

**MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA
DECEMBER 8, 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 December 4, 2020, via media, website, and social media postings.

Present: Henry Dean, District 5, Vice Chair
Christian Whitehurst, District 1
Jeb S. Smith, District 2
Paul M. Waldron, District 3
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; and Rebecca Lavie, Senior Assistant County Attorney

Absent: Jeremiah R. Blocker, District 4, Chair

(12/08/20 - 1 - 8:30 a.m.)
CALL TO ORDER

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

(12/08/20 - 1 - 8:33 a.m.)
ROLL CALL

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

(12/08/20 - 1 - 8:33 a.m.)
INVOCATION

Smith led the invocation.

(12/08/20 - 1 - 8:34 a.m.)
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Waldron led the Pledge of Allegiance.

(12/08/20 - 1 - 8:34 a.m.)
1. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UPDATE

Joseph Giammanco, St. Johns County Emergency Management Interim Director, reported on Flagler Hospital's testing statistics in the county; and Intensive Care Unit (ICU) availability in St. Johns County.

(12/08/20 - 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.

(8:37 a.m.) **Motion by Waldron, seconded by Smith, carried 4/0, with Blocker absent, via roll call vote, to adopt St. Johns County Emergency Proclamation No. 2020-46, extending the local state of emergency for an additional seven-day period.**

Yea: Waldron, Smith, Whitehurst, and Dean

Nay: None

Absent: Blocker

EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION NO. 2020-46

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

(12/08/20 - 2 - 8:38 a.m.)

3. FLORIDA COMMUNITIES TRUST - PARKS AND OPEN SPACE FLORIDA FOREVER PROGRAM

Bob Quinney, St. Johns County Grants Manager, presented details on the program, via PowerPoint.

(8:40 a.m.) Dean questioned if the restrooms would have a septic tank and if so, would it be included in the cost. Quinney explained there would be a septic tank and it would be included in the cost. Discussion ensued on whether the grant would impose any limitations on the property.

(8:42 a.m.) Quinney clarified the minimum match requirement for the program was 25 percent and the County was proposing a 50 percent match.

(8:43 a.m.) Tom Reynolds, 50 Brigantine Court, spoke in support of the program. Additionally, he spoke on his concerns with Governor Ron DeSantis not being truthful with facts and figures.

(8:44 a.m.) **Motion by Waldron, seconded by Smith, carried 4/0, with Blocker absent, via roll call vote, to adopt Resolution No. 2020-486, approving and authorizing the county administrator, or his designee, to submit a completed application through the Florida Communities Trust - Parks and Open Space Florida Forever Grant Program.**

Yea: Waldron, Smith, Whitehurst, and Dean

Nay: None

Absent: Blocker

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-486

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, OR DESIGNEE, TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION SEEKING GRANT FUNDING THROUGH THE FLORIDA

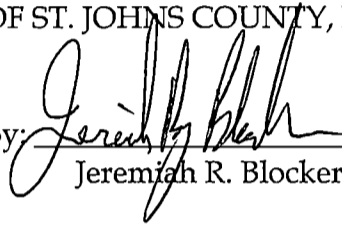
COMMUNITIES TRUST - PARKS AND OPEN SPACE
FLORIDA FOREVER GRANT PROGRAM, TO
REIMBURSE THE COUNTY FOR THE PURCHASE OF
THE MCCULLOUGH CREEK CONSERVATION AREA

(12/08/20 - 3 - 8:45 a.m.)
ADJOURN

With there being no further business to come before the Board, Dean adjourned the meeting at 8:45 a.m.

Approved _____ December 15 _____, 2020

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: 
Jeremiah R. Blocker, Chair

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

By: 
Deputy Clerk

