

**MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA
NOVEMBER 18, 2014
9:00 A.M.**

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

Proof of publication of the notice of the notice of a special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was received, having been published in *The St. Augustine Record* on November 7, 2014

Present: John H. Morris, District 4, Chair
 Rachael Bennett, District 5, Vice Chair
 Cyndi Stevenson, District 1
 Ron Sanchez, District 2
 William A. McClure, District 3
 Michael Wanchick, County Administrator
 Patrick McCormack, County Attorney
 Sindy Wiseman, Deputy Clerk

(11/18/14 - 1 - 9:00 a.m.)
CALL TO ORDER

Morris called the meeting to order.

(11/18/14 - 1 - 9:00a.m.)
ROLL CALL

The clerk called the roll and all board members were present.

(11/18/14 - 1 - 9:03 a.m.)
INVOCATION

Reverend Ken Herzog, Trinity Episcopal Church, gave the invocation.

(11/18/14 - 1 - 9:05 a.m.)
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Morris led the Pledge of Allegiance.

(11/18/14 - 1 - 9:05 a.m.)
PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

(11/18/14 - 2 - 9:06 a.m.)
1. PRESENTATIONS RECOGNIZING THE OUTGOING COMMISSIONER

Ron Sanchez

Wanchick spoke about Sanchez, thanked him for his professionalism and presented a tribute video highlighting his years of service to the Commission. Sanchez spoke

praises about the staff, the important role they play, and thanked everyone for their support.

(9:18 a.m.) Carl Shank, Fire Rescue Chief, presented Sanchez with an gold headed ax plaque and thanked him for his support with Fire Rescue.

(9:22 a.m.) Bill Dudley, Veterans Council, spoke about Sanchez's public service to the veterans in the County and presented him with a letter of appreciation. Former Commissioner Ray Quinn presented him with a flag flown over the United States Capital in his honor.

(9:26 a.m.) Willie Cooper, West Augustine Improvement Association, Weed and Seed, and the CRA, thanked Sanchez for his efforts to make West Augustine a better place. Dwala Willis, West Augustine CRA, thanked him for his years of service and presented him with a plaque thanking him for his support with West Augustine.

(9:29 a.m.) Stevenson spoke in appreciation of Sanchez and said it was a pleasure serving with him on the Board.

(9:31 a.m.) Morris wished Sanchez luck and thanked him and said it was a pleasure to have served with him on the Board.

(9:33 a.m.) Wanchick presented Sanchez with a fishing shirt and jacket, with the County's emblem on them, from staff as a token of their appreciation. Sanchez thanked everyone for their support and noted that he filed paperwork to run for District 24 House of Representatives.

(11/18/14 - 2 - 9:37 a.m.)

2. PRESENTATION OF RECOGNITION FOR OUTGOING CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

Commissioner Chair Jay Morris
Commissioner Vice-Chair Rachael Bennett

Wanchick presented Bennett and Morris with plaques in their honor as chair and vice-chair.

Ron Sanchez, Commissioner for District 2, stepped down as acting commissioner and Jeb Smith entered the meeting to be sworn in as District 2 Commissioner.

(11/18/14 - 2 - 9:39 a.m.)

3. OATHS OF OFFICE FOR NEW COMMISSIONERS BY THE HONORABLE JUDGE HOWARD MALTZ, CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT:

Jeb S. Smith, County Commissioner District 2
John (Jay) Morris, County Commissioner District 4
Comments by incoming Commissioners

Judge Howard Maltz performed the Oaths of Office for newly elected commissioners, John H. Morris and Jeb S. Smith.

(9:40 a.m.) Smith said a few words on becoming a County Commissioner and thanked Sanchez for being so kind to him and his family during the campaign. He wished Sanchez and Stevenson well in their endeavor to the House of Representatives and recited a poem of his thoughts.

(9:46 a.m.) Morris said a few words on his decision to run for County Commissioner.

The meeting recessed at 9:48 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

(11/18/14 - 3 - 10:07 a.m.)

4. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIR JAY MORRIS

Morris called the meeting to order.

(11/18/14 - 3 - 10:08 a.m.)

5. REVIEW BY COUNTY ATTORNEY PATRICK F. MCCORMACK OF NOMINATING PROCEDURES FOR ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

McCormack reviewed the rules for electing Chair and Vice-Chair.

(11/18/14 - 3 - 10:09 a.m.)

6. ELECTION OF CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Morris nominated Bennett for chair, seconded by Stevenson, carried 5/0, to serve as chair.

(11/18/14 - 3 - 10:13 a.m.)

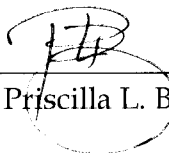
7. ELECTION OF THE VICE-CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Morris nominated Jeb Smith for vice-chair, seconded by Bennett, carried 5/0, to serve as vice-chair.


With there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:14 a.m.

Approved December 16, 2014

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: 
Priscilla L. Bennett, Chair

ATTEST: CHERYL STRICKLAND, CLERK

By: 
Deputy Clerk

