, they would do it at midday. He said the meeting had been advertised and distributed according to the emergency check list.

(01/04/11 - 2 - 2:09 p.m.)

Motion by Quinn, seconded by Sanchez, carried 3/0, to approve Resolution No. 2011-1, extending the state of local emergency and the burn ban in St. Johns County, Florida

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-1

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, THAT CONSISTS OF A PROCLAMATION DECLARING AND EXTENDING A STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY AS PROVIDED IN PART I, CHAPTER 252, FLORIDA STATUTES, AND BY ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA ORDINANCE 94-25, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED.

With there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Approved January 18, 2011

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _____

J. Ken Bryan, Chair

ATTEST: CHERYL STRICKLAND, CLERK

By: _____

Deputy Clerk

