

**MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA
SEPTEMBER 29, 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 September 29, 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
 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

(09/29/20 - 1 - 8:30 a.m.)
CALL TO ORDER

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

(09/29/20 - 1 - 8:31 a.m.)
ROLL CALL

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

(09/29/20 - 1 - 8:32 a.m.)
INVOCATION

Smith led the invocation.

(09/29/20 - 1 - 8:33 a.m.)
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dean led the Pledge of Allegiance.

(09/29/20 - 1 - 8:33 a.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 the 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.

(09/29/20 - 2 - 8:35 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.

(8:36 a.m.) **Motion by Dean, seconded by Waldron, carried 4/0, via roll call vote, with Blocker absent, to adopt St. Johns County Emergency Proclamation No. 2020-36, extending the local state of emergency for an additional seven-day period.**

EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION NO. 2020-36

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

(09/29/20 - 2 - 8:37 a.m.)

3. COASTAL STORM EROSION UPDATE

Hunter Conrad, County Administrator, stated that Joseph Giammanco, Emergency Management Interim Director, and Damon Douglas, Administrator Manager for Public Works, would provide the updates for the coastal storm erosion for Vilano Beach and Summerhaven.

(8:37 a.m.) Giammanco provided an update on the storm erosion for Boating Club Road Public Boat Ramp. He said staff would look for opportunities for mitigation funding for future storm damages.

(8:39 a.m.) Douglas provided an update on the Summerhaven storm erosion, stating there was a minor over wash.

(8:41 a.m.) Dean requested to revisit the options for a long-range plan or alternative strategies for beach erosion in the Summerhaven area in early 2021.

(09/29/20 - 2 - 8:44 a.m.)

4. APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY COMMISSION BOARD MEMBER TO THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Patrick McCormack, County Attorney, provided the details on the amendment in the Florida Statute pertaining to the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee. He stated that effective October 1, 2020, the Committee must consist of one locally elected official from each county, participating in the State Housing Initiative Partnership Program. Dean volunteered to temporarily serve on the committee.

(8:46 a.m.) **Motion by Dean, seconded by Johns, carried 4/0, via roll call vote, with Blocker absent, to appoint Commissioner Dean to the St. Johns County Affordable Housing Advisory Committee.**

(09/29/20 - 2 - 8:48 a.m.)

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

McCormack spoke on a request for Board consent, from Mr. Leonard, regarding historical research material pertaining to Hastings. McCormack spoke on a proposed Letter of Response to Mr. Leonard, *Exhibit A*.

(8:50 a.m.) Motion by Dean, seconded by Waldron, carried 4/0, via roll call vote, with Blocker absent, to authorize the chair to sign the response letter to Mr. Leonard.

(8:51 a.m.) McCormack spoke on the Governor's order regarding a Board quorum expiring as of October 1, 2020. He said that the order could be extended but the County should move forward as if it was not extended.

(8:54 a.m.) Dean questioned whether the Governor's order affected the local ordinances regarding mandatory face coverings. McCormack said he would review the Governor's order and report to the Board.


(8:56 a.m.) Sherry Badger, 2772 South Collins Avenue, spoke on the drainage issues on South Collins Avenue. She provided photos of the flooding, *Exhibit A*.

(09/29/20 - 3 - 9:01 a.m.)
ADJOURN

With there being no further business to come before the Board, Smith adjourned the meeting at 9:01 a.m.

Approved _____ October 20_____, 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

