

**MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA
MARCH 17, 2020
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 S. Smith, District 2, Chair
 Jeremiah R. Blocker, District 4, Vice Chair
 James K. Johns, District 1
 Paul M. Waldron, District 3
 Henry Dean, District 5
 Hunter S. Conrad, County Administrator
 Patrick McCormack, County Attorney
 Natasha McGee, Deputy Clerk

Also present: Brad Bradley, Assistant County Administrator; Joy Andrews, Assistant County Administrator; Paolo Soria, Senior Assistant County Attorney; and Alice Morris, Assistant County Attorney

(03/17/20 - 1 - 9:00 a.m.)
CALL TO ORDER

Smith called the meeting to order.

(03/17/20 - 1 - 9:00 a.m.)
ROLL CALL

The clerk called the roll. Commissioners Smith, Blocker, Waldron, and Dean were in attendance. Commissioner Johns was absent. Subsequently, Johns entered the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

(03/17/20 - 1 - 9:00 a.m.)
INVOCATION

Pastor Matt McClohyry, Colonial Church, gave the invocation.

(03/17/20 - 1 - 9:02 a.m.)
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

(03/17/20 - 1 - 9:02 a.m.)
PUBLIC COMMENT

Sherry Badger, 2772 South Collins Avenue, explained to the Board that she had not received the elevation survey results regarding the South Collins Avenue drainage concerns. She also spoke on trucks traveling on undesignated roadways, and in opposition to Planned Unit Development (PUD) 2019-06, Circle K, at Masters Drive.

(03/17/20 - 2 - 9:06 a.m.)
DELETIONS TO THE CONSENT AGENDA

There were none.

(03/17/20 - 2 - 9:06 a.m.)
APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Dean, seconded by Blocker, carried 4/0, with Johns absent, to approve the Consent Agenda, as submitted.

1. Motion to approve the Cash Requirement Report
2. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2020-84**, approving the final plat for Twin Creeks North, Parcel 1, Phase One

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-84

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING A PLAT FOR TWIN CREEKS NORTH, PARCEL 1, PHASE ONE

3. Motion to approve the Minorcan Mill Planned Unit Development (PUD) School Concurrency Proportionate Share Mitigation Agreement (CONSCA 2020-01)
4. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2020-85**, accepting a Final Release of Lien, Warranty, Easement for Utilities, and a Bill of Sale, conveying all personal property associated with the water, sewer, force mains, and reuse systems to serve Creekside at Twin Creeks, Phase 2D, located off County Road 210 West

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-85

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING A FINAL RELEASE OF LIEN, WARRANTY, EASEMENT FOR UTILITIES, AND A BILL OF SALE, CONVEYING ALL PERSONAL PROPERTY ASSOCIATED WITH THE WATER, SEWER, FORCE MAINS, AND REUSE SYSTEMS TO SERVE CREEKSIDE AT TWIN CREEKS, PHASE 2D, LOCATED OFF COUNTY ROAD 210 WEST

5. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2020-86**, accepting a Final Release of Lien, Warranty, and Bill of Sale and Schedule of Values, conveying all personal property associated with the water and sewer systems to serve Zaxby's Restaurant, located off State Road 16

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-86

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING A FINAL RELEASE OF LIEN, WARRANTY, AND BILL OF SALE AND SCHEDULE OF VALUES, CONVEYING ALL PERSONAL PROPERTY ASSOCIATED WITH THE WATER AND SEWER

**SYSTEMS TO SERVE ZAXBY'S RESTAURANT,
LOCATED OFF STATE ROAD 16**

6. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2020-87**, accepting a Deed of Dedication for a park, located on County Road 16A, as part of the Silverleaf Development of Regional Impact

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-87

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING A DEED OF DEDICATION FOR A PARK, LOCATED ON COUNTY ROAD 16A, AS PART OF THE SILVERLEAF DEVELOPMENT OF REGIONAL IMPACT

7. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2020-88**, authorizing the county administrator, or his designee, to award Bid No. 20-22, Hazardous Biomedical Waste Collection Services to Healthcare Environmental Services, LLC, as the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder, and to execute a contract, in substantially the same form and format as attached hereto, for completion of the project, at an annual cost of \$11,700.84

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-88

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, OR DESIGNEE, TO AWARD BID NO. 20-22, AND TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT, WITH HEALTHCARE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, LLC, FOR HAZARDOUS BIOMEDICAL WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES

8. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2020-89**, authorizing the county administrator, or his designee, to award Bid No. 20-42, Weed and Pest Control Maintenance Services, for St. Johns County Athletic Fields to Yellowstone Landscape-Southeast, LLC, as the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder, and to execute an agreement, in substantially the same form and format as attached, for the performance of services, as specified in Bid No. 20-42

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-89

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, OR DESIGNEE, TO AWARD BID NO. 20-42 WEED AND PEST CONTROL MAINTENANCE SERVICES, FOR ST. JOHNS COUNTY ATHLETIC FIELDS, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR COMPLETION OF THE WORK

9. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2020-90**, authorizing the county administrator, or his designee, to enter into negotiations with the top ranked firm, SHAG Development, LLC, under RFP No. 20-17, Development Partner(s) for CDBG-DR Multi-Family Affordable Housing Facilities, for Location 1, and upon successful negotiations, to award and execute a contract with SHAG Development, LLC, to perform the services, in accordance with RFP No. 20-17

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-90

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, OR DESIGNEE, TO AWARD RFP NO. 20-17, AND TO EXECUTE AGREEMENTS, FOR DEVELOPMENT PARTNER(S), FOR CDBG-DR MULTI-FAMILY AFFORDABLE HOUSING FACILITIES

10. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2020-91**, authorizing the county administrator, or designee, to execute an amendment, in substantially the same form and format as attached hereto, extending Master Contract No. 16-MCC-YMC-07099, with The Young Men's Christian Association of Florida's First Coast, Inc., d/b/a St. Augustine YMCA, for a period of six calendar months, through and until September 30, 2020

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-91

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, OR DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE CONTRACT AMENDMENT NO. 7 WITH THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF FLORIDA'S FIRST COAST, INC., D/B/A ST. AUGUSTINE YMCA, UNDER RFP NO. 15-66 (MASTER CONTRACT NO. 16-MCC-YMC-07099)

11. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2020-92**, authorizing the county administrator, or his designee, to execute and issue a purchase order to Sensus USA, Inc., for the purchase of the specified water meter equipment, at a total price of \$383,767.93

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-92

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, OR DESIGNEE, TO PURCHASE AND EXECUTE A PURCHASE ORDER FOR WATER METER EQUIPMENT

12. Motion authorizing the county administrator, or designee(s), to modify the scope of work included in RFQ No. 19-60, Design-Build Services, for St. Johns County Sheriff's Office Emergency Communications and Training Facility, to remove development of the Aircraft Hangar; to complete negotiations; and upon successful negotiations, to execute contracts for completion of the project, as modified
13. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2020-93**, authorizing the county administrator, or designee, to execute a Subrecipient Agreement, in substantially the same form and format as attached hereto, with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, along with any supplemental documents required to secure a grant award, in the amount of \$2,693, to purchase dictation software and microphones for use by the Medical Examiner's Office; and amending the Fiscal Year 2020 budget to recognize and appropriate the grant funds as revenue within the Fiscal Year 2020 General Fund and Medical Examiner Department budgets

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-93

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE TERMS, CONDITIONS, AND REQUIREMENTS OF A 2019 PAUL COVERDELL FORENSIC SCIENCE IMPROVEMENT GRANT; AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO EXECUTE THE GRANT AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA; RECOGNIZING THE GRANT AMOUNT AS UNANTICIPATED REVENUE; AND APPROPRIATING THE GRANT FUNDS WITHIN THE GENERAL FUND AND MEDICAL EXAMINER'S OFFICE 2020 FISCAL YEAR BUDGETS

14. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2020-94**, approving and authorizing the county administrator, or his designee, to submit a completed application, on behalf of the St. Johns County Parks and Recreation Department, for funding Phase I Construction of a boat ramp and associated floating dock, under the west side of the Palm Valley Bridge

RESOLUTION 2020-94

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 A PHASE I, DESIGN, ENGINEERING, AND PERMITTING, FOR A BOAT RAMP ADDITION AND ASSOCIATED FLOATING DOCK, UNDER THE WEST SIDE OF THE PALM VALLEY BRIDGE

15. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2020-95**, approving and authorizing the county administrator, or his designee, to submit a completed application, on behalf of the St. Johns County Parks and Recreation Department, for funding the Vilano Landing Dredging Project

RESOLUTION 2020-95

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 VILANO LANDING DREDGE PROJECT

16. Motion to adopt the recommendation by the Tourist Development Council to approve the proposed Arts, Culture and Heritage Funding Program Guidelines attached hereto, with said guidelines being effective for the Fiscal Year 2021 Program
17. Motion to approve the proposed Board's Rules and Policies revision with regard to the appointed boards meeting minutes

18. Motion to approve minutes:
 - 02/04/2020, BCC Regular
 - 02/18/2020, BCC Regular

19. Proofs:
 - a. Proof: Notice of Hearing, Amending Ordinance No. 2011-4, Settlement of Certain Claims, published on February 21, 2020, in *The St. Augustine Record*
 - b. Proof: Notice of Hearing, Resolution approving an exchange of real property between St. Johns County and the School Board of St. Johns County. The exchange will give the County adequate stormwater drainage for this area and transfer maintenance responsibilities of the drainage facility to the School Board. Published on January 10, 2020, and January 17, 2020, in *The St. Augustine Record*
 - c. Proof: Request for Qualifications, RFQ No. 20-30, Professional Construction Engineering and Inspection (CEI) Services for SR-313 at US-1 (SR-5) Improvements, published on January 16, 2020, and January 23, 2020, in *The St. Augustine Record*
 - d. Proof: Request for Qualifications, RFQ No. 20-21, Professional Engineering Services for Three CDBG-DR Transportation and Drainage Projects, published on January 20, 2020, and January 27, 2020, in *The St. Augustine Record*
 - e. Proof: Request for Bids, Bid No. 20-42, Weed and Pest Control Maintenance Services for St. Johns County Athletic Fields, published on January 23, 2020, and January 30, 2020, in *The St. Augustine Record*
 - f. Proof: Request for Proposals, Bid No. 20-35, Solomon Calhoun Community Pool Programs and Services, published on January 25, 2020, and February 1, 2020, in *The St. Augustine Record*
 - g. Proof: Notice of Special Meeting regarding the County Administrator Contract Negotiations in the San Sebastian Conference Room, published on January 25, 2020, in *The St. Augustine Record*
 - h. Proof: Request for Bids, Bid No. 20-44, Davis Park ADA Sidewalk Improvement, published on January 30, 2020, and February 6, 2020, in *The St. Augustine Record*
 - i. Proof: Request for Bids in the matter of Sale of County Property. Notice of Sale of County Property and Request for Bids. Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals from private redevelopers or any persons interested in undertaking to redevelop or rehabilitate a part of the St. Johns County Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) or any part will be received until 3 p.m., Monday, March 9, 2020, and opened promptly after the 3 p.m. deadline by Joseph Cone, Manager of Housing and Community Services located at the St. Johns County Health and Human Services Building, 200 San Sebastian View, Suite 2300, St. Augustine, FL. Published on February 7, 2020, and February 14, 2020, in *The St. Augustine Record*
 - j. Proof: Request for Bids, Bid No. 20-40, Installation of Pole Barns for St. Johns County Road and Bridge Department, published on February 5, 2020, and February 12, 2020, in *The St. Augustine Record*
 - k. Proof: Request for Bids, Bid No. 20-41, Beach Shuttle Services, published on February 7, 2020, and February 14, 2020 in *The St. Augustine Record*
 - l. Proof: Request for Bids, Bid No. 20-28, Installation, Maintenance and Repair of Lighting and Communication Equipment on SJC Rescue Apparatus. Published on February 10, 2020, and February 17, 2020, in *The St. Augustine Record*
 - m. Proof: Request for Proposals, Bid No. 20-45, St. Augustine Amphitheatre Shuttle Services, published on February 17, 2020, and February 24, 2020, in *The St. Augustine Record*

(03/17/20 - 7 - 9:06 a.m.)

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE REGULAR AGENDA

Conrad requested that the Board add Regular Agenda Item 10: informative report on COVID-19 from emergency management.

(03/17/20 - 7 - 9:07 a.m.)

APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

Motion by Dean, seconded by Blocker, carried 4/0, with Johns absent, to approve the Regular Agenda, as amended.

(03/17/20 - 7 - 9:08 a.m.)

1. PUBLIC HEARING, MAJMOD 2019-11, SJSO TRAINING FACILITY. REQUEST FOR A MAJOR MODIFICATION TO THE ST. JOHNS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TRAINING FACILITY PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (ORDINANCE 2015-7, AS AMENDED), TO REZONE ADJOINING LAND TO ACCOMMODATE RECONFIGURATION OF THE SITE DESIGN AND UPDATE THE MASTER DEVELOPMENT PLAN. THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF INTERSTATE 95, SOUTH OF COUNTY ROAD 208, WITH ACCESS PROVIDED FROM AGRICULTURAL CENTER DRIVE. THE PLANNING AND ZONING AGENCY HEARD THIS ITEM ON FEBRUARY 20, 2020, AND VOTED 6-0, TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE MODIFICATION

Proof of publication of the notice of public hearing on MAJMOD 2019-11, St. Johns County Sheriff's Office Training Facility, was received, having been published in *The St. Augustine Record* on January 27, 2020.

Board ex parte disclosures: Blocker stated that he had met with Sheriff David Shoar and Undersheriff Matthew Kline, and Jason Sheffield on January 10, 2019. They discussed the scope of the project. Additionally, he received a phone call from Sheffield (date unknown). Sheffield asked if Blocker had additional questions regarding the project. Blocker responded that he had no additional questions. Waldron stated that he had met with Shoar, Kline, and Sheffield on January 10, 2019. They discussed the project, including financing. He also met with Sheffield on March 3, 2020. They discussed changes to the aircraft hangar and the simulated city. Additionally, he had a discussion, via phone, with Bill Freeman. They discussed the project, changes to the project, and the project timeline. Waldron also conducted two site visits (unknown dates). Smith stated that he had toured the subject property with Sheffield on January 16, 2020. They discussed the additional acquired lands that had been donated by the Usina family; and the scope and cost of the project. He also met with Sheffield on March 2, 2020. They discussed the guaranteed maximum construction price that had been presented by Haskell; the desire not to construct the aircraft hangar; the simulated city building; the project budget; the utilization of the Florida Coast Technical College (FCTC) facility; and budget line items. Additionally, he met with County Administrator Hunter Conrad and Sheffield on March 9, 2020. They discussed the master development plan, the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) \$2,000,000 contribution, the timber proceeds from Warwick, logging, the hangar and the cost discrepancy, the cost alignment comparison, the project timeline, the hangar from the Mosquito Control District, and the desire not to construct the aircraft hangar.

(9:12 a.m.) Beverly Frazier, Senior Supervising Planner, presented details of the request, including waivers, via PowerPoint.

(9:17 a.m.) Motion by Dean, seconded by Waldron, carried 4/0, with Johns absent, to enact Ordinance No. 2020-9, to approve MAJMOD 2019-11, SJSO Training Facility, based upon six findings of fact, as provided in the staff report.

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-9

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF ST. JOHNS, STATE OF FLORIDA, APPROVING A MAJOR MODIFICATION TO THE ST. JOHNS COUNTY TRAINING FACILITY PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD), ORDINANCE NO. 2015-07, AS AMENDED; REZONING LANDS FROM OPEN RURAL FOR INCLUSION INTO THE PUD; MAKING FINDINGS OF FACT; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; REQUIRING RECORDATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

(03/17/20 - 8 - 9:18 a.m.)

2. DISCUSSION ITEMS, VACATION RENTALS AND ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNER NOTIFICATIONS. AT THE DIRECTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, STAFF WAS ASKED TO RESEARCH AND BRING BACK TWO PROPOSALS FOR DISCUSSION AND ADDRESS THE REGULATION OF SHORT-TERM VACATION RENTALS. ADDITIONALLY, DURING COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, AT A REGULARLY SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARING, STAFF WAS ASKED TO RESEARCH ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNER NOTIFICATION DISTANCE REQUIREMENTS. THIS DISCUSSION ITEM WOULD ASSESS IF SAINT JOHNS COUNTY SHOULD INCREASE THE RADIUS FROM WHICH NEIGHBORING PROPERTIES ARE NOTIFIED THAT MAY POTENTIALLY BE AFFECTED BY A DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION. STAFF SEEKS DIRECTION FROM THE BOARD ON ALL ITEMS

Joseph Cearley, Special Projects Manager, presented the details of adjacent property owner notification distance requirements and short-term vacation rental regulations, via PowerPoint. He noted Land Development Code (LDC) Section 9.06.04.B: "not less than fifteen (15) working days in advance of the date of the required public hearings ... the time and place of the public hearing shall be posted by U.S. mail to all Owners of real property within three hundred (300) feet of the boundaries of the land upon which the application is made". He reviewed two draft ordinance options regarding short-term vacation rentals. He noted that he had received correspondence emails regarding short-term rental "vesting" concerns with draft ordinance option no. 1.

(9:29 a.m.) Dean questioned the collection of appropriate revenues regarding short-term rentals. McCormack spoke on the tax collector's collection system.

(9:31 a.m.) Mel Longo, 620 21st Street, referenced a New York Times Magazine article titled "Behind the Cover: The Great Wall Street Housing Grab", *Exhibit A*, and spoke in favor of short-term rental regulations.

(9:33 a.m.) John Gorman, 795 East Stokes Landing Road, spoke in favor of not overregulating or over taxing short-term rentals.

(9:35 a.m.) Scott Stanley, 616 21st Street, spoke in favor of short-term rental draft ordinance option no. 2. He also spoke on his concerns regarding density and large investors. Additionally, he stated he was not in favor of overregulating or over taxing short-term rentals.

(9:38 a.m.) Michael Borns, 1185 Salt Marsh Circle, questioned the status of the state legislation regarding short-term rental regulations. Dean responded that the bill had not passed. He also spoke on the negative impacts of short-term rentals, including the negative impact to property values; and his concerns with large investors.

(9:41 a.m.) Charles Delony, 5530 Atlantic View, spoke in favor of short-term rental draft ordinance option no. 2.

(9:44 a.m.) Paul Spengler, 5479 4th Street, spoke in favor of short-term rental regulations.

(9:45 a.m.) Commissioner Johns entered the meeting.

(9:45 a.m.) Vivian Browning, 30 Beachcomber Way, spoke on short-term rentals regarding property rights. She suggested that staff notify short-term vacation rental owners before voting on regulation changes.

(9:45 a.m.) Maureen Duffy, 179 Shores Boulevard, spoke on the short-term rental community impacts.

(9:52 a.m.) Board discussion ensued on extending the boundaries of the Adjacent Property Owner (APO) distance notification mailings, and the Neighborhood Bill of Rights (NBR) noticing. Additional comments provided by Soria on extending the boundaries of the APO distance notification mailings, the legal requirement/mandate of noticing, and the NBR noticing process. Cearley also provided additional comments on noticing options/methods.

(10:09 a.m.) *Consensus was requested to extend the boundaries of the required APO mailings to 500 feet, with affected parties to remain at 300 feet, and 1000 feet for notification areas within Agricultural Intensive, Rural Silviculture, and Conservation Land Uses; and to direct staff to update the NBR ordinance to match the proposed expansion. **Board consensus was given.***

(10:10 a.m.) McCormack clarified that the draft changes would be brought back for further staff, public, and Board discussion.

(10:11 a.m.) Board members expressed their positions on short-term rentals. Discussion ensued on balancing and protecting property owner rights, occupancy standards, defining common room, North Beach Subdivision density concerns regarding private deed restrictions, septic tank concerns, homestead exemption concerns, Homeowners Association (HOA) restrictions regarding short-term rentals, and regulation enforceability. Soria provided additional comments on HOA restrictions regarding short-term rentals and enforceability. Additionally, Soria stated that the Board had no jurisdiction on whether a home could be a short-term rental and that the County could not enforce private restrictions.

(10:26 a.m.) *Consensus was requested to direct staff to draft short-term vacation rental regulations based on draft ordinance option no. 2. **Consensus was given.***

(03/17/20 - 9 - 10:26 a.m.)

3. PUBLIC HEARING, COMPAMD 2019-07, ST. MARKS CAMPGROUND (TRANSMITTAL). TRANSMITTAL HEARING FOR COMPAMD 2019-07, ST. MARKS CAMPGROUND, TO CHANGE THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP DESIGNATION OF APPROXIMATELY 74.14 ACRES OF LAND FROM RURAL/SILVICULTURE (R/S) TO RURAL COMMERCIAL (RC). THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 1 MILE WEST OF US HIGHWAY 1 ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF INTERNATIONAL GOLF PARKWAY, AND WEST OF ST. MARKS POND BOULEVARD. THE PLANNING AND ZONING

AGENCY HEARD THIS ITEM ON FEBRUARY 6, 2020, AND VOTED 7-0, IN FAVOR OF RECOMMENDING TRANSMITTAL

Proof of publication of the notice of public hearing on COMPAMD 2019-07, St. Marks Campground (Transmittal), was received, having been published in *The St. Augustine Record* on January 13, 2020.

Teresa Bishop, Planning Division Manager, Growth Management, presented the details of the request, via PowerPoint.

(10:37 a.m.) Shannon Acevedo, Matthews Design Group, Inc., 7 Waldo Street, representing the applicant, presented additional details of the request, via PowerPoint.

(10:50 a.m.) Chuck Labanowski, 1748 North Cappero, spoke on the need for an access road on Mark's Pine Boulevard.

(10:51 a.m.) William Fisher, Flagler Estates, spoke in favor of the request.

(10:53 a.m.) Discussion ensued between Board members and Acevedo on the proposed access road. A map was referenced to show the proposed location of the access road, *Exhibit A*.

(10:57 a.m.) **Motion by Dean, seconded by Waldron, carried 5/0, to transmit COMPAMD 2019-07, St. Marks Campground, based on four findings of fact.**

(Regular Agenda Item 4 was continued to April 21, 2020.)

(03/17/20 - 10 - 10:57 a.m.)

4. PUBLIC HEARING, COMPAMD 2019-01, OXFORD ESTATES EAST (TRANSMITTAL). TRANSMITTAL HEARING FOR COMPAMD 2019-01, OXFORD ESTATES EAST (FUTURE PHASE), TO CHANGE THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP DESIGNATION OF APPROXIMATELY 32 ACRES FROM RURAL/SILVICULTURE (R/S) TO RESIDENTIAL-B (RES-B), FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE OXFORD ESTATES PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD). THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF LONGLEAF PINE PARKWAY AND NORTH OF OXBRIDGE WAY. ACCESS TO THE PROPOSED FUTURE PHASE WOULD BE THROUGH OLD HALE WAY. THE PLANNING AND ZONING AGENCY HEARD THIS ITEM ON FEBRUARY 6, 2020, AND VOTED 5-2, IN FAVOR OF RECOMMENDING TRANSMITTAL. THERE WAS NO PUBLIC INPUT

Proof of publication of the notice of public hearing on COMPAMD 2019-01, Oxford Estates East (Transmittal), was received, having been published in *The St. Augustine Record* on January 13, 2020.

Soria stated that there had been a request to continue Regular Agenda Item 4 to April 21, 2020.

(10:58 a.m.) **Motion by Blocker, seconded by Johns, carried 5/0, to continue the item to April 21, 2020.**

(03/17/20 - 11 - 10:59 a.m.)

5. PUBLIC HEARING, REZ 2019-22, BOGGS STORAGE LOT. A REQUEST TO REZONE APPROXIMATELY 3.0 ACRES OF LAND FROM OPEN RURAL (OR) TO COMMERCIAL INTENSIVE (CI) TO ALLOW FOR HIGH INTENSITY USES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, RV/BOAT STORAGE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY/MINI-WAREHOUSE USES. THIS ITEM WAS HEARD BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING AGENCY (PZA) AT THEIR REGULARLY SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARING ON FEBRUARY 6, 2020, AND WAS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY A VOTE OF 7-0

Proof of publication of the notice of public hearing on REZ 2019-22, Boggs Storage Lot, was received, having been published in *The St. Augustine Record* on January 13, 2020.

Board ex parte disclosures: Waldron disclosed that he had driven by the site. Smith disclosed that he had met with Paul Boggs on August 29, 2020. They discussed the desire for the business venture, the mixed-use zoning, and the project's intended use. Additionally, he met with Boggs on January 29, 2020. They discussed project details, including rezoning and the required fill dirt.

(11:01 a.m.) Teresa Bishop, Planning Division Manager, Growth Management, presented the details of the request, via PowerPoint.

(11:03 a.m.) Applicant Paul Boggs, 5185 Cypress Links Boulevard, provided additional details on the project's intended use.

(11:07 a.m.) Smith spoke on the property's flood plain.

(11:07 a.m.) **Motion by Blocker, seconded by Waldron, carried 5/0, to enact Ordinance No. 2020-10, REZ 2019-22, Boggs Storage Lot, a request to rezone approximately 3.0 acres of land from Open Rural (OR) to Commercial Intensive (CI), based on four findings of fact.**

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-10

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF ST. JOHNS, STATE OF FLORIDA, REZONING LANDS AS DESCRIBED; HEREINAFTER, FROM THE PRESENT ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF OPEN RURAL (OR) TO COMMERCIAL, INTENSIVE (CI); MAKING FINDINGS OF FACT; REQUIRING RECORDATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

(11:09 a.m.) Morris left the meeting.

(03/17/20 - 11 - 11:09 a.m.)

6. PUBLIC HEARING, DEVAGRMOD 2019-01, DURBIN CREEK NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT MODIFICATION (FIRST READING). THIS IS THE SECOND AMENDMENT OF THE DURBIN CREEK NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT THAT WAS APPROVED IN 2015 AND AMENDED IN 2016. THE MODIFICATION REQUESTS TO REVISE THE PHASING SCHEDULE AND CORRESPONDING TRANSPORTATION COMMITMENTS TO ACCOMMODATE THE PROPOSED DURBIN PARK PUD, LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF STATE ROAD (SR) 9B. THE REQUEST ALSO INCLUDES A LAND USE EXCHANGE TO CONVERT 534,545 SQUARE FEET OF OFFICE PARK SPACE TO 1,266 ADDITIONAL APARTMENT UNITS AND 150 HOSPITAL BEDS WITH NO INCREASE IN THE PROJECT'S EXTERNAL TRAFFIC. THE PROPOSED CHANGES INCLUDE REVISING THE PROJECT

DEVELOPMENT PHASING TO ACCELERATE DEVELOPMENT ENTITLEMENT; AND REVISING THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITMENTS TO COMBINE RACE TRACK ROAD WIDENING INTO ONE PHASE FROM BARTRAM PARK BOULEVARD TO BARTRAM SPRINGS PARKWAY INSTEAD OF TWO PHASES, AND REMOVING THE REQUIREMENT TO 6-LANE RACE TRACK ROAD AT BUILD OUT. TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS ARE REQUIRED TO MODIFY A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT. THE SECOND PUBLIC HEARING IS SCHEDULED BEFORE THE BCC ON MAY 19, 2020. THERE ARE TWO OTHER COMPANION APPLICATIONS, A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT AND A PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT, THAT WILL BE HEARD CONCURRENTLY WITH THIS DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

Phong Nguyen, Transportation Development Manager, presented details of the request, via PowerPoint. He also announced the date of the second required public hearing scheduled for May 19, 2020.

(11:20 a.m.) Discussion ensued between Johns, Nguyen, and Dean on proposed changes regarding road capacity requirements, traffic impacts, traffic improvements, and roadway improvements (expansion to four-lanes).

(11:30 a.m.) Ellen Avery-Smith, Rogers Towers, 100 Whetstone Place, representing the applicant, presented additional details of the request, including the cost of the proposed roadway improvements, via PowerPoint, *Exhibit A*. She noted the following regarding Phase 4: If DOT did not pay for the Phase 4 roadway widening to 4-lanes, Gate would pay for the entire segment, including the bridge. She also stated that this commitment was stated in the Amendment to the Development Agreement.

(11:43 a.m.) *The Board gave consensus to set the second public hearing date for May 19, 2020, at 9:00 a.m., in the County Auditorium, 500 San Sebastian View.*

(11:43 a.m.) Rebecca Lavie, Senior Assistant County Attorney, entered the meeting.

(03/17/20 - 12 - 11:43 a.m.)

7. REPORT ON STATE TOBACCO LEGISLATION AND ST. JOHNS COUNTY TOBACCO ORDINANCES. AT ITS FEBRUARY 4, 2020, MEETING, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEARD A PRESENTATION FROM TOBACCO FREE ST. JOHNS ON THE SUMMIT OUTCOME REPORT FROM ITS PROGRAM ENTITLED "TURNING THE TIDE - SOLVING THE YOUTH E-EPIDEMIC IN NORTHEAST FLORIDA." A PORTION OF THE PRESENTATION DISCUSSED STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATION ADDRESSING ELECTRONIC NICOTINE-DISPENSING DEVICES AND THE MINIMUM AGE FOR THE PURCHASE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS. FOLLOWING THE PRESENTATION, THE BOARD DIRECTED THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO BRING BACK A REPORT ON THE STATUS OF STATE TOBACCO LEGISLATION AND OPTIONS FOR UPDATING THE COUNTY'S ORDINANCES DEALING WITH THE SALE AND DISPLAY OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS

Rebecca C. Lavie, Senior Assistant County Attorney, presented the details of the item, via PowerPoint. She reviewed County Ordinance Nos. 2000-44 and 2013-36; federal law; proposed state legislation (Senate Bill (SB) 810); and a House Amendment 1 summary for SB 810, *Exhibit A*. She also stated the Board's options: 1) Minimum Age to Purchase - Amend Ordinance Nos. 2000-44 and 2013-36 to provide for a minimum age of 21 instead of 18; 2) Definition of Tobacco Products - Amend the definition of "tobacco product" and "flavored tobacco products" in Ordinance Nos. 2000-44 and 2013-36 to include vapor-generated electronic devices consistent with the language in SB 1394; and/or 3)

Local Tobacco Retail License – Would require retailers to obtain a distribution license in order to sell tobacco products.

(11:52 a.m.) Dean and Blocker expressed their positions on the provided options. Discussion ensued.

(11:54 a.m.) Motion by Dean, seconded by Blocker, carried 5/0, to amend County Ordinance Nos. 2000-44 and 2013-36 to provide for a minimum age of 21 instead of 18 to comply with state and federal law; to amend the definition of “tobacco product” and flavored tobacco products” in Ordinance Nos. 2000-44 and 2013-36 to include vapor-generated electronic devices consistent with the language in SB 1394; and to consolidate Ordinance Nos. 2000-44 and 2013-36 into one ordinance.

(03/17/20 - 13 - 11:56 a.m.)

8. RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD'S RECOMMENDATION IN MEMORY OF MR. KEITH MARTIN. FIELD OF DREAMS BASEBALL IS A MEMBER OF THE CREEKS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION. IT IS A HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE TURF BASEBALL AND PLAYGROUND FACILITY THAT OFFERS RECREATIONAL BASEBALL AND AN ADA ACCESSIBLE PLAYGROUND FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN. THE FIELD OF DREAMS IS LOCATED AT 1401 SHETLAND DRIVE, ST. JOHNS, FLORIDA, 32259, NEAR ABERDEEN PARK, AND WAS BUILT USING FUNDS DONATED BY THE FIELD OF DREAMS BOARD AND CREEKS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION THAT WERE COLLECTED THROUGH FUNDRAISERS AND CONTRIBUTIONS. KIM KENDALL IS REQUESTING THAT THE FACILITY BE NAMED KEITH MARTIN FIELD OF DREAMS IN HONOR OF HIS YEARS OF SERVICE WITH ST. JOHNS MIDDLES SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION AND CREEKS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION. MR. MARTIN PASSED AWAY IN FEBRUARY OF 2020. THE POLICY FOR THE NAMING OF ALL PUBLIC FACILITIES, ITEM 2, REQUIRES THAT "PROPOSALS TO NAME FACILITIES AFTER PERSONS ARE RESTRICTED TO THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE DECEASED. A WAITING PERIOD OF NO LESS THAN TWELVE MONTHS FROM THE DEATH WILL BE MAINTAINED." ITEM 4 STATES, "THE PROCESS OF NAMING OF FACILITIES WILL BE THROUGH THE APPROPRIATE ADVISORY BOARD, IF APPLICABLE." AT THE MARCH 3, 2020, BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING, THE BOARD TASKED THE RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD (RAB) TO EVALUATE THIS REQUEST AT THEIR MARCH 12, 2020, BOARD MEETING AND PROVIDE THEIR RECOMMENDATION

Doug Bataille, Director of Parks and Recreation, presented the details of the request, via PowerPoint.

(12:00 p.m.) Kim Kendall, addressed the Board. She referenced a handout that contained emails, a news article, photos, a list of community partners, and information on The Miracle League of Valdosta, *Exhibit A*, and requested that the Field of Dreams be named Keith Martin Field of Dreams.

(12:04 p.m.) Robert Muley, 883 Nottage Hill Street, Creeks Athletic Association, (CAA) President, spoke in favor of honoring Keith Martin. He requested that the Field of Dreams be dedicated to the children and that Mr. Martin be honored in an alternative way.

(12:06 p.m.) Jay Marshall, 808 Reston Court, spoke in favor of naming the field after Mr. Martin. Subsequently, Marshall stated for the record that Nick Martin, via text, was in favor of naming the field after Mr. Martin.

(12:09 p.m.) Marty Smith, 1169 Lak Parke Drive, spoke in favor of naming the field after Mr. Martin.

(12:11 p.m.) Marty McEachen, 113 Tanglewood Trace, Vice President of CAA, requested that the item be deferred pending a discussion between the community parties involved.

(12:13 p.m.) Casey Van Rysdam, Chair of the St. Johns County Recreational Advisory Board (RAB), 1527 San Rafael Way, explained the RAB's process for evaluating the field naming request.

(12:17 p.m.) Discussion ensued on why McEachen and Muley were in support of field naming after the children; and alternative options for honoring Mr. Martin. Additionally, Board members expressed their positions on the request. Blocker suggested that the Board present a proclamation, *Exhibit B*, recognizing Mr. Martin's contributions to the community, to be presented to Mr. Martin's family at his memorial service.

(12:36 p.m.) Motion by Waldron, seconded by Blocker, carried 5/0, directing the community parties to discuss alternate options for honoring Mr. Martin and to bring back to the St. Johns County Recreational Advisory Board for a recommended decision; and to authorize the chair to sign a proclamation, as developed by staff, and to ratify the proclamation on a future Consent Agenda.

Smith recessed the meeting at 12:37 p.m. and reconvened at 1:15 p.m., with all commissioners, Conrad, Bradley, Andrews, McCormack, Lavie, and Deputy Clerk Crystal Smith in attendance. The Board moved to Regular Agenda Item 10.

(03/17/20 - 14 - 1:59 p.m.)

9. PUBLIC HEARING - RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN ST. JOHNS COUNTY COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OWNED PROPERTY AS SURPLUS; APPROVING A TRANSFER OF PROPERTY TO THE WEST AUGUSTINE HISTORICAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION; AND AUTHORIZING THE BOARD CHAIR TO EXECUTE THE COUNTY DEED ON BEHALF OF THE ST. JOHNS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. THE WEST AUGUSTINE HISTORICAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (WAHCDC) HAS EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN ACQUIRING THE SUBJECT PARCELS, IN AN EFFORT TO FACILITATE A PROJECT THAT WILL ADDRESS HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE WEST AUGUSTINE COMMUNITY. ST. JOHNS COUNTY ACQUIRED THE SUBJECT PARCELS (116800-0070 AND 116800-000), IN CONJUNCTION WITH APPROXIMATELY 280 OTHER PARCELS IN THE WEST AUGUSTINE AREA, IN 2002. IN 2004, THE SUBJECT PARCELS WERE TRANSFERRED TO THE ST. JOHNS COUNTY COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CRA). THE ASSESSED VALUE OF BOTH LOTS IS \$8,887. THE PROPERTIES CONTAIN NO STRUCTURES AND HAVE NO ACCESS TO AN IMPROVED RIGHT-OF-WAY. THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION WAS ADVERTISED ON FEBRUARY 7, 2020, AND FEBRUARY 14, 2020, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 163.380, FLORIDA STATUTE. OTHER DEPARTMENTS WITHIN THE COUNTY WERE SOLICITED AND WERE NOT FOUND TO HAVE A USE FOR THE SUBJECT PARCELS. STAFF IS IN SUPPORT OF THIS TRANSFER. PER THE ATTACHED DEED, THE PROPERTY WILL BE RESTRICTED FOR CONSTRUCTION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Proof of publication of the notice of a public hearing by the St. Johns County Community Redevelopment Agency, was received, having been published in *The St. Augustine Record* on March 12, 2020.

Joe Cone, Housing and Community Development Manager, spoke on the parcels to be transferred to the West Augustine Historical Community Development Corporation.

(2:00 p.m.) Greg White, 905 Pearl St., President, West Augustine Historical Community Development Corporation, commented on a medical clinic being built on the corner of Brevard and King Streets and the criteria the WAHCDC had to meet to obtain the lots.

(2:03 p.m.) Dwala Willis, 895 S. Orange St., Weed and Seed Site Coordinator and Co-chair of the West Augustine CRA, thanked the Board for its support and said the CRA supported the initiative.

(2:06 p.m.) Motion by Waldron, seconded by Blocker, carried 5/0, to adopt CRA Resolution No. 2020-1, declaring certain CRA owned property as surplus; approving a transfer of property to the West Augustine Historical Community Development Corporation (WAHCDC); and authorizing the Board chair to execute the County Deed, on behalf of the St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners.

CRA RESOLUTION NO. 2020-1

A RESOLUTION BY THE ST. JOHNS COUNTY COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CRA) DECLARING CERTAIN CRA OWNED PROPERTY AS SURPLUS; APPROVING A TRANSFER OF PROPERTY TO THE WEST AUGUSTINE HISTORICAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (WAHCDC); AND AUTHORIZING THE BOARD CHAIR TO EXECUTE THE COUNTY DEED ON BEHALF OF THE ST. JOHNS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

(2:06 p.m.) Smith adjourned the St. Johns County Community Redevelopment Agency meeting and reconvened the regular meeting of the St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners. The Board moved to Commissioners' Comments.

(03/17/20 - 15 - 1:15 p.m.)

10. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UPDATE AND REQUEST FOR AN EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION DECLARING A STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY REGARDING COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS)

McCormack explained that a draft copy of an emergency proclamation, declaring a state of local emergency, regarding COVID-19, had been distributed.

(1:16 p.m.) Linda Stoughton, Director of Emergency Management, 100 EOC Drive, stated that there was a public health emergency related to COVID-19. She gave a timeline on the crisis response by all forms of government. She asked the Board for its support in declaring a local state of emergency in order to seek state and federal monetary assistance, and to allow for flexibility in purchasing, requesting state resources, emergency contracting and hiring, volunteers, and building and equipment rentals.

(1:19 p.m.) McCormack read the draft emergency proclamation. He explained that the emergency proclamation was only valid for seven days and that the proclamation gave the county administrator the authority to issue orders. Discussion ensued as to whether the Board could meet telephonically.

(1:29 p.m.) Stoughton said the governor held a press conference earlier in the day and that a statewide emergency order had been issued stating that: 1) bars and nightclubs must close by 5:00 p.m.; 2) restaurants must go to 50% capacity, with six feet between patrons, and that they must screen employees for symptoms; and 3) assemblies on beaches must be limited to no more than ten persons in the same area on the beach. Discussion ensued on enforcement of the order and if there was a need to cancel committee and board meetings.

(1:40 p.m.) **Motion by Waldron, seconded by Johns, carried 5/0, to approve Emergency Proclamation No. 2020-1, declaring a state of local emergency as provided by Part I, Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, and by St. Johns County, Florida, Ordinance No. 19-40.**

EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION 2020-1

A PROCLAMATION DECLARING A STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY AS PROVIDED BY PART I, CHAPTER 252, FLORIDA STATUTES AND BY ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, ORDINANCE NO. 19-40

Discussion of Possible Suspension of Sunshine Bus Services Due to COVID-19

(1:41 p.m.) Smith said that he was contacted by the Council on Aging (COA) Director, Becky Yanni, with a recommendation to suspend Sunshine Bus service due to the COVID-19 virus. Discussion ensued on the needs of the ridership and the lack of cost-effective alternative transportation.

(1:43 p.m.) Joy Andrews, Assistant County Administrator, reviewed the performance expectations of the COA's contract with the County and said that the Federal Transit Authority (FTA) recommended that grantees follow the direction of local and state public health and law enforcement agencies when making decisions. Discussion ensued on the County's federal and state grant monies and expenditures, to date, and the pros and cons of suspending services, and possibly losing grant funding and the community's need for transportation.

(1:50 p.m.) Lavie explained that the grant agreements required the County to provide a continuous level of service and that the federal government could take-back funds if the terms of the agreement were not complied with. Additionally, the FTA would need to be notified prior to any suspension of services. She asked for time to review the grant requirements to determine what the consequences of suspending services would be, and to reach out to local health authorities and the FTA. Discussion ensued on how other government entities were handling public transportation.

(1:55 p.m.) Jeff Prevatt, Fire Rescue Chief, said he was concerned about people who used COA transportation services to go to medical appointments. He and Stoughton planned to work with the COA to find a solution.

(1:55 p.m.) Andrews stated that an update had been received from DOT that explained that decisions regarding any suspension of services would be made at the local level. She clarified that Yanni's request for a suspension of services did not include medical/paratransit services. Blocker suggested options for limiting unnecessary rides.

(1:57 p.m.) Smith said it was clear that the Board did not wish to shut services down, at the current time.

(1:59 p.m.) Smith recessed the St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners' regular meeting and convened the St. Johns County Community Redevelopment Agency meeting.

The Board moved to Regular Agenda Item 9.

(03/17/20 - 17 - 2:07 p.m.)
COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Dean

Dean spoke on the list of funded projects that the legislature approved, subject to approval by the governor, that included funds for beach renourishment in Ponte Vedra Beach.

Commissioner Blocker

(2:09 p.m.) Blocker spoke on the significant impact COVID-19 has had on the community, urged prayer and commended Conrad for his leadership.

Commissioner Waldron

(2:12 p.m.) Waldron said the Board would "be there" for residents and the public. He asked staff to keep the public informed about available resources that were being offered.

Commissioner Johns

(2:14 p.m.) Johns commended everyone who participated in today's meeting and spoke on working while social distancing and the need for communication during the COVID-19 situation.

Commissioner Smith

(2:18 p.m.) Smith spoke on the state of society and gave an agricultural report.

Smith requested that protocols be established, in policy, for protection from the unlawful taking of private property by St. Johns County, to include: the survey and review of property boundaries before the start of project expansion, landowner notification of intended expansion and a legitimate offer to purchase.

He encouraged all to vote in today's primary election.

(03/17/20 - 17 - 2:25 p.m.)
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Conrad said that he was already working on the private property taking issue; and stated that the governor had sent out a press release stating that applications for small business bridge loans were available.

Conrad commended Linda Stoughton, and her team at the Emergency Operations Center, for their hard work and dedicated service.

Conrad commented on an executive order by Governor DeSantis affecting the sale of alcoholic beverages by bars, pubs and nightclubs, beach gatherings, restaurant occupancy and employee testing.

Conrad explained that for the past four years the County had requested assistance from the US Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) for a feasibility study for north Ponte Vedra Beach. He requested that the Board authorize the chair to sign a request letter, as required by USACE.

(2:34 p.m.) Motion by Dean, seconded by Blocker, carried 5/0, to authorize the chair to send a letter to the US Army Corp of Engineers [for a feasibility study for north Ponte Vedra Beach].

(03/17/20 - 18 - 2:34 p.m.)
COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

McCormack said that the Florida Legislature had completed its 2020 session. He spoke on some of its actions regarding certain bills; discussion ensued on legislation affecting impact fee credits.

McCormack spoke on some code enforcement complaints regarding mailboxes in the County right-of-way in the Ponte Vedra area. He said that some of the regulation language in the Code was ambiguous, so the Board revised it. He discussed the various options to address the issue. Brad Bulthuis, Assistant County Attorney, explained that there were roughly 40 violations.

McCormack said that today's meeting would be the last for Senior Assistant County Attorney Paolo Soria. He praised Soria for his learned and dedicated service. The Board commended Soria for all his hard work.

(03/17/20 - 18 - 2:59 p.m.)
ADJOURN

With there being no further business to come before the Board, Smith adjourned the meeting at 2:59 p.m.

REPORTS:

1. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Check Register, Check Nos. 577382-577548, totaling \$789,001.92 and Voucher Nos. 49142-49230, totaling \$1,209,461.26 (03/03/20)
2. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Check Register, Check Nos. 577549-577578, totaling \$19,480.16 and Voucher Nos. 49231-49258, totaling \$38,524.09 (03/04/20)
3. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Check Register, Check Nos. 577579-577754, totaling \$813,435.49 and Voucher Nos. 49259-49366, totaling \$1,293,680.02 (03/10/20)
4. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Check Register, Check No. 577755, totaling \$15,000 (03/10/20)
5. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Check Register, Check Nos. 577756-577764, totaling \$7,292 and Voucher Nos. 49367-49374, totaling \$7,691 (03/11/20)
6. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Check Register, Check Nos. 577765-577778, totaling \$5,567.46 and Voucher Nos. 49375-49377, totaling \$755.11 (03/12/20)
7. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Voucher Nos. 49378-49379, totaling \$8,767.68 (03/12/20)
8. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Check Register, Check No. 577779, totaling \$1,078.36 (03/13/20)

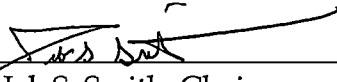
9. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Check Register, Check Nos. 577780-577933, totaling \$1,152,577.47 and Voucher Nos. 49380-49455, totaling \$1,376,149.94 (03/17/20)
10. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Check Register, Check Nos. 578010-578099, totaling \$1,550,591.89 and Voucher Nos. 49457-49524, totaling \$2,585,439.38 (03/23/20)

CORRESPONDENCE:


There was none.

Approved _____ April 21 _____, 2020

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OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: 
Jeb S. Smith, Chair

ATTEST: BRANDON PATTY, CLERK

By: 
Deputy Clerk

