

**MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA
JULY 16, 2013
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: John H. Morris, District 4, Chair
William A. McClure, District 3, Vice Chair
Cyndi Stevenson, District 1
Ron Sanchez, District 2
Rachael Bennett, District 5
Michael Wanchick, County Administrator
Patrick McCormack, County Attorney
Lenora Newsome, Deputy Clerk

(07/16/13 - 1 - 9:00 a.m.)
CALL TO ORDER

Morris called the meeting to order.

(07/16/13 - 1 - 9:00 a.m.)
ROLL CALL

The clerk called the roll and all members were present.

(07/16/13 - 1 - 9:01 a.m.)
INVOCATION

Earl Glisson, Anchor Faith Church, gave the invocation.

(07/16/13 - 1 - 9:03 a.m.)
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Morris led the Pledge of Allegiance.

(07/16/13 - 1 - 9:03 a.m.)
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING JULY 2013, AS RECREATION AND PARKS MONTH

Stevenson said St. Johns County enjoyed an incredible quality of life, and Parks and Recreation helped make it happen. Wil Smith, Director of Parks and Recreation and staff accepted the proclamation. Smith thanked the Board for the recognition and his staff for coming to the meeting. He introduced everyone present; Brian James, Southeast Recreation Supervisor; Mike Harayda, Southeast Maintenance Supervisor; David Canon, Northeast Maintenance Supervisor; Matt Dodson, Northwest Recreation Supervisor; Eddie Jimmerson, Southwest Maintenance Supervisor; Alan Rix, Certified Playground Inspector; Keith Ruthenbeck, Central Maintenance Supervisor; Betsy Clarkson, Recreation Superintendent; Dale Vaughn, Maintenance Superintendent; Bryan Eccleston, Northwest Maintenance Supervisor; Diane Gorski, Northeast Recreation Supervisor; Barbara Moubray, Administrative Coordinator; Chris Sandy, Warehouse Coordinator; Thomas Jackson, Central Recreation Supervisor; Wes Tucker, Golf Course; Billy Zeits, Beach Operation Manager; Joe Shakar, Recreation Supervisor;

Willie Cooper, Solomon Calhoun Center Facility Coordinator; Tara Dobson, HCP Coordinator; and Sydney Lindblad, Office Manager Beach Services.

(07/16/13 - 2 - 9:13 a.m.)

ACCEPTANCE OF PROCLAMATION

Motion by Stevenson, seconded by McClure, carried 5/0, to accept the proclamation.

(07/16/13 - 2 - 9:13 a.m.)

DELETIONS TO CONSENT AGENDA

Bennett requested to move Consent Item 8 and place it on the Regular Agenda as Item 10. McClure requested to move Consent Item 7 and place it on the Regular Agenda as Item 11. Wanchick requested to move Consent Item 23 and place it on the Regular Agenda as Item 1a.

(07/16/13 - 2 - 9:15 a.m.)

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Approval of the Cash Requirement Report
2. Minutes:
 - May 7, 2013 Regular Meeting
 - May 21, 2013 Regular Meeting
 - June 4, 2013 Regular Meeting
3. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2013-136**, approving the terms and authorizing the Chair, or designee, to execute an Agreement for Modification and Updated Disclosure Statement for Children and Families, for space located at the Health and Human Services Center

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-136

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE TERMS AND AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR, OR DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR MODIFICATION AND AN UPDATED DISCLOSURE STATEMENT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FOR SPACE LOCATED AT THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES CENTER

4. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2013-137**, accepting a Grant of Drainage Easement needed for annual maintenance in the area of Josiah, Hamilton and Allen Street off Masters Drive. No funding required

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-137

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING A GRANT OF DRAINAGE EASEMENT FOR ANNUAL MAINTENANCE IN THE AREA OF JOSIAH, HAMILTON, AND ALLEN STREET OFF MASTERS DRIVE

5. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2013-138**, accepting an Easement for Utilities for water and sewer service for Pinehurst Pointe subdivision, off International Golf Parkway. No funding required

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-138

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING AN EASEMENT FOR UTILITIES FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICE TO SERVE PINEHURST POINTE SUBDIVISION, OFF INTERNATIONAL GOLF PARKWAY

6. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2013-139**, approving the terms of, and authorizing the chair, or designee, to execute, a Lease Amendment for the Veteran Affairs Services office, located at the Health and Human Services Center, to add additional space, revise the termination date, and amend the Fiscal Year 2013 Budget, to receive unanticipated revenue and authorize its expenditure by the St. Johns County Florida General Funds

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-139

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE TERMS AND AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR, OR DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE EXISTING LEASE BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND THE VETERANS SERVICES OFFICE TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL SPACE AT THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES CENTER AND REVISE THE EXPIRATION DATE; TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2013 BUDGET, TO RECEIVE UNANTICIPATED REVENUE; AND TO AUTHORIZE ITS EXPENDITURE

(Item pulled and placed on the regular agenda as Item 11.)

7. Motion to adopt a resolution approving amendment of the Contract between St. Johns County and the St. Johns County Council on Aging, Inc., to reallocate \$74,400 from use as the Veterans Initiative Grant (Capital Investment Match) to use in operating the Sunshine Bus program during Fiscal Year 2013; and authorizing the county administrator, or designee, to execute the amendment in accordance with the contract provisions on behalf of the County

(Item pulled and placed on the regular agenda as Item 10.)

8. Motion to adopt a resolution and to authorize the county administrator, or his designee, to submit a National Park Service Community Technical Assistance Application to the National Park Service Rivers and Trails Program by August 1, 2013; and authorize the chairman of the Board of County Commissioners to provide a letter of support for this application. No funding required
9. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2013-140**, approving the final plat for Lakeside Town Center, Phase 2

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-140

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

APPROVING A PLAT FOR LAKESIDE AT TOWN CENTER, PHASE 2

10. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2013-141**, approving the final plat for Coastal Oaks, Phase 2I, Unit 1

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-141

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING A PLAT FOR COASTAL OAKS, PHASE 2I, UNIT 1

11. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2013-142**, approving the final plat for Enclave at Town Center, Phase 3

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-142

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING A PLAT FOR ENCLAVE AT TOWN CENTER, PHASE 3

12. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2013-143**, approving the final plat for Woodlake, Phase III

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-143

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING A PLAT FOR WOODLAKE, PHASE III

13. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2013-144**, setting a public hearing date of August 20, 2013, at 9:00 a.m. to hear a request for the vacation of a portion of the drainage easement on Lot 12, of The Lakes subdivision

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-144

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING DATE OF AUGUST 20, 2013, AT 9:00 AM TO HEAR A REQUEST FOR THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF THE DRAINAGE EASEMENT ON LOT 12, OF THE LAKES SUBDIVISION

14. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2013-145**, setting a public hearing date of August 20, 2013, at 9:00 a.m. to hear a request for the vacation of a portion of unopened right-of-way within the Alcazar Gardens subdivision

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-145

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING DATE OF AUGUST 20, 2013, AT 9:00 A.M. TO HEAR A REQUEST FOR THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF UNOPENED RIGHT-OF-WAY WITHIN THE ALCAZAR GARDENS SUBDIVISION

15. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2013-146**, setting a public hearing date of August 20, 2013, at 9:00 a.m. to hear a request for the vacation of a portion of Oak Street

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-146

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING DATE OF AUGUST 20, 2013, AT 9:00 A.M. TO HEAR A REQUEST FOR THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF OAK STREET

16. Motion to transfer \$4,800 from the Tree Bank Fund reserve account (1231-59920) to Contractual Services (1231-53120) to purchase trees for four CWHIP grant homes
17. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2013-147**, to authorize the county administrator, or his designee, to enter into contract for one year with three available one-year extensions, with Kentron Health Care, Inc., Bound Tree Medical, LLC, Henry Schein Inc., QuadMed, Inc., and Midwest Medical Supply Co., LLC, for the purchase of St. Johns County Fire Rescue pharmaceutical supplies, as described in the documents/specifications for Re-Bid No: 13-44R, and the firm's bid proposal

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-147

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, OR DESIGNEE, TO AWARD AND EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR RE-BID NO. 13-44R, PURCHASE OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY FIRE RESCUE PHARMACEUTICAL SUPPLIES

18. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2013-148**, authorizing the county administrator, or his designee, to enter into a contract to purchase two 2014, 16,500 GVWR, extended cab trucks 4x2 with service body and 4,000 lb. crane with 26,000 GCWR from Rountree-Moore Ford from Bid No: 13-57 in the amount of \$110,490 for the St. Johns County Utility Department

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-148

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, OR DESIGNEE, TO AWARD BID NO. 13-57, AND TO EXECUTE A PURCHASE ORDER FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO 2014, 16,500 GVWR EXTENDED CAB TRUCKS 4X2, WITH SERVICE BODY, AND 4,000 LB. CRANE WITH 26,000 GCWR

19. Motion to authorize the transfer of \$149,076 from Fire Rescue Reserves [1224-59920] to purchase 80 sets of firefighter bunker gear

20. Motion to authorize the transfer of \$50,441 from the Communication Surcharge Fund Reserve [1503-59920] to the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office for equipment related to the implementation of the 800 MHz interoperable radio system
21. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2013-149**, approving the terms, conditions, provisions and requirements of a Grant Contract (Energy Efficiently Block Grant for Plantation Park) between St. Johns County and the State of Florida Office of Energy; and authorizing the county administrator to execute the contract with Musco Lighting, as sole source, and the piggy-back of Clay County RFP 08/09-3. This is a reimbursable grant that requires no matching funds from St. Johns County

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-149

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF A GRANT CONTRACT AGREEMENT BETWEEN ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND THE OFFICE OF ENERGY, ENERGY EFFICIENCY COMMUNITY BLOCK GRANT FOR PLANTATION PARK; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, OR DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY

22. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2013-150**, approving the terms, conditions, and requirements of the Agreement between St. Johns County, Florida, and Family Support Services of North Florida, Inc., authorizing the county administrator, or designee, to execute the Agreement on behalf of the County

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-150

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE TERMS, PROVISIONS, CONDITIONS, AND REQUIREMENTS OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES OF NORTH FLORIDA, INC.; AND AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY

(Item pulled and placed on the regular agenda as Item 1a.)

23. Motion to accept and approve the Recapitulation 2012 Balanced Tax Roll and Error & Insolvencies Report for St. Johns County, as prepared by the St. Johns County Tax Collector
24. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2013-151**, authorizing the execution of a Sub-Grant Agreement Modification with the Department of Economic Opportunity for the Neighborhood Stabilization Program, on behalf of St. Johns County, that would provide an extension to allow the County to utilize remaining NSP program income funds

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-151

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SUB-GRANT MODIFICATION EXTENDING THE CONTRACT EXPIRATION DATE OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PROGRAM (NSP) GRANT IN ORDER TO ALLOW THE COUNTY TIME TO EXPEND THE REMAINING PROGRAM FUNDS

25. Motion to approve the request from the St. Johns County Clerk of Court to dispose of 184 cubic feet of St. Johns County finance records, up to and including fiscal year 2005, in accordance with the statutory provisions of Florida Statute, Chapter 257.36(6), and by statutory authority of Florida Statute, Chapter 119.021(2)
26. Motion to authorize the county administrator, or his designee, to enter into negotiations with, and if negotiations are successful, enter into contract for RFP 13-41, Non Alcoholic Pouring Rights for SJCCED Venues with the top ranked firm, Pepsi Co. If an agreement cannot be reached with the top ranked firm, authorization is requested to begin negotiations with the next ranked respondent, and continue until an agreement is reached

(07/16/13 - 7 - 9:15 a.m.)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Carolee Bertisch, 104 Cypress Lagoon Ct., Chair of the St. Johns County Library Advisory Board, spoke on moving the Hastings branch library to the Hastings Potato Growers Exchange Building, and presented a resolution, *Exhibit A*. She gave background history on the existing Hastings library.

(9:20 a.m.) Patricia Laurencelle, 23 Versaggi Drive, spoke in favor of moving the Hastings Library to the Hastings Potato Growers Exchange Building.

(9:22 a.m.) Bill Napper, 4936 Los Altos Circle, spoke in favor of moving the Hastings Library to the Hastings Potato Growers Exchange Building.

(9:26 a.m.) Marilyn Wiles, 8220 A1A South, spoke in favor of moving the Hastings Library to the Hastings Potato Growers Exchange Building.

(9:27 a.m.) Walter Smith, 10010 West Deep Creek Blvd., spoke in favor of moving the Hasting Library to the Hastings Potato Growers Exchange Building.

(9:30 a.m.) Ellen Whitmer, 1178 Hammock South, mentioned that George McClure passed away.

(9:32. a.m.) Bennett said she was a huge supporter of the library in Hastings.

(9:33 a.m.) BJ Kalaidi, 8 Newcomb Street, spoke about the Tourist Development Council (TDC) meeting on July 15, 2013, and who attended it. She mentioned the agreement between the City of St. Augustine and AC Entertainment, Inc., and the City of St. Augustine's request for \$129,485 of TDC tax dollars to pay for 43 shuttle buses, airport parking, use of a Sheriff's helicopter and Francis Field, and offsite services, *Exhibit B*.

(9:36 a.m.) Sanchez commented on the Hastings library situation. Stevenson said that she appreciated the Library Advisory Board showing its support for moving the

Hastings library to the Potato Growers' building. Wanchick asked for the Board's direction as to whether to add the library to the capital projects list the Board would be considering later in 2013, as part of the budget process. (9:39 a.m.) **Motion by Sanchez, seconded by Bennett, carried 5/0, to direct the county administrator to add the Hastings library to the list of capital projects.**

(07/16/13 - 8 - 9:39 a.m.)

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO REGULAR AGENDA

Morris requested to add an item, as 2a, for Board approval of letters of support, to send to Congress, to preserve tax exempt bonds in St. Johns County.

(07/16/13 - 8 - 9:40 a.m.)

APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

Motion by McClure, seconded by Stevenson, carried 5/0, to approve the regular agenda, as amended.

(07/16/13 - 8 - 9:40 a.m.) *(Formerly Consent Item 23.)*

1a. MOTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE RECAPITULATION 2012 BALANCED TAX ROLL AND ERROR & INSOLVENCIES REPORT FOR ST. JOHNS COUNTY, AS PREPARED BY THE ST. JOHNS COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR

Bennett mentioned that she pulled this item off of the consent agenda, so that the Tax Collector's Office could explain the report to taxpayers. She said the last line of the letter mentioned that the collection rate for 2012 St. Johns County Tax Roll was 99.912 percent, which she thought was fantastic.

(9:42 a.m.) Tommy Edwards, Director of Finance, Tax Collector's Office, reviewed the collection of the tax certificates. Bennett mentioned the proactive programs for tax sales. Discussion followed.

(9:51 a.m.) **Motion by Bennett, seconded by Sanchez, carried 5/0, to accept and approve the Recapitulation 2012 Balanced Tax Roll and Error & Insolvencies Report for St. Johns County, as prepared by the St. Johns County Tax Collector.**

(07/16/13 - 8 - 9:52 a.m.)

1. PRESENTATION OF THE ST. JOHNS COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

Allen McDonald, County Finance Director, said he was pleased to present to the Board the completed Fiscal Year 2012 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. He thanked his Finance team, Linda Payne, Assistant Finance Director, and Cathy Furlipa. He thanked Doug Timms, Office of Management and Budget, and his staff, and Melissa Glasgow, of the Department of Economic Development, for their help on the report. He spoke on some of the highlights and major points from the St. Johns County Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. He said primarily, the County received a clean opinion, which was very important in terms of the County's financial responsibility. He said within the countywide statement of net assets, total County assets exceeded total County liabilities by \$1.4 billion. He spoke on increases. He said that the County's financial position was stronger at the close of Fiscal Year 2012, than when the fiscal year began due to County management's oversight. He mentioned over the last twenty years, the finance department had received the Government Finance Officers Association Certificate of Achievement for excellence in financial reporting. He said with the completion of 2012's report, he believed that the office had once again

achieved the high standards required by the Association to receive the award for the report that was presented to the Board.

(9:57 a.m.) Tina Robinson, Carr, Riggs and Ingram, LLC, 906 South SR 19, Palatka, presented a brief summary of the auditor's results for the year ending September 30, 2012. She said there were no major accounting changes, however, there would be a few changes in 2014 that needed to be reviewed, and the results of the audit report for 2012 was summarized on pages 237-238. She spoke about budgets of major funds and the management letter. She said the results were positive. Stevenson said finance did a good job, and that Allen McDonald did not work under the direction of the county administrator, but that function was separated under the clerk of courts, and was an additional segregation of duties that was unique in local government. Discussion followed on elected officials being independent agencies of the County, and the County being in compliance.

(10:07 a.m.) Motion by Stevenson, seconded by Bennett, carried 5/0, to accept the CAFR for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2012, as presented by independent auditors, Carr, Riggs & Ingram.

(07/16/13 - 9 - 10:08 a.m.)

2a. LETTER OF SUPPORT TO PRESERVE TAX-EXEMPT BONDS

Melissa Glasgow, Director of Economic Development, said this request came from the Industrial Development Authority (IDA) in response to the Federal Government discussing the possibility of eliminating tax-exempt bonds as part of its potential tax reform strategies, and that these were the tools the IDA had used over the past thirty years to generate \$500,000,000 in bonds, and to create over 16,000 jobs. The IDA felt that the elimination of this tool would be a detriment to the county. She said the IDA requested that the Board send letters to the Federal Legislation Delegation, supporting the use of tax-exempt bonds and the value they provided to the community.

(10:10 a.m.) Motion by Sanchez, seconded by McClure, carried 5/0, to authorize the county commission chair to sign letters of support, on behalf of the county commission, to help preserve the ability to issue tax-exempt bonds to benefit economic development.

(07/16/13 - 9 - 10:11 a.m.)

2. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE ST. JOHNS COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, AND ORANGE COUNTY HEALTH FACILITIES AUTHORITY, RELATING TO ORANGE COUNTY HFA'S ISSUANCE OF REVENUE BONDS FOR THE BENEFIT OF PRESBYTERIAN RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES, INC., AND ITS AFFILIATES, INCLUDING WESLEY MANOR, INC., WHICH OPERATES WESTMINSTER WOODS ON JULINGTON CREEK, LLC., PRESBYTERIAN RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES, INC., PRESBYTERIAN RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES, INC., ("PRC") HAS REQUESTED THE ST. JOHNS COUNTY IDA ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH ORANGE COUNTY HEALTH FACILITIES AUTHORITY, AND THE BOARD, TO APPROVE, FOR THE PURPOSES OF SECTION 147(F) OF THE IRS CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED, THE ISSUANCE BY THE ORANGE COUNTY HFA OF SERIES 2013 REVENUE BONDS, FOR THE BENEFIT OF PRC IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000,000, AND TO FINANCE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO SENIOR LIVING HEALTHCARE FACILITIES IN ST. JOHNS COUNTY AND ORANGE COUNTY, FL. THE IDA APPROVED THIS REQUEST AT THEIR MEETING ON JULY 8, 2013

McCormack stated that the Orange County Health Facilities Authority issued a proposed bond, that was multi-jurisdictional, which included property in St. Johns County, particularly West Minister Woods in the Julington Creek area, where a portion of the \$20,000,000 bond issuance would be used for the construction of a nursing rehabilitation unit, with 20 beds and approximately 25,000 square feet, for Wesley Manor.

(10:12 a.m.) Herb Weinstein, Roger Towers Firm, 1301 River Place Blvd., Jacksonville, said that if the Board adopted the resolution to authorize the execution of an interlocal agreement with the Orange County Health Facilities Authority, who would be issuing the bonds, it would also approve the transaction for purposes of the Federal tax code. He said these bonds were not backed by St. Johns County, or any other county, but were paid out of the proceeds from the company. Bennett amplified the fact that St. Johns County bared no potential liability as a result of the issuance of those bonds.

(10:13 a.m.) McClure asked if the interlocal agreement was required because the FHA was from Orange County. Weinstein responded that it was required by State law because the bond proceeds were being spent by more than one county. Discussion followed.

(10:15 a.m.) Ellen Whitmer, 1178 Natures Hammock Road South, spoke in favor of the item.

(10:16 a.m.) **Motion by Stevenson, seconded by Sanchez, carried 5/0, to adopt Resolution No. 2013-152, approving the Interlocal Agreement between St. Johns County Industrial Development Authority and Orange County Health Facilities Authority relating to Orange County HFA's issuance of Series 2013 Revenue Bonds for the benefit of the Presbyterian Retirement Communities, Inc., in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$20,000,000, to finance capital improvements to senior living healthcare facilities in St. Johns County and Orange County, Florida.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-152

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, REGARDING (1) AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH ORANGE COUNTY HEALTH FACILITIES AUTHORITY AND OTHER JURISDICTIONS; AND (2) GRANTING HOST COMMUNITY APPROVAL PURSUANT TO SECTION 147(F) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED, FOR ORANGE COUNTY HEALTH FACILITIES AUTHORITY REVENUE BONDS (PRESBYTERIAN RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES PROJECT), SERIES 2013 FOR THE BENEFIT OF PRESBYTERIAN RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES, INC., AND WESLEY MANOR, INC., AND RELATED CORPORATIONS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

(07/16/13 - 10 - 10:17 a.m.)

3. PUBLIC HEARING - CONSIDER THE APPROVAL OF THE PROGRAM OF PROJECTS, THE SUBMITTAL OF THE 2013 SECTION 5307 URBANIZED AREA GRANT BASED ON THE PROGRAM OF PROJECTS, AND EXECUTION OF THE AWARDED GRANT. EACH YEAR THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION APPORTIONS FUNDING FOR URBANIZED AREA PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE. OUR APPORTIONMENT FOR THIS YEAR IS \$950,000. ONCE THIS APPORTIONMENT IS DETERMINED, A

PROGRAM OF PROJECTS IS DEVELOPED AND USED AS THE BASIS FOR THE SECTION 5307 URBANIZED AREA GRANT SUBMITTAL. PRIOR TO THIS SUBMITTAL, FEDERAL GUIDELINES REQUIRE A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE PROGRAM OF PROJECTS. THE MATCH REQUIREMENT FOR THIS GRANT WILL BE 50% FOR OPERATING COSTS AND 20% FOR CAPITAL. OPERATING COSTS FOR THIS YEAR'S GRANT IS \$498,000 WITH THE MATCH COMING FROM THE COUNTY'S CONTRIBUTION TO TRANSIT (\$276,489) AND AN FDOT BLOCK GRANT (\$342,552). THE 20% MATCH FOR \$452,000 IN CAPITAL WILL COME FROM A SOFT MATCH OF TOLL REVENUE CREDITS PROVIDED BY THE STATE OF FLORIDA. THE PURPOSE OF THIS AGENDA ITEM IS FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE 2013 PROGRAM OF PROJECTS, THE SUBMITTAL OF THE GRANT BASED ON THE APPROVED PROGRAM OF PROJECTS, AND APPROVAL TO EXECUTE THE AWARDED GRANT

Proof of publication of the notice of public hearing on Program of Projects/Section 5307 Grant was received, having been published in *The St. Augustine Record* on June 28, 2013.

Regina Ross, Assistant County Attorney, entered the meeting.

Gary L. Mackey, Transit Grant Specialist, gave the presentation explaining the process, and program of projects list, *Exhibit A*. He reviewed Items 11 and 3. He explained the amount budgeted and why. He mentioned that the purpose of the item was for the approval of the 2013 Program of Projects, submittal of the grant based on the approved Program of Projects, and approval to execute the awarded grant. Morris said that the \$276 was the same amount for the past eight years. Mackey said there would be an increase in the cost of fuel and insurance, and that was why he needed to put \$74,000 back into the operating account now. Bennett spoke on the \$74,000, and not deleting the Veterans grant. Mackey replied that the Veterans grant was not being deleted, but would be added in 2014. Discussion followed.

(10:28 a.m.) BJ Kalaidi, 8 Newcomb Street, suggested leaving the \$74,000 alone, and taking the money from the General Fund. Mackey explained the Veterans grant.

The meeting moved to Item 11.

(10:32 a.m.) Motion by Bennett, seconded by Sanchez, carried 5/0, to adopt Resolution No. 2013-154, approving the proposed Program of Projects, approving submission of 2013 Section 5307 Urbanized Area Grant based on the approved Program of Projects; and authorizing the county administrator, or designee, to execute the grant agreement and any supplemental documentation upon approval of the application.

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-154

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING SUBMISSION OF A SECTION 5307 URBANIZED AREA GRANT APPLICATION FOR \$950,000 IN FUNDING; APPROVING A PROPOSED PROGRAM OF PROJECTS AS PART OF THE APPLICATION; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, OR AUTHORIZED DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE THE GRANT AGREEMENT UPON APPROVAL OF THE APPLICATION BY THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

(10:33 a.m.) Ross left the meeting.

The meeting recessed at 10:33 a.m. and reconvened at 10:46 a.m.

(07/16/13 - 12 - 10:46 a.m.)

4. WILLIAM BARTRAM SCENIC AND HISTORIC HIGHWAY NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAY GRANT - NORTHWEST HISTORICAL ANALYSIS. WILLIAM BARTRAM SCENIC & HISTORIC HIGHWAY (WBSH) BECAME A DESIGNATED FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) SCENIC HIGHWAY IN 2005. IN 2006, THE NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAY (NSB) GRANT WAS AWARDED TO ST JOHNS COUNTY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$750,000. 80% OF THAT TOTAL WAS FUNDED BY THE FEDERAL GRANT (\$600,000) AND 20% WAS FUNDED BY ST JOHNS COUNTY (\$150,000). SINCE 2007, THIS GRANT FUNDING HAS BEEN UTILIZED FOR VARIOUS WBSH PROJECTS. THIS YEAR, THE WBSH MEMBERS WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE UTILIZING THE REMAINING NSB GRANT FUNDS TO COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS: PREPARE A NORTHWEST HISTORICAL ANALYSIS AND UPDATE 32 MASTER SITE FILE FORMS. THIS INFORMATION WILL ASSIST IN HISTORIC PRESERVATION RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND WILL BE UTILIZED IN REVIEWING DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS IN ADDITION TO PREPARING VARIOUS REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS; PREPARE A VIDEO OF WILLIAM BARTRAM'S LIFE, TO UTILIZE AS AN EDUCATIONAL TOOL; PREPARE FLORIDA FRONTIERS WEEKLY MAGAZINE ([HTTP://MYFLORIDAHISTORY.ORG/FRONTIERS](http://myfloridahistory.org/frontiers)) RADIO SCRIPTS, WHICH WILL BE USED TO BROADCAST HISTORICAL FACTS ABOUT NORTHWEST ST JOHNS COUNTY THROUGHOUT FLORIDA; AND PREPARE ST JOHNS COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD LESSON PLANS

Vickie Renna, Long Range Planning Division, mentioned presenting Items 4 and 5 together. She said that the William Bartram Scenic and Historic Highway (WBSH) was designated as a Florida Department of Transportation Scenic Highway in October 2005. She said they submitted a grant to the Federal Highway Administration National Scenic Byway Program and were awarded a grant for \$750,000, which \$600,000 was funded by the National Scenic Byway (NSB) program, and \$150,000 funded by St. Johns County. She said since 2007, this grant had been utilized for various WBSH projects. In 2013, the WBSH members would like to continue utilizing the remaining NSB grant funds to complete projects.

(10:49 a.m.) Al Abbatiello, Chairman of the William Bartram Scenic and Historic Highway Management Council, 1133 River Birch Road, acknowledged people who were present: Bob Fitzgerald, vice chair; Phylis Abbatiello, second vice chair; Ellen Whitmer, Commissioner Sarah Bailey, and Marilyn Wiles. He recognized Vickie Renna for her help, and Marsha Lane, *The St. Augustine Record*, for her article. He gave a presentation, *Exhibit A*. He presented a timeline of where they had been, where they were now, and where they were going. He said their primary mission was to preserve, protect, maintain, and enhance the scenic highway and its intrinsic resources. He showed a video "Up from the Roots," of the Bartram Scenic Highway. He said they were a non-profit organization. He mentioned that they developed a master plan, and said it was on their website: www.bartramscenichighway.com. Abbatiello mentioned that they wanted to keep SR 13 as scenic as possible. He asked the county commission to look at the request for spending the grant money that was awarded to them years ago, and to approve the expenditure of money for the development of the plans, as well as the historical background of St. Johns County, and to help them upgrade the website. He responded to questions from the June 18, 2013, meeting.

(11:20 a.m.) Bennett said the group was not asking for new funds, they were using funds allocated in 2006. She supported their efforts.

(11:22 a.m.) McClure asked Abbatiello about asking for matching funds. Abbatiello said between the two items (4 and 5), the amount was \$101,000. He said they had expended in excess of \$400,000 on past projects, including developing the master plan. McClure asked if they were accredited by the Florida Department of Transportation. Abbatiello replied yes, they were designated years ago. Discussion followed.

(11:27 a.m.) Stevenson asked if the \$600,000 received in 2006, by the County, was from DOT. Timms responded that they had not received all the money; it was processed as it was spent. Stevenson said the money was an allocation they could draw off of when certain requirements were met. Stevenson asked how much money had been used, what the amount would be with the current request added, and about the approximate \$1,000 that would still be left. Renna responded there was approximately \$462,361.75 spent, and the total would be \$563,000, after the current requests were added. Stevenson said when it started in 2006, all the money was not set aside, and when those last requests were taken care of, the grant would be finished. (11:33 a.m.) Abbatiello said the additional amount they would like to spend was \$1,500 for a membership letter that would go to all the residents along SR 13 within 600 feet of the center line on either side of the highway. Discussion followed on asking people to be members of the WSBH group, bicycle and pedestrian improvements in the corridor, trying to establish a blueprint for the master plan, and the grant being preapproved seven years ago, with the County having to match it, year by year, as the money was being spent.

(11:42 a.m.) Wanchick stated when the County accepted the grant, it accepted the responsibility for the 20% match, which was allocated on a yearly basis. He said what Abbatiello was asking for today, would cost the County about \$20,000. He said they were drawing down on the grant and matching each year that they undertook projects. Renna said the County had an agreement with DOT, with an extension to June 2014. Wanchick said the original amount the County was committed to was about \$150,000, to be reviewed periodically based on changing circumstances and conditions. He said they felt as a token of good faith and in recognition of the work that the WSBH group had done, they should finish out those projects, for a cost of \$20,000. He said that they should fulfill this year's commitment with the \$20,000 to have the WSBH group complete the projects. Abbatiello said the WSBH group was an independent organization and when the grant was complete, they would be looking for additional funding from other sources. (11:51 a.m.) Timms said the \$20,000 match by the County was coming from the Growth Management Department and was a carryover. He said the original \$150,000 was budgeted and had been carried over since that time.

(11:51 a.m.) Phyllis Abbatiello, 1133 River Birch Road, spoke on having the WSBH group meetings, and no one from the BCC attending. She said they appreciated anything the County could do to help them and they wanted the money that was owed to them. Abbatiello gave the time, location, and date of their meetings.

(11:55 a.m.) Ellen Whitmer, 1178 Natures Hammock Rd. S., spoke in favor of this item.

(11:57 a.m.) Sarah Bailey, 2202 Bishop Estates Rd., spoke in favor of this item.

(11:59 a.m.) Motion by Stevenson, seconded by Morris, carried 5/0, to adopt Resolution No. 2013-155, and to authorize the county administrator, or his designee, to negotiate with and, if negotiations are successful enter into a contract for RFQ 13-11, William Bartram Scenic and Historic Highway National Scenic for Byway Grant Northwest Historical Analysis, in substantially the format attached, with the No. 1 ranked firm, Brockington. If an agreement cannot be reached with the No. 1 ranked firm, authorization is requested to begin negotiations with the No. 2 ranked firm and continue until an agreement is reached.

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-155

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, OR DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR THE WILLIAM BARTRAM SCENIC AND HISTORIC HIGHWAY - NORTHWEST HISTORICAL ANALYSIS PROJECT

(07/16/13 - 14 - 12:00 p.m.)

5. WILLIAM BARTRAM SCENIC AND HISTORIC HIGHWAY NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAY GRANT - WEBSITE SOFTWARE UPDATES AND ADDITION. WILLIAM BARTRAM SCENIC & HISTORIC HIGHWAY (WBSH) BECAME A DESIGNATED FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) SCENIC HIGHWAY IN 2005. IN 2006, THE NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAY (NSB) GRANT WAS AWARDED TO ST JOHNS COUNTY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$750,000. 80% OF THE TOTAL WAS FUNDED BY THE FEDERAL GRANT (\$600,000) AND 20% WAS FUNDED BY ST JOHNS COUNTY (\$150,000). SINCE 2007, THIS GRANT FUNDING HAS BEEN UTILIZED FOR VARIOUS WBSH PROJECTS. THIS YEAR, THE WBSH MEMBERS WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE UTILIZING THE REMAINING NSB GRANT FUNDS TO COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING PROJECT: UPDATE THE WBSH WEB SITE SO IT WILL FUNCTION AT FULL CAPACITY AND TO ALLOW FOR CURRENT INFORMATION SHARING. ST JOHNS COUNTY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT PUBLICALLY ADVERTISED THE WBSH PROPOSED PROJECTS ON SEPTEMBER 2012, AND THE CONSULTANTS LETTERS OF INTEREST AND QUALIFICATION PROPOSALS WERE SUBMITTED BACK TO THE COUNTY ON NOVEMBER 1, 2012. ON NOVEMBER 29, 2012, THE EVALUATION TEAM, CONSISTING OF VARIOUS COUNTY STAFF MEMBERS AND ONE WBSH REPRESENTATIVE, MET AND INDEPENDENTLY EVALUATED THE CONSULTANTS LETTERS OF INTEREST

(12:00 p.m.) **Motion by Stevenson, seconded by Morris, carried 5/0, to adopt Resolution No. 2013-156, and to authorize the county administrator, or his designee, to negotiate with and, if negotiations are successful, enter into a contract for RFQ 13-10, William Bartram Scenic and Historic Highway Website Additions/Maintenance, in substantially the format attached, with the No. 1 ranked firm Brockington. If an agreement cannot be reached with the No. 1 ranked firm, authorization is requested to begin negotiations with the No. 2 ranked firm and continue until an agreement is reached.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-156

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, OR DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR THE WILLIAM BARTRAM SCENIC AND HISTORIC HIGHWAY - WEB SITE ADDITIONS AND SOFTWARE UPDATES

(07/16/13 - 14 - 12:01 p.m.)

6. LETTER SUPPORTING DESIGNATION OF ST. JOHNS RIVER AS A STATE PADDLING TRAIL OR BLUEWAY. THE ST. JOHNS RIVER ALLIANCE IS PETITIONING THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL

PROTECTION OFFICE OF GREENWAYS AND TRAILS TO DESIGNATE THE ENTIRE ST. JOHNS RIVER AS A STATE DESIGNATED PADDLING TRAIL OR BLUEWAY. ST. JOHNS COUNTY HAS ALREADY DESIGNATED THE ST. JOHNS RIVER AS A PADDLING TRAIL AND BLUEWAY ON OUR ST. JOHNS COUNTY BLUEWAYS, GREENWAYS AND TRAILS MASTER PLAN. THE RIVER ALLIANCE IS ASKING ALL COUNTIES THAT ARE ADJACENT TO THE ST. JOHNS RIVER TO WRITE A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE FDEP OFFICE OF GREENWAYS AND TRAILS TO TAKE ACTION THROUGH THIS DESIGNATION. THIS DESIGNATION WOULD NOT REQUIRE ANY ADDITIONAL FUNDING AT OUR PUBLICLY OWNED BOAT RAMPS, LAUNCHING FACILITIES AND PARKS ALONG THE ST. JOHNS RIVER, BUT WOULD HELP IN FUTURE GRANT APPLICATIONS SHOULD THIS DESIGNATION BE APPROVED AT THE STATE LEVEL

Wil Smith, Director St. Johns County Recreation and Parks, said he was seeking a letter of support, *Exhibit A*, on behalf of St. Johns County, to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), Office of Greenways and Trails, to designate the entire St. Johns River as a State designated paddling trail. He said this was consistent with the St. Johns County Blueways/Greenways Trails Master Plan. He said this did not require St. Johns County to expend any additional funds, and did not change the level of service standards that the County currently maintained with its waterway assess parks on the St. Johns River. One positive, he mentioned, would be an increase in tourism. He said they were going to look into updating the St. Johns County Blueways/Greenways Trails Master Plan. Smith explained that the St. Johns River Alliance was petitioning the FDEP Office of Greenways and Trails, to designate the entire St. Johns River as a paddling trail. Bennett asked the timing on this item. Smith said about a year and explained. Discussion followed.

(12:07 p.m.) Motion by Stevenson, seconded by McClure, carried 5/0, to adopt Resolution No. 2013-157, authorizing the chair of the Board of County Commissioners to issue a letter, on behalf of the County, to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection Office of Greenways and Trails, in support of designating the entire St. Johns River as a State paddling trail or blueway.

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-157

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO ISSUE A LETTER, ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY, TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICE OF GREENWAYS AND TRAILS, IN SUPPORT OF DESIGNATING THE ENTIRE ST. JOHNS RIVER AS A STATE PADDLING TRAIL OR BLUEWAY

(07/16/13 - 15 - 12:07 p.m.)

7. TDC CATEGORY III-RECREATION TRANSFER OF \$45,000 TO ST. JOHNS COUNTY PIER FUND. THE ST. JOHNS COUNTY PIER FUND REQUIRES A TRANSFER OF \$45,000 TO RESOLVE A NEGATIVE FUND BALANCE. AS A RESULT OF A ONE-MONTH PIER CLOSURE FOR STRUCTURAL REPAIRS AND A BEACH RE-NOURISHMENT PROJECT, THAT HAS CAUSED INADEQUATE WATER LEVELS UNDER THE PIER, PEOPLE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO UTILIZE THE PIER TO FISH. PIER ADMISSION AND SALES OF GOODS REVENUES HAVE BEEN DOWN IN FY 2012 AND FY 2013. FOR FY 2013, PIER OPERATING COSTS HAVE BEEN APPROXIMATELY \$16,000 PER MONTH, WHILE THE PIER HAS GENERATED \$8,300 PER MONTH ON AVERAGE FROM ADMISSIONS AND SALE OF GOODS. AT THE JUNE 17, 2013 TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL MEETING, THE TOURIST

DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL DECIDED BY A VOTE OF 4 - 3 NOT TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS THE TRANSFER OF \$45,000 FROM THE CATEGORY III RECREATION RESERVE ACCOUNT TO THE PIER FUND. HISTORICALLY, THE TDC FUND HAS SUBSIDIZED PIER OPERATIONS. TRANSFERS OF \$45,636 IN FY 2009, \$81,316 IN FY 2010, \$50,846 IN FY 2011, AND \$175,000 IN FY 2012 HAVE BEEN MADE FROM THE TDC CATEGORY III - RECREATION CATEGORY TO THE PIER FUND TO SUPPORT GENERAL OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

Wil Smith, Director of Recreation and Parks, stated this item was for a transfer of \$45,000 from TDC Category III, to offset a negative fund balance in pier operations. Morris said at the Planning and Zoning Agency (PZA) meeting, the vote was 4/3 against the transfer. He highly recommended approval and stated that the money was needed to keep the pier open and operating. McClure asked why the PZA did not vote to approve the transfer. Morris replied that the PZA thought the Board had already approved it on the consent agenda. McClure asked about the pier being negative \$8,000 month after month, year after year. Smith explained and discussion followed.

(12:15 p.m.) BJ Kalaidi, 8 Newcomb Street, spoke on the TDC meeting and the vote on transferring the money. She voiced concerns about the TDC meeting. McCormack explained that, by Florida Statute, a member of the Board of County Commissioners was placed upon the TDC Board. He advised the chair not to recuse himself, and that it was appropriate for him to vote on this item. He said the TDC made recommendations, not approvals or disapprovals, but they had some final decision making authority.

(12:19 p.m.) Motion by Bennett, seconded by Morris, carried 5/0, to transfer \$45,000 from TDC Category III - Recreation [1146-59920] to the Pier Fund [1115-38101].

(07/16/13 - 16 - 12:20 p.m.)

8. APPOINTMENT TO THE SOUTH ANASTASIA DESIGN REVIEW BOARD

Melissa Lundquist, Assistant to the Board of County Commissioners, said there were currently three vacancies on this board. She said one of the vacancies needed to be filled right away. She mentioned that R. Dixon Walker submitted an application for consideration.

Ross and McCormack left the meeting and David Migut, Assistant County Attorney, entered the meeting.

(12:21 p.m.) Bill McCormack, 9224 July Lane, said that Dixon Walker was a highly respected person and gave his accolades.

(12:22 p.m.) Motion by McClure, seconded by Bennett, carried 5/0, to appoint R. Dixon Walker to the South Anastasia Design Review Board, for a partial term scheduled to expire May 4, 2014.

(07/16/13 - 16 - 12:23 p.m.)

9. FY 2014 RECOMMENDED BUDGET PRESENTATION. THE ANNUAL COUNTY BUDGET PROCESS REQUIRES A NUMBER OF STEPS, RANGING FROM ITS PREPARATION THROUGH ITS ADOPTION. FLORIDA STATUTES (F.S. 129.03(3)) AND TRUTH IN MILLAGE (TRIM), LEGISLATION SPECIFY THAT A TENTATIVE BALANCED COUNTY BUDGET MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. AT THIS POINT IN TIME, THE FY 2014 RECOMMENDED COUNTY BUDGET HAS BEEN BALANCED WITH EXPENDITURES AND ADEQUATE RESERVES WITHIN EACH FUND EQUAL TO PROJECTED FUND REVENUES. COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BELIEVES THE RECOMMENDED COUNTY BUDGET REPRESENTS A

FUNDING LEVEL THAT CAN REASONABLY ASSURE THE ACHIEVEMENT OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY'S OPERATIONAL NEEDS WHILE MINIMIZING THE TAX IMPACT ON ITS CITIZENRY. A BOARD WORKSHOP ON THE FY 2014 RECOMMENDED BUDGET IS SCHEDULED ON JULY 23, 2013, AT 9:00 A.M. THE TENTATIVE COUNTY MILLAGE RATES ARE REQUIRED TO BE SET DURING THE BCC MEETING ON JULY 23, 2013. FOR PRACTICAL PURPOSES, ONCE THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATES ARE SET, THEY CAN STILL BE DECREASED BY THE COMMISSION BUT NOT INCREASED

Doug Timms, Director of Management and Budget, presented the FY 2014 recommended County Budget, which was required by Florida Statutes. He said the revenues would equal the expenditures and he gave a presentation, *Exhibit A*. He reviewed the St. Johns County budget process, how County tax dollars were spent, the county commission budget cuts, and the total St. Johns County budget.

(12:28 p.m.) McCormack entered the meeting and Migut left the meeting.

(12:28 p.m.) Timms reviewed the falling Capital Plan Investment, FY 2012 General Fund Results and the Projected General Fund Budget. He said there was still about a \$7,000,000 structural deficit in the General Fund. He mentioned there was a surplus of about \$23,000,000 in reserves, and that he was anticipating, over the next three years, that there would be more growth. Their financial model was only assuming 3% growth. Wanchick said he understood it as balancing the budget by drawing down reserves, which would run out by 2017/2018. He said the graph showed a growth rate of roughly 3%, but the structural deficit that they were making up with the reserves would be depleted, if they achieved the breakeven numbers. Stevenson said 3% was a good growth rate, and the County was still in a growth period.

(12:34 p.m.) Timms reviewed County staffing, and stated that the only increase was for Building Services, with 5.5 positions, which they were recommending due to the volume of activity they were experiencing. He spoke on using vacant positions, filling three positions, and setting the date for the tentative millage rates. McClure asked if the majority of the deficit was in transportation. He said there was \$13,000,000 in maintenance costs per annum, with an additional \$4,000,000 in capital. Timms recommendation was to keep the millage at .53. Timms said the structural deficits were in the General Fund, Fire District Fund and the Transportation Trust Fund. He mentioned that the General Fund had a \$7,000,000 structural deficit, and the Fire District Fund had a \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000 structural deficit. Bennett said the County was talking about no longer accepting public roads because they could not keep up with them.

(12:40 p.m.) Timms explained that 2014 would be a stronger time, in terms of growth, to consider moving mileage around to address structural deficits in transportation. He said he would not recommend adding structural deficits onto the General Fund at this time, without knowing what the growth rate would be in 2014. He mentioned that the General Fund was the only source of unrestricted funds, and the Transportation Trust Fund was a special revenue fund that was restricted. Bennett said the County was considering moving the burden of maintenance/inspection of the roads to the taxpayers and that was a very serious thing to discuss, because taxpayers were not capable of road maintenance. Wanchick said Timms was trying to present a balanced budget and the commissioners were getting into policy decisions that needed to be made on or after July 23, 2013.

(12:45 p.m.) Timms discussed further: the Transportation Trust Fund; maintaining County services and adequate reserves, with increased funding for health care and OPEB contributions; increased funding for County employees' retirement rate

contributions set by the State; increased funding for deferred maintenance and asset replacement; limited use of the General Fund balance; the Sheriff's reduced requested budget (by \$700,000); maintaining funds in light of structural deficits; and long and short term concerns. He said when compared to other Florida counties, St. Johns County still had a low overall tax burden for a full service county. He said the challenge was to continue balancing the provision of public services with financial resources and community expectations. Timms reviewed items not related to the high five concerns; new fire stations; fuller implementation of the Fire Services Master Plan; the continued aging of certain county facilities; the demand for new park and recreational facilities; the high five concerns; jail capacity; fire rescue/emergency response and emergency communications; the stormwater mandate; and transportation infrastructure. Discussion followed regarding stormwater mandates and transportation infrastructure.

Timms reviewed the financial challenges overview; potential new revenue sources; off beach parking fees; and stated that red light camera fines had never been considered as a source of revenue. He also discussed eliminating waste and reducing spending; achieving greater organizational efficiency; maintaining the quality of life; and property tax revenue levels.

Deputy Clerk Lenora Newsome left the meeting and Deputy Clerk Sindy Wiseman entered the meeting at 1:08 p.m.

(1:08 p.m.) Stevenson stated that she agreed with the budget philosophy, and that property taxes should be reserved for operating costs; and the one-percent sales tax could be used to deal with infrastructure needs.

(1:12 p.m.) McClure clarified that OMB and Administration was suggesting finding out if there was a level of revenue increase, acceptable to the community, that was outlined as higher taxes with no change to the millage, to be presented to the voters. He inquired why there were no other recommendations.

(1:13 p.m.) Wanchick interjected that this was a balanced budget that would get the County through the next year without wreaking havoc on existing programs and services. He explained that in order to fund the Capital Program correctly, and maintain the level of services to the community, they should put it to the public to decide what course of action should be taken. McClure stated he had outstanding questions with OMB that needed to be answered, before going to the public. Discussion ensued on new revenue sources or reducing programs and services.

(1:19 p.m.) Bennett stated that since 2006, ad valorem income had dropped 30%, without a 30% reduction in services. In the past, when the vote was given to the public, that 30% reduction [in revenue] wasn't there. Sanchez agreed with Bennett and said he had no problem giving voters the option to vote on something that affected them.

Stevenson stated that these were the big pressing issues for the next 10 to 20 years, and said that around the 15 year mark they could be looking at jail capacity issues, and to let these obligations pile up, and not invest in our community, would be a travesty.

(1:25 p.m.) William McCormick, 9224 July Lane, spoke about the Civic Round Table. He complemented the Board on what had been accomplished. He also stated that the Board had been asked to eliminate waste, cut spending, and to operate as effectively and efficiently as possible; but also to maintain, and if possible improve, the quality of life. He spoke about the mandated stormwater and transportation issues. He recommended a 1% sales tax increase and implementing the stormwater utility fee. He agreed they should bring it to the public to decide.

(07/16/13 - 19 - 1:32 p.m.) (Formerly Consent Item 8.)

10. MOTION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO SUBMIT A NATIONAL PARK SERVICE COMMUNITY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION TO THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE RIVERS AND TRAILS PROGRAM BY AUGUST 1, 2013; AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO PROVIDE A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THIS APPLICATION. NO FUNDING REQUIRED

Consensus was given to allow staff to make the grant application; and then bring it back to the Board at a different meeting for discussion.

(1:32 p.m.) Motion by Bennett, seconded by Sanchez, carried 5/0, to adopt Resolution No. 2013-158, and to authorize the county administrator, or his designee, to submit a National Park Service Community Technical Assistance Application to the National Park Service Rivers and Trails Program by August 1, 2013; and to authorize the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners to provide a letter of support for this application.

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-158

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, OR DESIGNEE, TO SUBMIT A NATIONAL PARK SERVICE COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE APPLICATION AND ANY OTHER REQUIRED PAPERWORK IN ORDER TO SEEK TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE RIVERS AND TRAIL PROGRAM TO UPDATE AND EXPAND THE 2003 ST. JOHNS COUNTY GREENWAYS, BLUEWAY & TRAILS MASTER PLAN

(07/16/13 - 19 - 10:31 a.m.) (Formerly Consent Item 7.)

11. MOTION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENT OF THE CONTRACT BETWEEN ST. JOHNS COUNTY AND THE ST. JOHNS COUNTY COUNCIL ON AGING, INC., TO REALLOCATE \$74,400 FROM USE AS THE VETERANS INITIATIVE GRANT (CAPITAL INVESTMENT MATCH) TO USE IN OPERATING THE SUNSHINE BUS PROGRAM DURING FISCAL YEAR 2013; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, OR DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE THE AMENDMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONTRACT PROVISIONS ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY

(10:30 a.m.) Motion by Bennett, seconded by Sanchez, carried 5/0, to adopt Resolution No. 2013-153, approving amendment of the contract between St. Johns County and St. Johns County Council on Aging, Inc., to reallocate \$74,000 from use as the Veterans Initiative Grant (Capital Investment Match) to use in operating the Sunshine Bus program during Fiscal Year 2013; and authorizing the county administrator, or designee, to execute the amendment in accordance with the contract provisions on behalf of the County.

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-153

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA,

AND THE ST. JOHNS COUNTY VETERANS INITIATIVE GRANT FUNDS (CAPITAL INVESTMENT MATCH) FOR USE IN THE OPERATION OF THE SUNSHINE BUS COMPANY; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, OR DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE THE AMENDMENT ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY

The meeting returned to Item 3.

(07/16/13 - 20 - 1:33 p.m.)
COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

(1:33 p.m.)
Commissioner McClure:

No comment.

(1:33 p.m.)
Commissioner Stevenson:

Stevenson spoke about the 800 MHz system.

(1:34 p.m.)
Commissioner Sanchez:

Sanchez suggested that the Board send a letter congratulating Bill Dudley, who was the new National Vice-President of the Navy League of the United States.

(1:35 p.m.)
Commissioner Bennett:

Bennett spoke about the Rules and Policies of the BCC and requested consensus by the Board for McCormack to give the Board an update on the changes. She encouraged all members to read them.

Consensus was given for McCormack to give the Board the updated changes to the Rules and Policies of the Board.

(1:36 p.m.)
Commissioner Morris:

Morris spoke about Nocatee being in need of a fire station, however, there was no money for it. He said the Davis family had donated land for a fire station and could possibly fund the building and equipment. Morris said for it to work, they would need to get a Safer Grant to run the station for two years, and by 2017, it would be self-sufficient. Cameron said it was contingent on getting a Safer Grant, and the Park Group prepaying the impact fees to cover capital costs to bring the station on line. He suggested OMB, the Park Group and the Fire Department get together to nail down tentative numbers. Discussion ensued on the process.

(1:42 p.m.) Stevenson said she was concerned this would fragment the ability to get funding for the remaining fire stations that needed to be reconstructed.

Consensus was given for staff to move forward and apply for a Safer Grant.

Morris mentioned that Lieutenant General Ronald L. Bailey and the Richard J. Murray High School Alumni had received certificates of appreciation.

(07/16/13 - 21 - 1:45 p.m.)

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Wanchick said the two budget adoption dates were set for September 3, 2013, and September 24, 2013, at 5:01 p.m., and the first workshop would be July 23, 2013, at 9:00 a.m.

(07/16/13 - 21 - 1:47 p.m.)

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

No report.

(07/16/13 - 21 - 1:48 p.m.)

CLERK OF COURT'S REPORT

No report.

With there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 1:48 p.m.

REPORTS:

1. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Check Register, Check Nos. 496677-496869, totaling \$963,297.68 (06/18/13)
2. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Voucher Register, Voucher Nos. 13386-13444, totaling \$398,860.61 (06/18/13)
3. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Check Register, Check Nos. 496870-496875, totaling \$6,730 (06/19/13)
4. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Voucher Register, Voucher Nos. 13445-13454, totaling \$11,369.94 (06/19/13)
5. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Check Register, Check Nos. 496876-497111, totaling \$1,708,163.64 (06/25/13)
6. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Voucher Register, Voucher Nos. 13455-13514, totaling \$395,832.88 (06/25/13)
7. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Check Register, Check Nos. 497112-497124, totaling \$214,546.73 (06/25/13)
8. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Check Register, Check No. 497125, totaling \$2.21 (06/25/13)
9. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Check Register, Check Nos. 497126-497193, totaling \$35,918 (06/26/13)
10. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Voucher Register, Voucher Nos. 13515-13582, totaling \$43,170.13 (06/26/13)
11. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Check Register, Check Nos. 497194-497218, totaling \$79,305.21 (06/27/13)
12. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Check Register, Check Nos. 47219-497437, totaling \$1,188,064.55 (07/01/13)
13. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Voucher Register, Voucher Nos. 13583-13642, totaling \$301,672.58 (07/01/13)
14. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Check Register, Check Nos. 497438-497440, totaling \$595.61 (07/03/13)
15. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Check Register, Check Nos. 497441-497474, totaling \$17,195.09 (07/03/13)
16. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Voucher Register, Voucher Nos. 13643-13656, totaling \$17,480.86 (07/03/13)

17. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Check Register, Check Nos. 497475-497628, totaling \$716,380.08 (07/05/13)
18. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Voucher Register, Voucher Nos. 13657-13698, totaling \$536,126.93 (07/05/13)

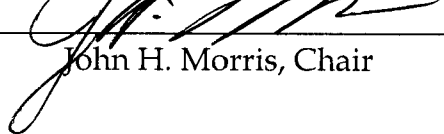
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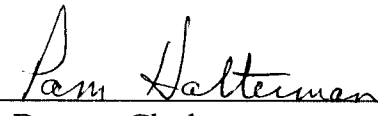
Approved August 6, 2013



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