

**MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA
MAY 19, 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 May 14, 2020, via media, website, and social media.

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: Brad Bradley, Assistant County Administrator; Joy Andrews, Assistant County Administrator; and Alice Morris, Assistant County Attorney

(05/19/20 - 1 - 8:30 a.m.)
CALL TO ORDER

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

(05/19/20 - 1 - 8:31 a.m.)
ROLL CALL

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

(05/19/20 - 1 - 8:32 a.m.)
INVOCATION

Pastor Jeff Gatlin, Freedom Church, led the invocation.

(05/19/20 - 1 - 8:33 a.m.)
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Waldron led the Pledge of Allegiance.

(05/19/20 - 1 - 8:34 a.m.)
1. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UPDATE

Hunter S. Conrad, County Administrator, provided an update on St. Johns County's response to COVID-19. He provided an update on short-term rentals; stated that libraries were open at fifty-percent capacity; and provided information on applications for recreational permitting, at County recreational facilities, for youth sports activities and stated they must meet the governor's guidelines.

(8:39 a.m.) Dean explained that the County's safety plan was being sent to the Department of Business and Professional Regulation. Conrad explained the turnaround time for applications.

(8:41 a.m.) Dr. Dawn Allicock, Medical Director of the St. Johns County Health Department, provided a COVID-19 update. She reviewed testing statistics; hospitalization rates; mortality rates; transmission statistics; mitigation strategies; and St. Johns County's monitoring and contact tracing procedures.

(8:46 a.m.) Linda Stoughton, Emergency Management Director, provided an update on the Emergency Operation's Center's (EOC) response to COVID-19. She reported on the distribution of personal protective equipment.

(8:49 a.m.) Ed Slavin, P.O. Box 3084, spoke on his concerns with the Veteran's Administration not allowing the Boy and Girl Scouts to place flags on gravestones; and commended St. Augustine High School for continuing with a graduation ceremony.

(8:52 a.m.) Tom Reynolds, 50 Brigantine Court, spoke on his concerns with testing statistics. Additionally, he suggested cancelling all functions at the St. Johns County Pier until June 1, 2021.

(8:56 a.m.) Sandra Marvins, 5343 Riverview Drive, questioned the status of short-term rentals and when they would be allowed to resume booking. Waldron responded.

(8:57 a.m.) Linda Davis, 67 Lemon Street, spoke on getting a copy of the proposed letter for short-term rentals when it became available. Conrad explained a draft letter would be sent out and a copy would be provided to her email. Discussion ensued on the County's safety plan for short-term rentals.

(05/19/20 - 2 - 9:01 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.

(9:02 a.m.) **Motion by Johns, seconded by Waldron, carried 5/0, via roll call vote, with Blocker participating remotely, to approve Emergency Proclamation No. 2020-14, to extend the state of local emergency.**

EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION NO. 2020-14

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

(05/19/20 - 2 - 9:03 a.m.)

3. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was none.

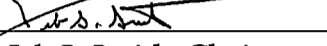
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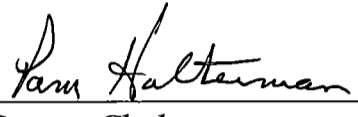
With there being no further business to come before the Board, Smith adjourned the meeting at 9:03 a.m.

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

