

**MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA
AUGUST 29, 2019
2:00 P.M.**

Proceedings of an emergency meeting of the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) of St. Johns County, Florida, held in the Executive Conference Room at St. Johns County Emergency Operations Center, 100 EOC Drive, St. Augustine, Florida.

Notice of the emergency meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, was received via the County Attorney's Office on August 29, 2019.

Present: Paul M. Waldron, District 3, Chair
Jeb S. Smith, District 2, Vice Chair
James K. Johns, District 1
Henry Dean, District 5
Jeremiah R. Blocker, District 4
Michael Wanchick, County Administrator
Patrick McCormack, County Attorney
Crystal Smith, Deputy Clerk

Also present: Darrell Locklear, Assistant County Administrator; Joy Andrews, Assistant County Administrator; Paolo Soria, Senior Assistant County Attorney; Regina Ross, Deputy County Attorney; Rebecca Lavie, Assistant County Attorney; and Sindy Wiseman, Deputy Clerk.

(08/29/19 - 1 - 2:00 p.m.)
CALL TO ORDER

Waldron called the meeting to order.

(08/29/19 - 1 - 2:00 p.m.)
ROLL CALL

The clerk called the roll, and all Board members were present.

(08/29/19 - 1 - 2:00 p.m.)
INVOCATION

Smith gave the invocation.

(08/29/19 - 1 - 2:01 p.m.)
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Waldron led the Pledge of Allegiance.

(08/29/19 - 1 - 2:02 p.m.)
1. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UPDATE

Wanchick noted the reason for the emergency meeting was due to Hurricane Dorian.

(2:02 p.m.) Linda Stoughton, Director, Emergency Operations Center, provided an overview of Hurricane Dorian and the recommended decision to declare a local state of emergency.

(2:04 p.m.) Dean spoke on his concerns with flooding in St. Augustine and asked if there was a local agreement to assist the City of St. Augustine. Stoughton explained the City of St. Augustine already had interlocal agreements in place. Discussion ensued on issues being handled by private utilities, cell phone carriers, and the State of Florida Emergency Operations Center.

(08/29/19 - 2 - 2:06 p.m.)

2. PROCLAMATION DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY

Patrick McCormack, County Attorney, presented the details of the recommended proclamation to declare a local state of emergency.

(2:11 p.m.) **Motion by Dean, seconded by Johns, carried 5/0, to approve the Emergency Proclamation (2019-3), as submitted [pursuant to St. Johns County Emergency Order No. 2019-1].**

EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION NO. 2019-3

A PROCLAMATION DECLARING A STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY AS PROVIDED BY PART 1, CHAPTER 252, FLORIDA STATUTES AND BY ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA ORDINANCE NO. 2019-40

ST. JOHNS COUNTY EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 2019-1

A STATE OF EMERGENCY ORDER AS PROVIDED BY PART 1, CHAPTER 252, FLORIDA STATUTES AND BY ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA ORDINANCE NO. 2019-40

(08/29/19 - 2 - 2:12 p.m.)

3. UPCOMING BCC MEETING DISCUSSION

Dean recommended moving the budget hearing and the Board of County Commission meeting to a later date and hearing the two meetings together. Discussion ensued on who had the authority to move the meetings to a later date and the statutory timeframe to give notice, the timeframe to reevaluate the proclamation, time sensitive items on the Board of County Commissioners' meeting agenda, and rescheduling both the Board of County Commissioners' meeting and the budget hearing.

(2:23 p.m.) **Motion by Johns, seconded by Blocker, to cancel the September 3, 2019, Board of County Commissioners' meeting and budget hearing.**

(2:23 p.m.) Blocker asked for clarity on statutory obligations to reschedule a meeting. McCormack explained the statutory requirements for Florida Statute 252.

(2:24 p.m.) Locklear noted there were two items on the regular agenda that would cause an issue and recommended reaching out to the individuals to reschedule them to a later date.

Waldron recessed the meeting at 2:25 p.m., and reconvened the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

(2:36 p.m.) Locklear stated that he had spoken with both consultants regarding rescheduling the Board of County Commissioners' meeting and both agreed.

(2:36 p.m.) **The motion carried 5/0.**

(2:36 p.m.) Waldron recommended rescheduling the Board of County Commissioners' meeting to September 12, at 2:00 p.m. Discussion ensued to reschedule the Board of County Commissioners' meeting to September 12, at 3:30 p.m., and the budget hearing to September 12, at 5:01 p.m. The final budget hearing was tentatively set for September 17, at 5:01 p.m.

(2:39 p.m.) McCormack explained to the Board that the emergency proclamation allowed the county administrator to execute emergency orders.

(08/29/19 - 3 - 2:41 p.m.)
ADJOURN

With there being no further business to come before the Board, Waldron adjourned the meeting at 2:41 p.m.

Approved _____ September 17_____, 2019

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: Paul M. Waldron
Paul M. Waldron, Chair

ATTEST: HUNTER S. CONRAD, CLERK

By: Pam Halterman
Deputy Clerk

