

**MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA
OCTOBER 27, 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 October 9, 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: Rebecca Lavie, Senior Assistant County Attorney

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

(10/27/20 - 1 - 8:30 a.m.)
CALL TO ORDER

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

(10/27/20 - 1 - 8:32 a.m.)
ROLL CALL

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

(10/27/20 - 1 - 8:32 a.m.)
INVOCATION

Smith led the invocation.

(10/27/20 - 1 - 8:33 a.m.)
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

(10/27/20 - 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 Flagler Hospital's testing statistics in the County; distribution of personal protective equipment; and Intensive Care Unit (ICU) availability at Flagler Hospital, Baptist South, and Baptist Beaches.

(8:35 a.m.) BJ Kalaidi, 8 Newcomb Street, requested that the Board rescind the requirements of masks in government buildings.

(10/27/20 - 2 - 8:36 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, to adopt St. Johns County Emergency Proclamation No. 2020-40, extending the local state of emergency for an additional seven-day period.**

Yea: Dean, Waldron, Johns, and Smith

Nay: None

Absent: Blocker

EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION NO. 2020-40

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

(10/27/20 - 2 - 8:38 a.m.)

3. AMENDMENT TO THE CARES ACT FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Jesse Dunn, Director of Office of Management and Budget, provided the details of the item, via PowerPoint. He noted that public safety salaries and benefits would be eligible for reimbursement.

(8:42 a.m.) BJ Kalaidi, 8 Newcomb Street, questioned whether the municipalities would be eligible to use the funds.

(8:44 a.m.) Tom Reynolds, 50 Brigantine Court, questioned whether first responders and County employees would receive hazmat pay.

(8:40 a.m.) **Motion by Dean, seconded by Waldron, carried 4/0, via roll call vote, to adopt Resolution 2020-418, authorizing the chair to execute an amendment, in substantially the same form and format as attached hereto, providing for the disbursement of \$46,183,223 in CARES Act funding to St. Johns County; approving the St. Johns County CARES Act Funding Appropriation Plan Amendment, as attached; and recognizing and appropriating the CARES Act funding within the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 General Fund Budget.**

Yea: Dean, Waldron, Johns, and Smith

Nay: None

Absent: Blocker

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-418

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CARES ACT FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF FLORIDA, DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, TO PROVIDE FOR

DISBURSEMENT OF \$46,183,223; AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO EXECUTE THE AMENDMENT ON BEHALF OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY; AND APPROPRIATING THE FULL CARES ACT FUNDING PROGRAM WITHIN THE FISCAL YEAR 2021 GENERAL FUND BUDGET

(10/27/20 - 3 - 8:46 a.m.)

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Conrad presented an update regarding Florida Power and Light rates. He stated that staff reached out to Public Service Commission (PSC) and Florida Power and Light and found nothing regarding additional charges to customers. Bill Young, Director of Utilities, said that the additional charge was most likely an optional maintenance agreement offered to customers.

(10/27/20 - 3 - 8:48 a.m.)

ADJOURN

With there being no further business to come before the Board, Smith adjourned the meeting at 8:48 a.m.

Approved _____ December 1_____, 2020

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: Henry Dean
Henry Dean, Vice-Chair

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

By: Pam Halterman
Deputy Clerk

