

**MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA
OCTOBER 31, 2017
9:00 A.M.**

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

Proof of notice of an emergency meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, was received, having been noticed through distribution of a communication plan on October 30, 2017, by the St. Johns County Communications Division, which included media, website and social media postings.

Present: James K. Johns, District 1, Chair
Paul M. Waldron, District 3
Michael Wanchick, County Administrator
Patrick McCormack, County Attorney
Bonnie A. Putman, Deputy Clerk

Also in attendance: Darrell Locklear, Assistant County Administrator

(10/31/17 - 1 - 9:00 a.m.)
CALL TO ORDER

Johns called the meeting to order.

(10/31/17 - 1 - 9:00 a.m.)
ROLL CALL

The clerk called the roll: Johns and Waldron were present.

(10/31/17 - 1 - 9:00 a.m.)
INVOCATION

Johns provided the invocation.

(10/31/17 - 1 - 9:00 a.m.)
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Johns led the Pledge of Allegiance.

(10/31/17 - 1 - 9:01 a.m.)
1. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UPDATE

Wanchick provided updated information regarding the authorization by Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), for debris removal on private roads. Additionally, he noted that the community was still recovering from the events of both hurricanes, with a mobile disaster recovery center available, and suggested the extension of the Local State of Emergency.

(9:02 p.m.) McCormack stated that as of October 27, 2017, Clay, Flagler, Nassau, and Putnam counties had also extended their Local State of Emergency.

(9:03 a.m.) Locklear stated that the State of Florida would extend, for thirty days, the State of Emergency. He provided additional information on the issuance of emergency permits, debris collection, and hazardous tree removal.

(9:05 a.m.) Waldron asked about park closures. Wanchick responded that he was not aware of any parks that were closed at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

(9:07 a.m.) Anthony Giustiniani, 3565 Valverde Circle, Jacksonville, Florida, stated his concerns with the huge expenses after the hurricane, taxes, sand replacement and beach access. He purchased a home, located at 2783 South Ponte Vedra Boulevard, in February 2017, prior to Hurricanes Matthew and Irma; and was interested in what resources were available.

(9:08 a.m.) McCormack suggested Giustiniani attend the Board of County Commissioner's meeting on November 7, 2017, as there was an item on the agenda regarding potential options for South Ponte Vedra/ Vilano Beach.

(10/31/17 - 2 - 9:09 a.m.)

2. EXTENSION OF THE DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY

McCormack requested that the Board consider an extension to the Declaration of the Local State of Emergency and stated that without a quorum, the decision would be left to the BCC Chair.

(9:09 a.m.) Waldron agreed to the extension, if it was the staff's recommendations.

(9:09 a.m.) **Johns recommended the 7-day extension of the Declaration of the Local State of Emergency and approved Emergency Proclamation No. 2017-12.**

(9:10 a.m.) Wanchick provided a correction, regarding the current status on the Ardurra Group contract. Discussion ensued on the contract, task orders, the possibility of separate contracts / firms for Hurricanes Matthew and Irma, and projects with overlapping damages from both hurricanes. Wanchick suggested a discussion on this topic at the November 7, 2017, BCC meeting.

(9:15 p.m.) Wanchick commented on the Capital Budget update out of Tallahassee and suggested sending a joint letter to the Governor, from all BCC Chairs, from adjacent counties, regarding funding concerns. Waldron suggested contacting the Florida Association of Counties, as well. Discussion ensued on the lack of funding being provided for hurricane recovery.

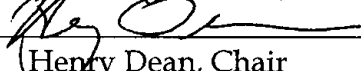
(10/31/17 - 2 - 9:18 a.m.)

ADJOURN

With there being no further business to come before the Board, Johns adjourned the meeting at 9:18 a.m.

Approved _____ November 21_____, 2017

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: 
Henry Dean, Chair

ATTEST: HUNTER S. CONRAD, CLERK

By: 
Deputy Clerk

