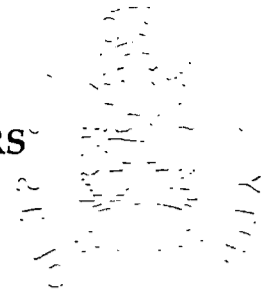


**MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA
JANUARY 26, 2021
8:00 A.M.**



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.

Notice of a special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, was communicated January 20, 2021, via media, website, and social media postings.

Present: Jeremiah R. Blocker, District 4, Chair
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
Sindy Wiseman, Deputy Clerk

Also present: Brad Bradley, Deputy County Administrator Chief of Staff; and Joy Andrews, Deputy County Administrator of Strategic Affairs

(01/26/21 - 1 - 8:00 a.m.)
CALL TO ORDER

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

(01/26/21 - 1 - 8:01 a.m.)
ROLL CALL

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

(01/26/21 - 1 - 8:02 a.m.)
INVOCATION

Conrad led the invocation.

(01/26/21 - 1 - 8:03 a.m.)
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dean led the Pledge of Allegiance.

(01/26/21 - 1 - 8:03 a.m.)
1. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UPDATE

Hunter S. Conrad, County Administrator, provided an update on the vaccine distribution for the first and second doses. He noted that the County had partnered with Flagler Health to help administer doses to health care providers. Additionally, he mentioned the number of volunteers helping to administer vaccines and stated that a communication plan on the details of the testing would be released within the next few days.

(8:06 a.m.) Dean, Waldron, and Blocker spoke on the efficiency of the operation.

(8:08 a.m.) Tom Reynolds, 50 Brigantine Court, commented on the residents that could not get through on the phone; requested additional information on the update presentations; and requested the Board write a letter requesting more vaccines.

(8:11 a.m.) Ed Slavin, P.O. Box 3084, requested a review on a mask mandate; commented on hiring an emergency management director that was not placed as an agenda item; and inoculating migrant farm workers.

(8:15 a.m.) BJ Kalaidi, 8 Newcomb Street, requested that the Board rescind the mask requirement in County buildings, the current count of government employees that had tested positive for COVID-19, verification on whether there was free COVID-19 testing at CVS; and spoke on being respectful and considerate to one and other.

(01/26/21 - 2 - 8:18 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.

(8:19 a.m.) Tom Reynolds, 50 Brigantine Court, spoke in support of extending the local state of emergency. He requested additional information on the extension.

(8:19 a.m.) Motion by Dean, seconded by Waldron, carried 5/0, to adopt St. Johns County Emergency Proclamation No. 2021-4, extending the local state of emergency for an additional seven-day period.

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

Nay: None

EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION NO. 2021-4

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. 2021-4

(01/26/21 - 2 - 8:22 a.m.)

ADJOURN

With there being no further business to come before the Board, Blocker adjourned the meeting at 8:22 a.m.

Approved February 16, 2021

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

