

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
MARCH 15, 2016  
9:00 A.M.**

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

Present:       Jeb Smith, District 2, Chair  
              James K. Johns, District 1, Vice Chair  
              William A. McClure, District 3  
              Jay Morris, District 4  
              Rachael L. Bennett, District 5  
              Michael Wanchick, County Administrator  
              Patrick McCormack, County Attorney  
              Natasha McGee, Deputy Clerk

Also present: Darrell Locklear, Assistant County Administrator; Joy Andrews, Assistant County Administrator; Paolo Soria, Assistant County Attorney

(03/15/16 - 1 - 9:00 a.m.)  
CALL TO ORDER

Smith called the meeting to order.

(03/15/16 - 1 - 9:01 a.m.)  
ROLL CALL

The clerk called the roll: All Board members were present.

(03/15/16 - 1 - 9:01 a.m.)  
INVOCATION

Commissioner Johns gave the invocation.

(03/15/16 - 1 - 9:02 a.m.)  
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

(03/15/16 - 1 - 9:03 a.m.)  
PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MAY 2016 AS MOTORCYCLE SAFETY  
AWARENESS MONTH

McClure spoke on the importance of recognizing motorcycle safety month and presented the proclamation to Charles Johnston and Lynn Rothmund, members of the Vintage Chapter of ABATE Florida, Inc. Johnston spoke on the importance of motorcycle safety for motorcyclists and motorists.

(03/15/16 - 1 - 9:09 a.m.)  
ACCEPTANCE OF PROCLAMATION

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

(03/15/16 - 2 - 9:09 a.m.)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tom Reynolds, 880 A1A Beach Boulevard, spoke on the hourly wage of the Sunshine Bus Company drivers, senior citizen housing, and raising the hotel tax. McClure gave an update on senior citizen housing.

(03/15/16 - 2 - 9:14 a.m.)

DELETIONS TO CONSENT AGENDA

Wanchick requested that Consent Agenda Item 13 be pulled to a date uncertain.

(03/15/16 - 2 - 9:14 a.m.)

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

**Motion by Morris, seconded by McClure, carried 5/0, to approve the Consent Agenda, as amended.**

1. Motion to approve the Cash Requirement Report
2. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2016-62**, accepting Universal Network Realty LLC's, Modification to Grant of Easement for drainage purposes

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-62**

**A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING UNIVERSAL NETWORK REALTY LLC'S, MODIFICATION TO GRANT OF EASEMENT FOR DRAINAGE PURPOSES**

3. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2016-63**, accepting an Easement for Utilities for a water line, off Palmera Drive East, in Ponte Vedra

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-63**

**A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING AN EASEMENT FOR UTILITIES FOR AN EXISTING WATER LINE, OFF PALMERA DRIVE EAST, IN PONTE VEDRA**

4. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2016-64**, accepting an Amended and Restated Easement for Utilities, by the Oakbridge Homeowners Association, for the Innlet Beach subdivision

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-64**

**A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING AN AMENDED AND RESTATED EASEMENT FOR UTILITIES, BY THE OAKBRIDGE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, FOR THE INNLET BEACH SUBDIVISION**

5. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2016-65**, accepting a Bill of Sale and Schedule of Values conveying all personal property associated with the water and sewer system serving Samara Lakes, Parcel D, Phase 3B, on Colorado Springs Way

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-65**

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING A BILL OF SALE AND SCHEDULE OF VALUES CONVEYING ALL PERSONAL PROPERTY ASSOCIATED WITH THE WATER AND SEWER LINES TO SERVE SAMARA LAKES, PARCEL D, PHASE 3B, ON COLORADO SPRINGS WAY

6. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2016-66**, accepting a Special Warranty Deed for conveyance of a lift station site and an Easement for Utilities and Bill of Sale to serve Palencia, EV4 , Costa Del Sol

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-66**

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING A SPECIAL WARRANTY DEED FOR CONVEYANCE OF A LIFT STATION SITE AND AN EASEMENT FOR UTILITIES TO SERVE PALENCIA, EV4, COSTA DEL SOL

7. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2016-67**, authorizing the chair of the Board, on behalf of the County, to execute a Non-Exclusive Grant of Easement to JEA to allow for installation of underground electrical distribution facilities within County right-of-way

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-67**

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD, ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY, TO ALLOW FOR INSTALLATION OF UNDERGROUND ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES WITHIN COUNTY RIGHT-OF-WAY

8. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2016-68**, authorizing the county administrator, or designee, to execute the Permanent Work Area Easement (for the placement of sand resulting from dredging the Intracoastal Waterway in the Summerhaven area) between FIND and St Johns County, as necessary to complete this task

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-68**

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE TERMS, PROVISION, CONDITIONS, AND REQUIREMENTS OF A PERMANENT CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN ST. JOHNS COUNTY AND THE FLORIDA INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT, FOR THE PLACEMENT OF SAND RESULTING FROM DREDGING THE INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY OR

WATERWAYS CONNECTED THERETO, AND THE USE OF PIPES AND CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, IN, UPON, OVER AND THROUGH THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LAND IN ST. JOHN COUNTY, FLORIDA, BY AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY

9. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2016-69**, authorizing the county administrator, or designee, to execute a Construction Agreement, and authorize expenditure of Developer Contribution of \$71,501, for State Road 207 at Dobbs Road Cutoff Median modification, to satisfy traffic concurrency of Ashby Landing PUD

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-69**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN D.R. HORTON AND THE COUNTY, AND AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE OF DEVELOPER FUNDS PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED AND WITHIN THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR 2016 "TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND", IN ORDER TO FULFILL THE TRANSPORTATION CONCURRENCY FOR ASHBY LANDING PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT

10. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2016-70**, authorizing the execution of a Railroad Reimbursement Agreement for the installation of grade crossing traffic control devices (Rodriquez Street), and future maintenance and adjustment of said devices; and providing for the expenditure of funds

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-70**

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A RAILROAD REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT FOR THE INSTALLATION OF GRADE CROSSING TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES, AND FUTURE MAINTENANCE AND ADJUSTMENT OF SAID DEVICES; PROVIDING FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS; AND AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR OF THE ST. JOHNS COUNTY COMMISSIONER TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY

11. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2016-71**, authorizing the Execution of a Railroad Reimbursement Agreement for the installation of grade crossing traffic control devices (5th Street (US1) Crossing), and future maintenance and adjustment of said devices; and providing for the expenditure of funds

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-71**

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A RAILROAD REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT FOR THE INSTALLATION OF GRADE CROSSING TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES, AND FUTURE MAINTENANCE

**AND ADJUSTMENT OF SAID DEVICES; PROVIDING FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS; AND AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR OF THE ST. JOHNS COUNTY COMMISSION TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY**

12. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2016-72**, approving the final plat for Riverwood by Del Webb, Phase 3C, Unit 1

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-72**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING A PLAT FOR RIVERWOOD BY DEL WEBB, PHASE 3C, UNIT 1**

*(Consent Agenda Item 13 pulled to a date uncertain.)*

13. Motion to approve the final plat for Cedar Point
14. Motion to approve the Makarios South PUD School Concurrency Proportionate Share Mitigation Agreement (CONSCA 2016-03)
15. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2016-73**, authorizing the county administrator, or his designee, to award Bid No. 15-17R, and to execute an agreement with the lowest qualified bidder, Sieg & Ambachtsheer, Inc., for completion of the Vilano Fishing Pier repairs at a total contract price of \$1,021,408

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-73**

**A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, OR DESIGNEE, TO AWARD BID NO. 15-17R, AND TO EXECUTE AGREEMENTS FOR REPAIRS RELATED TO THE VILANO FISHING PIER PROJECT**

16. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2016-74**, authorizing the county administrator, or his designee, to award RFP No. 16-27, Transportation of Cadavers, and enter into negotiations with, and if negotiations are successful, on behalf of the County, enter into a contract with the top ranked firm, Kotrady Hudgins Funeral Services, LLC

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-74**

**A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, OR DESIGNEE, TO AWARD RFP NO. 16-27, AND TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT FOR TRANSPORTATION OF CADAVERS FOR THE SJC MEDICAL EXAMINER'S OFFICE**

17. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2016-75**, authorizing the county administrator, or designee, to award Bid No. 16-31, to (1) Bound Tree Medical, LLC, (2) Henry Schein Inc., (3) Midwest Medical Supply Co., LLC, and (4) Quad Med, Inc., and to enter into a contract with each firm respectively to provide pharmaceutical supplies to the St. Johns County Fire Rescue

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-75**

**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 BID NO. 16-31, PURCHASE OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY FIRE RESCUE PHARMACEUTICAL SUPPLIES**

18. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2016-76**, authorizing the county administrator, or designee, to award Bid No. 15-81, Woodlawn Road Improvements to Besch & Smith Civil Group, Inc., and to execute a contract, in substantially the same form and format as the attached hereto, for completion of the County portions of the scope of work at a contract price not to exceed \$2,441,773.21; and Motion to approve a transfer of \$500,000 from Impact Fee Zone B Reserves to allow for completion of the County's portion of the scope of work provided in Bid No. 15-81, Woodlawn Road Improvements

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-76**

**A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, OR DESIGNEE, TO AWARD BID NO. 15-81, AND TO EXECUTE AGREEMENTS FOR WOODLAWN ROAD IMPROVEMENTS**

19. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2016-77**, authorizing the county administrator, or his designee, to enter into a contract to purchase one 2016 roll-off truck from Tom Nehl Truck Company from Bid No. 16-33, in the amount of \$151,261

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-77**

**A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, OR DESIGNEE, TO AWARD BID NO. 16-33, AND TO EXECUTE A PURCHASE ORDER FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE 2016 ROLL-OFF TRUCK**

20. Motion to declare items as surplus and authorize the county administrator, or his designee, to dispose of same in accordance with the Purchasing Policy 308 and Florida Statute 274
21. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2016-78**, authorizing the county administrator, or designee, to award Bid No. 16-19, lift station upgrades, WGV Turnberry and Southeast Quadrant to PBM Constructors, Inc., and to execute a contract, in substantially the same form and format as the attached hereto, for completion of the County portions of the scope of work, with a contract price not to exceed \$359,500

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-78**

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

**DESIGNEE, TO AWARD BID NO. 16-19, AND TO EXECUTE AGREEMENTS FOR LIFT STATION UPGRADES, WGV TURNBERRY AND SOUTHEAST QUADRANT**

22. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2016-79**, setting a Public Hearing date of April 19, 2016, at 9:00 a.m., or at a time and place as soon thereafter as possible, to hear a request for the vacation and simultaneous conveyance of a portion of Windward Ranch Boulevard

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-79**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING DATE OF APRIL 19, 2016, 9:00 A.M., TO HEAR A REQUEST FOR THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF WINDWARD RANCH BOULEVARD**

23. Approval of Minutes: February 16, 2016, Regular Meeting

(03/15/16 - 7 - 9:15 a.m.)

**ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO REGULAR AGENDA**

The Board added two red-folder items: 1) Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) Waterways Assistance Grant Application for dredging of the Frank Butler Park West Boat Ramp, as Regular Agenda Item 8, and 2) Letter of support for the Regional Transportation Commission Grant submission, as Regular Agenda Item 9.

(03/15/16 - 7 - 9:17 a.m.)

**APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA**

**Motion by Morris, seconded by McClure, carried 5/0, to approve the Regular Agenda, as amended.**

(03/15/16 - 7 - 9:17 a.m.)

1. PUBLIC HEARING, LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE AMENDMENTS, ARTICLE II "ZONING DISTRICTS AND SPECIAL USES", AND ARTICLE IX "ADMINISTRATION" MODIFYING AND CREATING USES FOR DOMESTIC HENS AND FERAL CAT COLONIES. THIS IS THE FINAL ADOPTION HEARING TO CONSIDER CHANGES TO ARTICLE II "ZONING DISTRICTS AND SPECIAL USES" AND ARTICLE IX "ADMINISTRATION OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE. THIS SERIES OF CHANGES CREATES SPECIAL USE PERMIT CATEGORIES FOR DOMESTIC HENS AND FERAL CAT COLONIES, FOR A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED ONE YEAR, AND ALSO MODIFIES ASSOCIATED USES. THESE CHANGES WERE CONSIDERED ORIGINALLY BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ON JANUARY 19, 2016. IT WAS THE DIRECTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO CREATE A SPECIAL USE PERMIT PROCEDURE, FOR A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED ONE YEAR, THAT WOULD IMPLEMENT THE FERAL CAT COLONY POLICIES WITHIN THE ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE THAT WAS APPROVED ON NOVEMBER 03, 2015; AND TO CREATE A SPECIAL USE PERMIT PROCEDURE TO ALLOW FEMALE CHICKENS (HENS) WITHIN THE REAR YARD OF PROPERTIES ZONED RESIDENTIAL

Proof of publication of the notice of public hearing on Land Development Code amendments, Article II "Zoning Districts and Special Uses", and Article IX "Administration" modifying and creating uses for domestic hens and feral cat colonies, was received, having been published in *The St. Augustine Record* on March 8, 2016.

Joseph Cearley, Growth Management, Special Projects Manager, presented details of the request, via PowerPoint.

(9:25 a.m.) Chris Farrell, Audubon of Florida and the St. Johns County Audubon Society, 410 Allapattah Avenue, noted that Audubon did not support feral cat colonies and thanked St. Johns County staff for working with Audubon to draft additional provisions to protect wildlife habitat that could foster endangered species.

(9:27 a.m.) Bennett and Johns questioned Cearley on the feral cat colonies separation requirements. Johns noted a prohibited areas location map regarding endangered species and that a definition of sensitive wildlife areas should be made available to the general public. McClure noted that unlimited funds for patrolling and Animal Control enforcement were discussion topics from the February 18, 2016, Planning and Zoning (PZA) meeting.

(9:30 a.m.) Tom Reynolds, 880 A1A Beach Boulevard, spoke on agenda planning and recommended that feral cat colonies and domestic hens be placed on the agenda as two separate agenda items. He also spoke in opposition of allowing domestic hens in residentially zoned properties within St. Johns County.

(9:33 a.m.) Mark Biernat, 4060 Turkey Creek Court, spoke in support of allowing domestic hens in residentially zoned properties within St. Johns County.

(9:37 a.m.) Chris Farrell, 410 Allapattah Avenue, spoke on options for managing the feral cat colonies.

(9:41 a.m.) Discussion ensued on the special use permit process regarding domestic hens, including the expiration and cost of the special use permit, and the outside shelter location; diversity of lifestyles and urban agricultural regarding domestic hens; and the Feral Cat Colony Management Plan.

(9:49 a.m.) Smith read an email for the record, on behalf of Bryan Collins, 4092 Pine Run Circle, in support of allowing domestic hens in residentially zoned properties within St. Johns County, *Exhibit A*.

(10:01 a.m.) Soria informed the Board that Sections 1 and 2 and portions of Sections 4 and 5 of the ordinance, pertained to domestic hens.

**(10:04 a.m.) Motion by Bennett, seconded by Smith, carried 3/2, with Morris and McClure dissenting, to approve Sections 1 and 2 of the ordinance and Sections 4 and 5, as the ordinance pertains to domestic hens.**

(10:04 a.m.) Bennett suggested to use the same descriptive language in Section A(2): Management Plan for Section C(1): General requirements of Section 3: Feral Cat Colonies.

(10:06 a.m.) Smith called for a motion regarding feral cat colonies. There was no motion.

**(10:07 a.m.) Motion by Bennett, seconded by Smith, carried 3/2, with Morris and McClure dissenting, to enact Ordinance No. 2016-13, amending Articles II and IX to the Land Development Code, as previously approved by the Board.**



ORDINANCE NO. 2016-13

AN ORDINANCE OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, AMENDING THE ST. JOHNS COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, ORDINANCE 99-51, AS AMENDED, TO PROVIDE FOR DOMESTIC HENS AND FERAL CAT COLONIES AS USES; AMENDING ARTICLE II, PART 2.02.00, USES WITHIN ZONING DISTRICTS; ARTICLE II, PART 2.03.00, SPECIAL USES AND ARTICLE IX, PART 9.06.00, HEARINGS; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION AND CODIFICATION AND SCRIVENERS ERRORS INTO THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

(10:08 a.m.) The Board moved to Regular Agenda Item 4.

(03/15/16 - 9 - 10:16 a.m.)

2. PRESENTATION BY THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL OF THE ST. JOHNS COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL WILL PROVIDE A PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ON PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES AT THE ST. JOHNS COUNTY CHAMBER EDC

Melissa Glasgow, Director of Economic Development, noted that the County contracted with the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce to support the County's economic development efforts, to include the County's membership in JAXUSA's partnership for regional economic development. She gave an overview of the restructured contract, and introduced Larry Lake, Economic Development Council (EDC) member.

(10:18 a.m.) Lake spoke on the EDC and Chamber members, and introduced Declan Riley, Vice President, Economic Development.

(10:21 a.m.) Riley gave an overview of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Council's 2014-2015 Annual Report, via PowerPoint, *Exhibit A*.

(10:33 a.m.) Tom Reynolds, 880 Beach Boulevard, questioned the St. Johns County EDC funding portion of 31% on the EDC funding PowerPoint slide.

The meeting recessed at 10:34 a.m. and reconvened at 10:41 a.m., with Regular Agenda Item 8 and Lavie not in attendance.

(03/15/16 - 9 - 11:00 a.m.)

3. TIME CERTAIN 11:00 A.M., WATER QUALITY PROGRAM UPDATE. THE ST. JOHNS COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WILL PROVIDE A PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ON THEIR PROPOSED CROP ALTERATION PROGRAM (CAP) AND REQUEST APPROVAL TO TAKE THE NEXT STEPS TOWARD ITS IMPLEMENTATION. IN 2008, THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ADOPTED THE BASIN MANAGEMENT ACTION PLAN (BMAP) FOR THE LOWER ST. JOHNS RIVER FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOADS (TMDL) FOR NUTRIENTS. AS A PART OF THIS PLAN, THE COUNTY WAS REQUIRED TO REDUCE APPROXIMATELY 20,500 POUNDS OF NUTRIENTS BEING DISCHARGED TO THE LOWER ST. JOHNS RIVER BASIN. ON AUGUST 4TH 2015, THE ST. JOHNS COUNTY

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT PROVIDED A PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ON ITS WATER QUALITY PROGRAM. PRIMARILY, STAFF PRESENTED A SUMMARY OF ITS COMPLETED PROJECTS AND A PROPOSAL TO TAKE THE NEXT STEPS FOR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF AN ELKTON CANAL (ALSO REFERENCED AS PARKER CANAL) REGIONAL STORMWATER TREATMENT (RST) FACILITY. THE NUTRIENT REDUCTIONS ACHIEVED UPON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ELKTON CANAL RST WERE ANTICIPATED TO MEET THE REMAINDER OF THE COUNTY'S TMDL BMAP REQUIREMENTS. AT THE MEETING, THE BOARD DIRECTED STAFF TO HOLD THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ELKTON CANAL RST AND CREATE A WATER QUALITY TASK FORCE TO FURTHER INVESTIGATE FEASIBILITY OF WATER QUALITY PROJECTS, VIA AGRICULTURAL PARTNERSHIPS, THAT COULD NOT ONLY MEET THE COUNTY'S TMDL BMAP REQUIREMENTS BUT WERE MORE COST EFFECTIVE COMPARED TO THE ELKTON CANAL RST PROJECT. THE PROPOSED CAP HAS BEEN RECEIVED VERY FAVORABLY, BY BOTH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (FDEP) AND THE ST. JOHNS RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT (SJRWMD) AND IS ANTICIPATED TO COST EFFECTIVELY MEET THE REMAINDER OF THE COUNTY'S TMDL BMAP REQUIREMENTS

Neal Shinkre, Public Works Director, presented details of the St. Johns County Water Quality Program, via PowerPoint. He reviewed the background of the project, BCC direction, the Water Quality Task Force, agricultural partnerships, project selection, the Crop Alteration Program (CAP), nutrient credit determination, and the next steps of the project.

(11:23 a.m.) Bennett questioned Shinkre on the 20 year life cycle of CAP, the Elkton Canal BMAP, on phosphorous, the benefit from turning crops to Silviculture, the selling of designated Silvicultural land, and the legality of a contract. McCormack noted that an approved contract would come back to the Board for consideration and approval.

(11:36 a.m.) McClure questioned Shinkre on the nutrient credits.

(11:45 a.m.) Johns questioned Shinkre on the project cost, and offered the following suggestion: to consider a contingency plan if the County was no longer required to monitor the nutrient guidelines.

(11:51 p.m.) Smith read a portion of an email, addressed to Neal Shinkre, from Thomas Frick, Florida Department of Environment Protection (FDEP), supporting the proposed project, *Exhibit A*. He thanked staff for changing the name of the project to Elkton Canal, and the Board for being open to alternative options. He spoke, at length, on the establishment of the Water Quality Taskforce, exploring options to save taxpayer dollars, and addressing redirecting budgeted funds to other projects, grant monies and compliance. He addressed the pros and cons of RSTs, their operational efficiency and costs, as well as FDEP credit trading for phosphorus and nitrogen and keeping land on the tax roll. He noted that he had a handout/report for the Board that would document his comments, *Exhibit B*.

Furthermore, he outlined his objectives: 1) to not point fingers or place blame, but to divulge what he had learned, while on the Water Quality Taskforce, so the Board could make informed economic decisions; 2) to comply with EPA BMAP mandates; and 3) to maximize taxpayer economic and environmental investments. He also spoke on the transportation and water quality costs within the County's budget and asked for innovative solutions to address those costs.

(12:11 p.m.) Bennett spoke on keeping land on the tax roll, and on supporting the request. Morris spoke on the 20 year contract with landowners and the County's deficit. McClure questioned Smith on his handout/report provided to the Board.

(12:19 p.m.) Discussion ensued on keeping land on the tax roll and turning crops to Silviculture.

(12:27 p.m.) Tom Reynolds, 880 A1A Beach Boulevard, spoke on collecting impact fees.

(12:31 p.m.) McClure questioned Shinkre on TMDLs in St. Johns County and credit trading. Discussion ensued on farmers.

(12: 44 p.m.) McCormack suggested *to remove the wording "and execute" from the motion. Smith and Bennett accepted the revision.* **Motion by Smith, seconded by Bennett, carried 5/0, to authorize the county administrator, or his designee, to transfer funds from the [Elkton] Canal project, in the amount of \$800,000, into the Crop Alteration Program and to take all the necessary steps to create the documentation for the Crop Alteration Program, as amended.**

The meeting recessed at 12:46 p.m. and reconvened at 1:33 p.m., with Regular Agenda Item 5, and with Deputy Clerk Bonnie Putman in attendance.

(03/15/16 - 11 - 10:09 a.m.)

4. PUBLIC HEARING, VACROA 2015-04, PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING VACATING A PORTION OF ESCAMBIA STREET. THE APPLICANT REQUESTS THE VACATION OF AN UNOPENED, UNIMPROVED PORTION OF ESCAMBIA STREET WITHIN THE OCEAN GROVE SUBDIVISION, LYING BETWEEN LOT 1 BLOCK 14, AND LOT 8 BLOCK 15. BASED ON STAFF'S REVIEW, TRAFFIC PATTERNS WILL NOT BE NEGATIVELY IMPACTED, AND NO PARTY WILL BE UNREASONABLY AFFECTED BY THE REQUESTED VACATION. STAFF ANTICIPATES WE WILL HAVE NO OBJECTIONS TO THE REQUEST

Proof of publication of the notice of public hearing on VACROA 2015-04, Escambia Street, was received, having been published in *The St. Augustine Record* on March 1, 2016.

Eric Clark, Growth Management Engineer, presented details of the request, via PowerPoint. He noted that Planning and Zoning staff had discussed the proposed right-of-way vacation with inquiring residents of the Ocean Grove area and had received no objections. He also stated that all adjoining property owners had joined the petition via Consent and Joinder.

(10:13 a.m.) Tom Reynolds, 880 A1A Beach Boulevard, quoted the following from the agenda document, that "No party will be unreasonably affected" and that "Staff anticipates we will have no objections to the request." He also quoted the following from the National Association of Counties' Code of Ethics for County Officials "Promote decisions which only benefit the public interest," *Exhibit A*.

(10:14 a.m.) Bennett questioned Soria on the property taxes/tax rolls.

(10:15 a.m.) **Motion by McClure, seconded by Bennett, carried 5/0, to adopt Resolution No. 2016-80, approving VACROA 2015-04, Escambia Street, petition to vacate a portion of Escambia Street within the Ocean Grove subdivision.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-80

**A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, VACATING A PORTION OF THE 40 FOOT RIGHT-OF-WAY KNOWN AS ESCAMBIA STREET**

(10:16 a.m.) The Board moved to Regular Agenda Item 2, with Rebecca Lavie, Assistant County Attorney, in attendance.

(03/15/16 - 12 - 1:33 p.m.)

5. PUBLIC HEARING, MAJMOD 2015-19, WINDWARD RANCH, FORMERLY KNOWN AS (FKA), ENCANTA PUD. THIS IS A REQUEST TO MODIFY THE WINDWARD RANCH PUD TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE DEVELOPMENT FROM ENCANTA TO WINDWARD RANCH, ALLOW FOR THE RELOCATION OF BIKE LANES FROM PORTIONS OF THE MINOR COLLECTOR ROADWAYS AND PROVIDE A MULTI-PURPOSE PATH ALONG THE LINEAR PARK AREAS, ADD ON-STREET PARKING FOR THE MAIN RECREATION AREA, ADJUST THE PRESERVATION AREA, DECREASE THE MINIMUM LOT WIDTH AND SIZE STANDARDS, AND REMOVE THE INTERCONNECTIVITY ACCESS POINT TO WHISPER RIDGE. THE PUD CONTAINS APPROXIMATELY 431.3 ACRES OF LAND, CONSISTING OF 165.8 ACRES OF WETLANDS AND IS APPROVED FOR UP TO 580 RESIDENTIAL DWELLING UNITS AND 90,000 SQUARE FEET OF NON-RESIDENTIAL COMMERCIAL/OFFICE USES AND IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION. THE PLANNING AND ZONING AGENCY RECOMMENDED APPROVAL, WITH A 6-0 VOTE, AT ITS FEBRUARY 18, 2016, MEETING

Proof of publication of the notice of public hearing on MAJMOD 2015-19, Windward Ranch PUD, was received, having been published in *The St. Augustine Record* on February 3, 2016.

Soria requested a disclosure of ex parte communication. Smith disclosed that he had spoken with Karen Taylor, the representative for the applicant.

(1:34 p.m.) Teresa Bishop, AICP, Planning Division Manager, presented details of the request, including two waivers, via PowerPoint presentation. *She noted a scrivener's error in Section 3 of the proposed ordinance, which was corrected to read Ordinance 2014-10.*

(1:38 p.m.) Karen Taylor, Land Planner, 77 Saragossa Street, representing the applicant, spoke on the minor modification. She referenced the project's maps, *Exhibit A*, and pointed out the location of the park. She reviewed the proposed changes.

(1:50 p.m.) Bennett questioned the removal of the interconnectivity with Whisper Ridge. Taylor stated that Whisper Ridge was satisfied with the change.

(1:51 p.m.) Morris questioned Taylor on the 2014 approved lot sized and those currently proposed. Taylor responded with the change in numbers.

(1:53 p.m.) McClure mentioned the transportation credits for SR 16. He questioned whether the roads would be private. Taylor responded that the roads would be private. He voiced safety concerns with the neighborhood's lack of two entrances and questioned the price range of the homes. Scott Keiling, Director of Land Acquisition and Development at Lennar Corporation, 228 Holland Drive, responded that the homes' prices ranged from \$200,000-\$400,000.

(1:57 p.m.) Johns questioned the purpose of the interconnectivity. Taylor responded that interconnectivity was for emergency purposes. Johns stated there was still a need for emergency services. He noted that the response time into the neighborhood had increased. Taylor responded that emergency services were still within five miles.

(1:59 p.m.) Smith questioned Jeff Prevatt, Assistant Fire Rescue Chief at St. Johns County Fire Rescue, on the emergency route to service the project. Prevatt spoke on the minimal time difference and responded that the route was through Whisper Ridge. Smith questioned the multi-purpose path. Prevatt stated the path would not pose a problem for responders. Taylor noted that there was only one multi-purpose path.

(2:01 p.m.) McClure questioned the property boundaries. Taylor responded and referred to the project's maps, *Exhibit A*. Discussion ensued on the waivers, including the bicycle lanes, and the reduction in the upland preservation and lot sizes. Taylor noted that the pond sizes had increased.

(2:05 p.m.) McClure questioned the concurrency dollars. Taylor noted there had been traffic mitigation with Whisper Ridge. Phuong Nguyen, Director of the Transportation Development Division, responded to the question on concurrency dollars, stating that monies would go towards intersection improvements at International Golf Parkway, Pacetti Road and State Road 16. Taylor stated that more than proportionate share had been paid.

(2:10 p.m.) **Motion by Smith, seconded by Morris, carried 5/0, to enact Ordinance No. 2016-14, MAJMOD 2015-19, Windward Ranch PUD, adopting Findings of Fact 1-6, as amended [to reflect the scrivener's error in Section 3 of the Ordinance].**

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 2016-14**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF ST. JOHNS, STATE OF FLORIDA, APPROVING A MAJOR MODIFICATION TO THE WINDWARD RANCH PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD) (FKA ENCANTA PUD), ORDINANCE NO. 2014-10, AS AMENDED; MAKING FINDINGS OF FACT; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; REQUIRING RECORDATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

(03/15/16 - 13 - 2:10 p.m.)

6. PUBLIC HEARING, CDD 2015-04, TWIN CREEKS NORTH CDD (SOUTH JACKSONVILLE PROPERTIES, LLC). THIS IS A PUBLIC HEARING FOR CDD 2015-04, KNOWN AS TWIN CREEKS NORTH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (CDD), A PETITION TO ESTABLISH THE TWIN CREEKS NORTH CDD TO COVER APPROXIMATELY 953 ACRES OF LAND. STAFF RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE PETITION. PLEASE REFER TO THE STAFF REPORT FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS

Proof of publication of the notice of public hearing on CDD 2015-04, Windward Ranch PUD, was received, having been published in *The St. Augustine Record* on February 12, 2016, February 16, 2016, February 23, 2016, and March 1, 2016.

Soria requested a disclosure of ex parte communication. Smith, Bennett, Johns and Morris disclosed that they had met with Ellen Avery-Smith, Roger Towers, P.A., and John Kinsey, Twin Creeks Development Associates, LLC.

Rebecca Dennis, Planner, spoke on the Twin Creeks North Community Development District (CDD), via PowerPoint presentation. *Soria noted that Table 2 of Exhibit 6 of the petition had been revised.*

(2:15 p.m.) Ellen Avery Smith, Rogers Towers, 100 Whetstone Place, clarified the location of the loop road, Waterfall Way, and the proposed access road to the high school, which was not part of the CDD.

(2:17 p.m.) John Kinsey, Twin Creeks Development Associates, LLC, 100 East Linton Boulevard, Delray Beach, Florida, stated that there was not an agreement, with the school board, to construct the high school access road, although the road was within the boundaries of the CDD. Discussion ensued on whether the road should be public or privately, owned and maintained by the County or the CDD.

(2:19 p.m.) Gerald L. Knight, Billing, Cochran, Lyles, Mauro & Ramsey, P.A., 515 East Las Olas Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, CDD Attorney, spoke on the details of the CDD petition and affirmed that the CDD was the best available funding mechanism for delivering community development services to the area.

(2:25 p.m.) Discussion ensued on the management of roads, services and facilities, including the lagoon infrastructure.

**(2:28 p.m.) Motion by Johns, seconded by McClure, carried 5/0, to enact Ordinance No. 2016-15, approving the petition for creation of the Twin Creeks North Community Development District (CDD), adopting Findings of Fact 1-3 to support the motion, with the revised Table.**

#### ORDINANCE NO. 2016-15

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF ST. JOHNS, STATE OF FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING THE TWIN CREEKS NORTH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 190, FLORIDA STATUTES (2015); NAMING THE DISTRICT; DESCRIBING THE EXTERNAL BOUNDARIES OF THE DISTRICT; DESCRIBING THE FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF THE DISTRICT; DESIGNATING FIVE PERSONS TO SERVE AS THE INITIAL MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT'S BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S; PROVIDING FOR A LIMITATION ON COUNTY OBLIGATIONS AND ACCEPTANCE; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

(03/15/16 - 14 - 2:29 p.m.)

7. CONSIDER A LOCAL MATCH FOR A TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION (TPO) REQUESTED COMPREHENSIVE TRAFFIC STUDY FOR THE PONTE VEDRA/PALM VALLEY AREA. ON DECEMBER 15, 2015, GARY PHILLIPS, CHAIR OF THE CITIZENS TRAFFIC TASK FORCE, (CTTF) PRESENTED TO THE COMMISSION CONCERNS RELATING TO TRAFFIC CONGESTION AND GROWING TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS IN THE PONTE VEDRA/PALM VALLEY AREA. THE CTTF SEEKS FUNDING FROM THE NORTH FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION (TPO) TO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE TRAFFIC STUDY FOR PONTE VEDRA/PALM VALLEY AREA. ON DECEMBER 15, 2015, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZED THE CHAIR TO SIGN A LETTER OF FUNDING REQUEST TO THE NORTH

FLORIDA TPO IN SUPPORT OF THIS EFFORT. THE COUNTY SUBMITTED THE FUNDING REQUEST TO THE TPO ON FEBRUARY 22, 2016, ALONG WITH THE BCC CHAIRMAN'S LETTER AND THE CTF'S LETTER OF REQUEST; HOWEVER, THE TPO IS REQUESTING A COMMITMENT OF A 50% LOCAL MATCH IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED FOR FUNDING CONSIDERATION. THE ESTIMATED COST TO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE TRAFFIC STUDY IS APPROXIMATELY \$250,000; THEREFORE, THE 50% LOCAL MATCH NEEDED IS \$125,000, CONTINGENT UPON THE FINAL COST DETERMINATION. STAFF IS SEEKING BOARD DIRECTION REGARDING THE REQUIRED 50% LOCAL MATCH. POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES IDENTIFIED BY STAFF FOR THIS MATCH COULD BE PROPORTIONATE SHARE PAYMENTS FROM THE LAKES AT PONTE VEDRA (\$63,222 PER RESOLUTION 2015-334), TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND RESERVES, AND COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS. ADDITIONALLY, THE PROJECT COULD BE PRESENTED WITH A PHASED SCOPE OVER A COUPLE OF YEARS OR THE PROJECT COULD BE DELAYED A YEAR TO FURTHER ADDRESS THE FUNDING NEEDS. STAFF NOTES THAT APPROVAL OF THE STUDY IS SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE TPO. A COMMITMENT BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, TO PROVIDE A LOCAL MATCH, DOES NOT GUARANTEE THAT THE TPO WILL FUND THE STUDY; HOWEVER, LACK OF A WRITTEN COMMITMENT WILL DISQUALIFY THE REQUEST FROM CONSIDERATION THIS YEAR

Phong T. Nguyen, Transportation Development Division Manager, spoke on the consideration of a local match for Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) funding for a comprehensive traffic study for the Ponte Vedra/Palm Valley area. He stated he was seeking direction for a funding source for the required 50% match. Staff made the following recommendations: proportionate fair share payments from The Lakes at Ponte Vedra, in the amount of \$63,222; Transportation Trust Fund reserves; or through community contributions. He explained that the study could be phased over several years, or postponed until next year, to allow for exploration of other funding sources. The estimated cost of the study was \$250,000, requiring a \$125,000 match.

(2:35 p.m.) Discussion ensued on what the study would encompass, the counties included in the TPO and the availability of funding to those counties, and studies in other parts of the County, specifically along Wildwood Drive. Nguyen explained that FDOT was planning to upgrade the signal at Wildwood Drive and US 1, but there was no other funding available for Wildwood Drive. He explained how the projects were prioritized.

(2:45 p.m.) Morris questioned phasing the study's funding over the next two years. Nguyen explained that the study would take 12 to 16 months to complete and could be phased over tiers. He felt the TPO would be amenable to phasing the funding, if they approved funding the study. Discussion ensued on timing the request to coincide with the TPO's fiscal year and asking the Professional Golf Association of America (PGA) to participate in funding the study.

(2:48 p.m.) Wanchick stated that the PGA was to complete a study surrounding its tour event only and that the study would not be comparable to the TPO's study.

(2:50 p.m.) Discussion ensued on how the TPO who fund its top five projects. Nguyen explained that the TPO would begin funding the projects in July 2016. Morris questioned the best phasing options to receive optimal funding; discussion followed with Bennett and Nguyen explaining what the County's commitment would entail. Bennett questioned the effectiveness of phasing the study and Nguyen said it would be an effective way to complete the study.

(3:00 p.m.) Smith questioned if other studies being conducted in the area could be used to reduce what was needed for the Ponte Vedra/Palm Valley study. Nguyen said the data from the current study, anticipated to be complete in June, could be useful for the comprehensive area-wide study. Funding was also requested from FDOT, but was not available for the remainder of the fiscal year. FDOT provided recent traffic count data along A1A, from J. Turner Butler (JTB) Boulevard to Mickler Road.

(3:02 p.m.) Johns questioned if the funding approval could be contingent on TPO approval; Bennett explained that the funds had to be committed before TPO approval and would carry-over if not used.

(3:03 p.m.) Gary Phillips, 161 S. Roscoe Boulevard, Chairman of Citizens Traffic Task Force, expressed his appreciation to staff and the TPO for its work on the item. He suggested that a comprehensive study be designed to include new routes out of the Ponte Vedra/Palm Valley area, and that the study be phased, if that was what was needed to complete the study. He said that he was told that new roads could take up to 20 years, or longer, to be put in place. He indicated that a "traffic tsunami" would hit the area before 20 years. He stated that the PGA's expansion project could add 12,000 to 15,000 incremental trips to the 210/A1A intersection, per day.

**(3:07 p.m.) Motion by Morris, seconded by Bennett, carried 5/0, to specify a funding source for the required 50% match, up to \$63,222, to the North Florida Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) to conduct the first phase of a comprehensive traffic study for the Ponte Vedra/Palm Valley area, and to authorize the chair to sign a letter to the TPO committing to the local match and, if necessary, direct staff to bring back to the Board, at a future meeting, an agenda item to appropriate the specified funding source.**

The Board moved to Regular Agenda Item 9.

(03/15/16 - 16 - 10:42 a.m.)

8. FIND WATERWAYS ASSISTANCE GRANT APPLICATION FOR DREDGING OF THE FRANK BUTLER PARK WEST BOAT RAMP

Wil Smith, Recreation and Parks Director, gave an overview of the request. He noted that if approved, the agenda item would grant him, on behalf of the County, permission to submit an application for funding in the amount of \$60,000 to share the total project cost of \$120,000.

(10:44 a.m.) Johns questioned Smith on the cost estimate of the project. McClure and Bennett thanked Smith for locating the grant.

(10:47 a.m.) Tom Reynolds, 880 A1A Beach Boulevard, suggested locating a grant for Ron Parker Park.

**(10:48 a.m.) Motion by McClure, seconded by Bennett, carried 5/0, to adopt Resolution No. 2016-81, allowing the county administrator, or designee, to submit a grant application to the Florida Inland Navigation District Waterways Assistance Program, and execute all supplemental documentation necessary to seek funding assistance for completion of the Frank Butler Park West Boat Ramp dredging project.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-81**

**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 THE FRANK  
BUTLER PARK WEST BOAT RAMP DREDGE PROJECT**

The Board recessed at 10:49 a.m. and reconvened at 11:00 a.m., with Regular Agenda Item 3.

(03/15/16 - 17 - 3:09 p.m.)

9. **LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION GRANT SUBMISSION**

Phuong spoke on the request to authorize the county administrator to submit a letter of support to the Regional Transportation Commission for the submittal of a planning grant to enhance regional mobility.

(3:12 p.m.) Joe Stevenson, Executive Director for the Northeast Florida Regional Transportation Commission, 980 North Jefferson Street, Jacksonville, Florida, spoke on transit coordination, between all six counties in the Northeast Florida region, in order to provide a regional service out of local operations. He explained the "Transportation 4 All" grant, which stated emphasis must be placed on the elderly and individuals with special needs. He added that the \$86,000, one-time grant would not require matching funds.

(3:16 p.m.) McClure questioned who was sponsoring the grant. Stevenson responded that the grant was federally funded through the National Health and Human Services Department. Discussion ensued on the inclusion of the Sunshine Bus Company, Council on Aging and the ARC of the St. Johns paratransit; coordination of connections between Duval and St. Johns county public transportation; and the support from the Northeast Florida Regional Council (NEFRC), the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) and the Designated Official Planning Agency (DOPA).

**(3:22 p.m.) Motion by Bennett, seconded by Morris, carried 5/0, to approve the chairman of the Board of County Commissioners to submit a Letter of Support to the Regional Transportation Commission for the submittal of a planning grant to enhance regional mobility.**

(03/15/16 - 17 - 3:22 p.m.)

**COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**

(3:22 p.m.) Commissioner Bennett

Bennett emphasized the importance of voting. She stated the Board had received a proposed agenda for the City of St. Augustine Beach Joint Meeting and that she had requested an item be added to that agenda, asking the City of St. Augustine Beach to contribute to the Sunshine Bus, noting that none of the cities, within the County, currently contribute.

(3:24 p.m.) Commissioner Johns

Johns echoed Bennett's encouragement to vote. He reported on the St. Augustine's Saint Patrick's Day parade, as being well organized and well attended.

(3:25 p.m.) Commissioner Morris

Morris encouraged everyone to vote.

(3:25 p.m.) Commissioner McClure

McClure had no report.

(3:25 p.m.) Commissioner Smith

Smith encouraged everyone to vote. He reported on a letter he received from the Florida Department of Agricultural and Consumer Services, which stated that the Florida Forest Services was updating their membership list for the Matanzas State Forest liaison panel and were looking for an elected official as a representative for that panel. McClure accepted the request as the representative. Additionally, Smith addressed a phone call concerning conflicts between the Homeowners Associations (HOA), the Architectural Review Committees (ARC) and the Florida Building Codes; discussion ensued and a request was made by Smith to allow counsel to research the Land Development Code and Florida Building Codes.

(3:30 p.m.) McCormack explained the history of Land Development Code, Article 5. He stated that counsel would review options and present information back to the Board.

*Consensus was given by the Board to direct legal to approach, address, and educate concerning the Land Development Code and Florida Building Code, with a recommendation or reconciliation that could relieve the St. Johns County Building officials from being placed in a difficult position.*

(3:34 p.m.) Smith also thanked and congratulated five St. Johns County growers, who had been selected by the Project Selection Panel to have water quality, conservation and nutrient management projects funded by the Water Management District and one project by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. He reported on the current agricultural market, including the prices of Nappa, or Chinese cabbage.

(03/15/16 - 18 - 3:36 p.m.)

#### COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Wanchick reminded the Board of the City of St. Augustine Beach Joint Meeting, which was scheduled for March, 28, 2016, at 9:00 a.m., at City Hall. McClure stated he would not be in attendance.

(03/15/16 - 18 - 3:37 p.m.)

#### COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

McCormack summarized the 2016 legislative session; highlighting Senate Bill 1322, which pertained to the Department of Juvenile Justice and cost sharing, between local governments and the State, and accepted a 50/50 cost split. He thanked McClure for his continued focus on the issue. He also reported on a bill relating to animal control, particularly dangerous dogs, and requested consensus by the Board to review St. Johns County's animal control ordinance.

*Consensus was given by the Board for legal to review St. Johns County's animal control ordinance due to the recent bill relating to dangerous dogs.*

(3:40 p.m.) McClure specified that the Department of Juvenile Justice's cost sharing would save the County an estimated \$756,000 over ten years and stated there were two other bills that passed that would reduce the County's Medicaid cost share.

(03/15/16 - 18 - 3:40 p.m.)

#### CLERK OF COURT'S REPORT

There was no report.

(03/15/16 - 19 - 3:40 p.m.)  
ADJOURN

With there being no further business to come before the Board, Smith adjourned the meeting at 3:40 p.m.

REPORTS:

1. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Check Register, Check Nos. 530116-530317, totaling \$1,932,468.65 and Voucher Register, Voucher Nos. 23891-23932, totaling \$549,558.23 (3/1/16)
2. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Check Register, Check Nos. 530318-530333, totaling \$5,318.74 (3/3/16)
3. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Voucher Register, Voucher Nos. 23933-23934, totaling \$10,653.20 (3/3/16)
4. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Check Register, Check Nos. 530334-530532, totaling \$1,417,085 and Voucher Register, Voucher Nos. 23935-23994, totaling \$746,697.74 (3/8/16)
5. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Check Register, Check Nos. 530533-530536, totaling \$195,361.07 (3/8/16)
6. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Check Register, Check Nos. 530537-530566, totaling \$43,495.52 and Voucher Register, Voucher Nos. 23995-24010, totaling \$24,679.93 (3/9/16)
7. Public Financial Management's (PFM) Quarterly OPEB Performance Review for the quarter ended December 31, 2015.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was none.

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ April 19 \_\_\_\_\_, 2016

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By:   
Jeb S. Smith, Chair

ATTEST: HUNTER S. CONRAD, CLERK

By:   
Deputy Clerk

