

**MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA
JULY 14, 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.

Proof of notice of a special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, communicated on July 10, 2020, via media, website, and social media postings.

Present: Jeb S. Smith, District 2, Chair
 James K. Johns, District 1
 Henry Dean, District 5
 Patrick McCormack, County Attorney
 Sindy Wiseman, Deputy Clerk

Also present: Brad Bradley, Deputy County Administrator Chief of Staff; and Joy Andrews, Deputy County Administrator of Strategic Affairs

Absent: Jeremiah R. Blocker, District 4, Vice Chair; Paul M. Waldron, District 3; and Hunter S. Conrad, County Administrator

(07/14/20 - 1 - 8:30 a.m.)
CALL TO ORDER

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

(07/14/20 - 1 - 8:32 a.m.)
ROLL CALL

The clerk called the roll. Commissioners Smith, Johns, and Dean were present. Commissioners Blocker and Waldron were absent.

(8:39 a.m.) Subsequently, McCormack noted that Conrad was on military orders.

(07/14/20 - 1 - 8:32 a.m.)
INVOCATION

Smith led the invocation.

(07/14/20 - 1 - 8:33 a.m.)
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Johns led the Pledge of Allegiance.

(07/14/20 - 1 - 8:34 a.m.)
1. 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.

(8:36 a.m.) BJ Kalaidi, 8 Newcomb Street, spoke on the order of public comment during the pandemic; and on the number of people being tested in the County offices. Additionally, she spoke in opposition of a mandatory mask ordinance.

(8:39 a.m.) Sherry Badger, 2772 South Collins Avenue, presented photos, *Exhibit A*, and spoke on code enforcement violations.

(8:41 a.m.) Suzanne Story, 54 Ocean Drive, spoke on the increased number of COVID-19 cases and requested the issuance of a mandatory mask ordinance.

(8:45 a.m.) Wendy Seth, 2714 Las Calinas Boulevard, spoke in support of issuing a mandatory mask ordinance.

(8:47 a.m.) Tom Reynolds, 50 Brigantine Court, spoke in support of extending the local state of emergency. Additionally, he spoke on adding hazmat pay for first responders; contracting COVID-19 through the eyes; and wearing masks, safety glasses, and gloves for personal protection from COVID-19.

(8:49 a.m.) Christine Rementer, 476 Sparrow Branch Circle, spoke in opposition of a mandatory mask ordinance.

(8:51 a.m.) Barbara Olson, 1824 Old Beach Road, spoke on maintaining the balance of health, safety, and values of county residents.

(8:54 a.m.) Dawn Wright, 353 Wild Cypress Circle, spoke in support of a mandatory mask ordinance.

(8:57 a.m.) Ann Breslauer, 215 7th Street, spoke in support of a mandatory mask ordinance.

(8:59 a.m.) McCormack noted an email received from Jane Raulerson, 543 Granada Terrace, *Exhibit B*. Her email stated that she was in support of a mandatory face coverings ordinance.

(9:00 a.m.) Smith noted an email from Trish Becker, *Exhibit C*. Her email stated that she was in support of a mandatory face coverings ordinance.

(9:01 a.m.) Dean requested to present a new motion regarding a mandatory face mask ordinance.

(9:01 a.m.) Motion by Dean, failed for lack of a second, with Blocker and Waldron absent, via roll call vote, to adopt a temporary mandatory mask ordinance, to sunset on August 18, 2020, mirroring the language in the City of St. Augustine mask ordinance, and would be reviewed by the Board, for extension, at the August 18, 2020, BCC meeting.

(9:08 a.m.) McCormack presented the procedural limitations for an emergency enactment of an ordinance.

(9:11 a.m.) Motion by Johns, seconded by Dean, carried 3/0, with Blocker and Waldron absent, via roll call vote, to approve Emergency Proclamation No. 2020-23, to extend the local state of emergency.

EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION NO. 2020-23

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

(07/14/20 - 3 - 9:12 a.m.)

2. CARES ACT FUNDING APPROPRIATION PLAN

Joy Andrews, Deputy County Administrator of Strategic Affairs, presented the details of the item, via PowerPoint. She provided a background of the CARES Act Funding requirements, including Phase I funding allocations. Dean questioned whether the Supervisor of Elections had been contacted regarding the increased cost for the Primary Election. Andrews responded.

(9:23 a.m.) Tom Reynolds, 50 Brigantine Court, commented that the motion for Item 1 should have been made before public comment. He questioned whether the County would have the ability to audit the City of St. Augustine's expenditures and whether government employees and first responders received hazmat pay.

(9:35 a.m.) Subsequently, Dean responded to Reynolds' comment regarding his motion for mandatory masks.

(9:26 a.m.) Pam Linder, 11 Pine Street, spoke in support of a mandatory mask ordinance.

(9:28 a.m.) Sherry Badger, 2772 South Collins Avenue, spoke on accountability for funds distributed to the City of St. Augustine and the City of St. Augustine Beach. Additionally, she spoke in support of a mandatory mask ordinance.

(9:30 a.m.) BJ Kalaidi, 8 Newcomb Street, spoke on accountability for funds distributed to the City of St. Augustine. Additionally, she voiced her concerns with freedom of speech during a BCC meeting.

(9:33 a.m.) Motion by Johns, seconded by Dean, carried 3/0, with Blocker and Waldron absent, via roll call vote, to approve the St. Johns County CARES Act Funding Allocation Plan as outlined by staff and to direct staff to take necessary steps to implement the adopted allocation plan.

(9:33 a.m.) Johns noted that all of the allocated funds were audited.

(07/14/20 - 3 - 9:35 a.m.)

3. Any Other Business

There was none.

(07/14/20 - 3 - 9:36 a.m.)

ADJOURN

With there being no further business to come before the Board, Smith adjourned the meeting at 9:36 a.m.

Approved _____ August 4 _____, 2020

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _____

Jeb S. Smith, Chair

ATTEST: BRANDON PATTY, CLERK

By: _____

Deputy Clerk

