

**MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA
MAY 5, 2020
8:30 A.M.**

Proceedings of a special 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.

Notice of a special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, was communicated on Thursday, April 30, 2020, via media, website, and social media postings.

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
 Crystal Smith, Deputy Clerk

Also present: Joy Andrews, Assistant County Administrator

(05/05/20 - 1 - 8:30 a.m.)
CALL TO ORDER

Smith called the meeting to order and made opening comments regarding remote public participation.

(05/05/20 - 1 - 8:30 a.m.)
ROLL CALL

The clerk called the roll, and all Board members were present, with Dean participating remotely.

(05/05/20 - 1 - 8:33 a.m.)
INVOCATION

Chaplin Kelly Kemp, St. Johns County Sherriff's Office, led the invocation.

(05/05/20 - 1 - 8:35 a.m.)
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Blocker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

(05/05/20 - 1 - 8:36 a.m.)
1. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UPDATE

Hunter S. Conrad, County Administrator, provided an update on St. Johns County's response to COVID-19, including available asymptomatic testing. He noted that all St. Johns County parks had been open, and there was a lag in the Florida Department of Health's Dashboard. He explained the timing between phases one and two; and noted the Small Business Care Package would be discussed during the regular Board of County Commissioner's meeting.

(8:42 a.m.) Linda Stoughton, Emergency Management Director, provided an update on the Emergency Operations Center's (EOC) response to COVID-19. She reported on the distribution of personal protective equipment, and the distribution of shelf-stable meals.

(8:44 a.m.) Blocker questioned Conrad on the reopening of youth activities. Conrad explained Governor Ron Desantis' Order on Phase II, and stated that groups still needed to be less than ten persons.

(8:47 a.m.) Tom Reynolds, 50 Brigantine Court, spoke on his concerns with unemployment and the lack of rental assistance programs in the county.

(8:50 a.m.) Sherry Badger, 2772 S. Collins Avenue, spoke on drainage concerns on Collins Avenue, and referenced information on easements, *Exhibit A*.

(8:54 a.m.) Jade Brown, 1897 Village Glen Drive, President of Creeks Baseball Club, spoke in support of reopening sports activities.

(8:56 a.m.) Brandon Batelli, 213 Torwood Drive, spoke in support of reopening sports activities, and questioned if there was a plan in place that addressed social distancing.

(8:58 a.m.) Carol Mancuso, 206 Amistad Drive, spoke on wheelchair beach access and requested the beaches be reopened for vehicular access.

(05/05/20 - 2 - 8:59 a.m.)

2. EXTENSION OF LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY

Patrick McCormack, County Attorney, explained the details of the extension. He recommended an extension for a seven-day period.

(9:00 a.m.) Tom Reynolds, 50 Brigantine Court, spoke on cancelling all summer concerts with concerns or safety.

(9:02 a.m.) **Motion by Johns, seconded by Waldron, carried 5/0, to approve Emergency Proclamation 2020-12, via roll call vote, with Dean participating remotely, to extend the state of local emergency.**

EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION NO. 2020-12

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

(05/05/20 - 2 - 9:03 a.m.)

3. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was none.

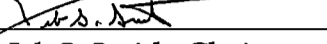
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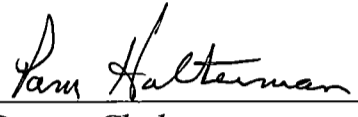
With there being no further business to come before the Board, Smith adjourned the meeting at 9:03 a.m.

Approved _____ June 2 _____, 2020

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: 
Jeb S. Smith, Chair

ATTEST: BRANDON PATTY, CLERK

By: 
Deputy Clerk

