

**MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA
NOVEMBER 17, 2020
9:00 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 publication of notice of a special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, was

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
 Sindy Wiseman, Deputy Clerk

Also present: Brad Bradley, Deputy County Administrator Chief of Staff; Joy Andrews, Deputy County Administrator of Strategic Affairs; Regina Ross, Deputy County Attorney; Rebecca Lavie, Senior Assistant County Attorney; and Brad Bulthuis, Senior Assistant County Attorney

(11/17/20 - 1 - 9:00 a.m.)
CALL TO ORDER

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

(11/17/20 - 1 - 9:01 a.m.)
ROLL CALL

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

(11/17/20 - 1 - 9:02 a.m.)
INVOCATION

Pastor Jeff Gatlin, Freedom Church, gave the invocation.

(11/17/20 - 1 - 9:03 a.m.)
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

(11/17/20 - 1 - 9:04 a.m.)
PUBLIC COMMENT

Ed Slavin, P. O. Box 3084, spoke on Commissioner Johns' accomplishments during his service to the County.

(9:05 a.m.) Tom Reynolds, 50 Brigantine Court, spoke on Johns' integrity.

(11/17/20 - 2 - 9:07 a.m.)

1. PRESENTATION AND RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING DISTRICT 1 COMMISSIONER JAMES K. JOHNS

Smith expressed his appreciation to Johns for his service to the County and presented a plaque of appreciation. He read a letter from Virginia Delegal, Executive Director of the Florida Association of Counties (FAC), regarding the appreciation of FAC for his service to the County, *Exhibit A*.

(9:10 a.m.) Johns expressed his appreciation and stated that it was an honor to have served on the Board of County Commissioners.

(11/17/20 - 2 - 9:10 a.m.)

2. CEREMONIAL OATHS OF OFFICE FOR NEW COMMISSIONERS BY BRANDON J. PATTY, ST. JOHNS COUNTY CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER

Brandon J. Patty, St. Johns County Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, administered the Ceremonial Oaths to incoming commissioners, Christian Whitehurst, County Commissioner, District 1; Paul M. Waldron, County Commissioner, District 3; and Henry Dean, County Commissioner, District 5.

- Christian Whitehurst, County Commissioner, District 1
- Paul M. Waldron, County Commissioner, District 3
- Henry Dean, County Commissioner, District 5

The chair recessed the meeting at 9:16 a.m. and reconvened at 9:30 a.m.

(11/17/20 - 2 - 9:01 a.m.)

3. ROLL CALL

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

(11/17/20 - 2 - 9:31 a.m.)

4. REVIEW OF NOMINATING PROCEDURES FOR THE ELECTION OF COUNTY COMMISSION CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR BY COUNTY ATTORNEY PATRICK F. MCCORMACK

McCormack reviewed the rules and policies for the nominating of chair and vice-chair.

(11/17/20 - 2 - 9:33 a.m.)

5. ELECTION OF THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Motion by Dean, seconded by Whitehurst, carried 5/0, via roll call vote, to elect Blocker, as Chair of the Board of County Commissioners.

Yea: Dean, Whitehurst, Smith, Waldron, and Blocker

Nay: None

(9:34 a.m.) Tom Reynolds, 50 Brigantine Court, spoke in opposition of a nomination for Blocker or Dean.

(11/17/20 - 2 - 9:36 a.m.)

6. ELECTION OF THE VICE-CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Motion by Whitehurst, seconded by Blocker, carried 5/0, via roll call vote, to elect Dean, as Vice-Chair of the Board of County Commissioners.

Yea: Dean, Whitehurst, Smith, Waldron, and Blocker

Nay: None

(11/17/20 - 3 - 9:37 a.m.)

7. PRESENTATION TO OUTGOING CHAIR, COMMISSIONER JEB S. SMITH

Dean expressed his appreciation to Commissioner Smith for his service to the County and noted his many accomplishments during his time as a commissioner. Smith was presented with a plaque of appreciation.

(11/17/20 - 3 - 9:39 a.m.)

8. PRESENTATION TO OUTGOING VICE-CHAIR, COMMISSIONER JEREMIAH RAY BLOCKER

Dean expressed his appreciation to Commissioner Blocker for his service to the County and stated that Blocker's plaque of appreciation would be presented on December 15, 2020.

(11/17/20 - 3 - 9:40 a.m.)

ADJOURN

With there being no further business to come before the Board, Smith adjourned the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

Approved ____December 15____, 2020

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: Jeremiah R. Blocker
Jeremiah R. Blocker, Chairman

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

By: Pam Halterman
Deputy Clerk

