

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2020  
4:30 P.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 September 1, 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: Brad Bradley, Deputy County Administrator Chief of Staff; Joy Andrews, Deputy County Administrator of Strategic Affairs

(09/08/20- 1 - 4:30 p.m.)  
CALL TO ORDER

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

(09/08/20- 1 - 4:31 p.m.)  
ROLL CALL

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

(09/08/20- 1 - 4:32 p.m.)  
INVOCATION

Smith led the invocation.

(09/08/20- 1 - 4:33 p.m.)  
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

(09/08/20- 1 - 4:33 p.m.)  
1.       EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UPDATE

Joseph Giammanco, Emergency Management Interim Director, provided an update on the Emergency Operations Center's (EOC) response to COVID-19. He reported on Flagler Hospital's testing statistics in the County; distribution of personal protective equipment; the number of businesses that had signed up for the *Pledge St. Johns* Program; and

Intensive Care Unit (ICU) availability at Flagler Hospital, Baptist South, and Baptist Beaches.

(4:35 p.m.) Smith questioned how many other counties had ceased or continued with a local state of emergency, and the purpose of a local state of emergency. Giammanco explained after confirming with the state, as of Friday, all 67 counties were still under a local state of emergency; and Governor Ron Desantis had extended the local state of emergency for Florida, for an additional 60 days. Additional comments were provided on the purpose of the local state of emergency, mainly CARES Act and FEMA funding.

(09/08/20- 2 - 4:37 p.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.

(4:39 p.m.) **Motion by Dean, seconded by Johns, carried 5/0, via roll call vote, with Waldron and Blocker participating remotely, to adopt St. Johns County Emergency Proclamation No. 2020-33, extending the local state of emergency for an additional seven-day period.**

**EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION NO. 2020-33**

**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**

(09/08/20 - 2 - 4:40 p.m.)

3. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Shawna Novak, Director, Health and Human Services, provided details on a letter request for HUD CDBG Entitlement Funds.

(4:40 p.m.) **Motion by Johns, seconded by Dean, carried 5/0, via roll call vote, with Waldron and Blocker participating remotely, to approve a formal waiver of the Timely Expenditure Requirement deadline, due to the unavoidable circumstances related to the COVID-19 pandemic.**

(4:41 p.m.) Dean suggested requesting that the legislature change the time period for an emergency declaration to 30 days, instead of seven, at the November Legislative Delegation meeting. Conrad explained the current request in the Legislative Action Plan (LAP) was to move it from seven days to 14 days. Discussion ensued.

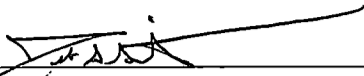
(09/08/20 - 2 - 4:43 p.m.)

ADJOURN


With there being no further business to come before the Board, Smith adjourned the meeting at 4:43 p.m.

Approved \_\_\_\_October 6\_\_\_\_\_, 2020

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By:   
Jeb S. Smith, Chair

ATTEST: BRANDON J. PATTY  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT & COMPTROLLER

By:   
Deputy Clerk

