

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
MAY 26, 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 22, 2020, via media, website, and social media postings.

Present:       Jeb S. Smith, District 2, 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

Absent: Jeremiah R. Blocker, District 4, Vice Chair

(05/26/20 - 1 - 8:30 a.m.)  
CALL TO ORDER

Smith called the meeting to order.

(05/26/20 - 1 - 8:31 a.m.)  
ROLL CALL

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

(05/26/20 - 1 - 8:31 a.m.)  
INVOCATION

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

(05/26/20 - 1 - 8:33 a.m.)  
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Johns led the Pledge of Allegiance.

(05/26/20 - 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 spoke on the "Back to Business" program; provided an update on the Business Assistance Hotline; and commended Linda Stoughton and her staff, Economic Task Force's staff, Fire Rescue, and Dr. Allicock and her staff for all of their hard work during the COVID-19 crisis.

(8:38 a.m.) Dr. Dawn Allicock, Medical Director of the St. Johns County Health Department, provided a COVID-19 update. She reviewed testing statistics; the Florida COVID-19 Data Surveillance Dashboard; hospitalization rates; mortality rates; transmission statistics; mitigation strategies; immunity to the virus; St. Johns County's monitoring and contact tracing procedures; antibody testing; and the importance of wearing a face mask.

(8:49 a.m.) Linda Stoughton, Emergency Management Director, provided an update on the Emergency Operations Center's (EOC) response to COVID-19; and highlighted three key missions that the EOC had been invited to, including the City's fresh food giveaway plan, handing out Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) bags to registered business, and working with the Clerk of Courts to prepare the court system and ensuring safety guidelines are met prior to reopening.

(8:54 a.m.) Christina Debou, 182 Blanco Street, spoke on the economic impacts to the community, and recommended that face masks be made mandatory to wear in enclosed areas.

(8:57 a.m.) Tom Reynolds, 50 Brigantine Court, gave an update on the crowds at the beaches; and spoke on his concerns with parking at the St. Johns County Pier.

(9:00 a.m.) Maureen Long, 1820 Castile Street, commended Peter Wyckoff and Lauren Ferro for their help with uploading her presentations for upcoming meetings.

(05/26/20 - 2 - 9:02 a.m.)

2. EXTENSION OF LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY

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

**Motion by Waldron, seconded by Johns, carried 4/0, with Blocker absent, to approve Emergency Proclamation No. 2020-15, to extend the state of local emergency.**

**EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION NO. 2020-15**

**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**

(05/26/20 - 2 - 9:03 a.m.)

3. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

McCormack presented the details of the proposed resolution encouraging Tesla, Inc. to relocate to St. Johns County, *Exhibit A*.

(9:12 a.m.) Dean suggested adding Northrup Grumman to the resolution and copying the Governor and Enterprise, Florida. Waldron suggested adding rail access. Discussion ensued on the letter and resolution being sent as part of the packet to Tesla, Inc.

(9:19 a.m.) Ed Slavin, P.O. Box 3084, spoke on his concerns with the resolution not being properly researched. He suggested sending a draft letter to Elon Musk and researching him.

**(9:23 a.m.) Motion by Johns, seconded by Waldron, carried 4/0, with Blocker absent, to adopt Resolution No. 2020-187, to encourage Tesla Inc., to consider relocating to St.**

Johns County, including the amendments made by the Board to add Northrup Grumman and Rail access to the resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-187

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, ENCOURAGING TESLA, INC., TO CONSIDER RELOCATING TO ST. JOHNS COUNTY

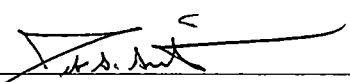
(9:25 a.m.) McCormack provided an update on Commissioner Blocker's military orders.

(05/26/20 - 3 - 9:26 a.m.)  
ADJOURN

With there being no further business to come before the Board, Smith adjourned the meeting at 9:26 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

