

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
APRIL 20, 2021  
9:00 A.M.**

Proceedings of a regular 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.

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; Joy Andrews, Deputy County Administrator of Strategic Affairs; Regina Ross, Deputy County Attorney; Rebecca Lavie, Senior Assistant County Attorney; Brad Bulthuis, Senior Assistant County Attorney; and Christine Valliere, Assistant County Attorney

(04/20/21 - 1 - 9:00 a.m.)  
CALL TO ORDER

Blocker called the meeting to order.

(04/20/21 - 1 - 9:01 a.m.)  
ROLL CALL

The clerk called the roll, and all Board members were present.

(04/20/21 - 1 - 9:02 a.m.)  
INVOCATION

Pastor Eliut Alicea, Bridge of Life Church, gave the invocation.

(04/20/21 - 1 - 9:02 a.m.)  
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Kevin Fallon, USN Petty Officer 3 (Fmr.), led the Pledge of Allegiance.

(04/20/21 - 1 - 9:03 a.m.)  
PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING APRIL 18-24, 2021, AS VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK

Commissioner Smith presented the proclamation. Melissa Lundquist, Assistant to the Board of County Commissioners, read the proclamation for the record. Evelyn Rebofini, Victim's Services Coalition of the 7th Judicial Circuit, spoke about the importance of recognizing April 18-24, 2021, as National Crime Victims' Rights Week.

(04/20/21 - 1 - 9:08 a.m.)  
PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING APRIL 2021 AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

Commissioner Whitehurst presented the proclamation. Melissa Lundquist, Assistant to the Board of County Commissioners, read the proclamation for the record. Michael Forster, FIP Program Manager, thanked the Board for its support and spoke about the importance of recognizing April 2021 as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Christy Gillis, Department of Children and Families, spoke on the Pinwheels of Prevention campaign, child abuse prevention and a food drop event.

(04/20/21 - 2 - 9:14 a.m.)

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING APRIL 2021 AS WATER CONSERVATION MONTH

Commissioner Dean presented the proclamation. Melissa Lundquist, Assistant to the Board of County Commissioners, read the proclamation for the record. Bill Young, Director of Utilities, spoke on their conservation efforts and the importance of recognizing April 2021 as Water Conservation Month.

Deirdre Irwin, St. Johns County Water Management District, applauded the County for its irrigation and landscape design code.

(04/20/21 - 2 - 9:20 a.m.)

DONNA SALUTA RETIREMENT RECOGNITION

Commissioner Waldron called Shawna Novak, Director of Health and Human Services, to the podium. Novak recognized Ms. Saluta's contributions to St. Johns County. Saluta expressed her appreciation for the recognition.

(04/20/21 - 2 - 9:24 a.m.)

ACCEPTANCE OF PROCLAMATIONS

**Motion by Dean, seconded by Smith, carried 5/0, to accept the proclamations.**

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

**Nay: None**

(04/20/21 - 2 - 9:25 a.m.)

PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATE

Chief Jeff Prevatt, Fire Rescue, announced the beginning of a new rookie class for seven firefighters. He explained that the State had previously contracted with the County to provide lifeguards on the beach at Anastasia State Park, but that the State did not renew that contract for this year, so there would be no lifeguards in towers this year.

Sheriff Rob Hardwick reviewed crime statistics and said that the county's overall crime rate had decreased by 20%. He introduced Skip Cole, Director of Criminal Investigations, who spoke on the first 100 days since Hardwick took office, engaging with the community and transitioning to their new training and communications center. Discussion ensued on the county's suicide rate.

(04/20/21 - 2 - 9:34 a.m.)

DELETIONS TO CONSENT AGENDA

There were none.

William Fisher, 10130 McMahon Ave., Flagler Estates, spoke in support of Item 23.

**Motion by Dean, seconded by Smith, carried 5/0, via roll call vote, to approve the Consent Agenda, as submitted.**

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

**Nay: None**

1. Motion to approve the Cash Requirement Report
2. Motion to adopt St. Johns County **Emergency Proclamation No. 2021-16**, extending the local state of emergency for an additional seven-day period

**EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION NO. 2021-16**

**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**

3. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2021-151**, approving the final plat for Manor at Rivertown (Replat)

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-151**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING A PLAT FOR MANOR AT RIVERTOWN (REPLAT)**

4. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2021-152**, approving the final plat for Mill Creek Forest, Phase 1B

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-152**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING A PLAT FOR MILL CREEK FOREST, PHASE 1B**

5. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2021-153**, approving the final plat for HighPointe at Rivertown, Phase Two

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-153**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING A PLAT FOR HIGHPOINTE AT RIVERTOWN, PHASE TWO**

6. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2021-154**, approving the final plat for Franklin Square at Crosswater Townhomes, Phase 2

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-154**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING A PLAT FOR FRANKLIN SQUARE AT CROSSWATER TOWNHOMES, PHASE 2**

7. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2021-155**, authorizing the notice required by Section 336.10, F.S., for a Public Hearing on May 18, 2021, at 9:00 a.m., or at a date and time as soon thereafter as possible, to hear a request for the vacation of a platted drainage easement, located within the Porpoise Point Subdivision (VACROA 2021-05, Porpoise Point Drainage Easement)

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-155**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING DATE OF MAY 18, 2021, AT 9:00 A.M., TO HEAR A REQUEST FOR THE VACATION OF A PLATTED DRAINAGE EASEMENT, LOCATED WITHIN THE PORPOISE POINT SUBDIVISION (VACROA 2021-05, PORPOISE POINT DRAINAGE EASEMENT)**

8. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2021-156**, approving the terms and conditions of Joint Participation Agreement, Financial Project 418441-1-84-21, for receiving a State of Florida Public Transit Block Grant for \$550,783, to recognize the revenues for the St. Johns County Transit Revenue and Expenditure budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2021; and to authorize the county administrator, or his authorized designee, to execute any other documents or Supplemental Joint Participation Agreements, for the purpose of scope changes and/or funding adjustments and all other documents as may be required

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-156**

**A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE TERMS, PROVISIONS, CONDITIONS, AND REQUIREMENTS OF A JOINT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, DESIGNATING ST. JOHNS COUNTY AS THE RECIPIENT OF A PUBLIC TRANSIT BLOCK GRANT, FINANCIAL PROJECT #418441-1-84-21, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$550,783; AND TO RECOGNIZE THESE REVENUES IN THE TRANSIT REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021; AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO EXECUTE THE JOINT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY; AND AUTHORIZE THEIR EXPENDITURE BY ST. JOHNS COUNTY**

9. Motion to approve PFS AGREE 2021-02; and to authorize the county administrator to execute the Grand Cypress PUD Proportionate Fair Share Agreement, finding that the proposed Agreement is consistent with Section 11.09 of the Land Development Code
10. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2021-157**, accepting a Grant of Easement to St. Johns County needed for the Avenue D/Tart Road Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Drainage Project

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-157**

**A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING A GRANT OF EASEMENT TO ST. JOHNS COUNTY NEEDED FOR THE AVENUE D/TART ROAD CDBG DRAINAGE PROJECT**

11. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2021-158**, approving the terms and conditions of a First Amendment to Ground Lease and Agreement and Memorandum of First Amendment to Ground Lease, with Crown Castle 06-2, LLC; and authorizing the county administrator, or designee, to execute the Amendment and Memorandum on behalf of the County

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-158**

**A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF A FIRST AMENDMENT TO GROUND LEASE AND AGREEMENT AND MEMORANDUM OF FIRST AMENDMENT TO GROUND LEASE, WITH CROWN CASTLE TOWERS 06-2, LLC; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, OR DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE THE AMENDMENT AND MEMORANDUM ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY**

12. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2021-159**, authorizing the chair of the Board, on behalf of the County, to execute a Release of Phosphate, Minerals, Metals and Petroleum Reservations and Release Related Rights of Entry and Exploration set forth in County Deed

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-159**

**A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD, ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY, TO EXECUTE A RELEASE OF PHOSPHATE, MINERALS, METALS AND PETROLEUM RESERVATIONS AND RELEASE RELATED RIGHTS OF ENTRY AND EXPLORATION SET FORTH IN COUNTY DEED**

13. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2021-160**, accepting one of three Easements for Utilities needed for installation of a sewer force main connecting Dobbs Road and Old Moultrie Road

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-160**

**A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING ONE OF THREE EASEMENTS FOR UTILITIES NEEDED FOR INSTALLATION OF A SEWER FORCE MAIN CONNECTING DOBBS ROAD AND OLD MOULTRIE ROAD**

14. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2021-161**, approving the terms and conditions of two Purchase and Sale Agreements for the acquisition of easements required for the Porpoise Point Drainage Improvement Project; and authorizing the county administrator, or designee, to execute the agreements on behalf of the County

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-161**

**A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF TWO PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENTS FOR THE ACQUISITION OF EASEMENTS REQUIRED FOR THE PORPOISE POINT DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, OR DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY**

15. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2021-162**, accepting an Easement for Utilities from Jai Ambaji Corporation for relocation of sewer lines at the State Road 16 and Interstate 95 Interchange

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-162**

**A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING AN EASEMENT FOR UTILITIES FROM JAI AMBAJI CORPORATION FOR RELOCATION OF SEWER LINES AT THE STATE ROAD 16 AND INTERSTATE 95 INTERCHANGE**

16. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2021-163**, accepting a Final Release of Lien, Warranty, and Bill of Sale and Schedule of Values, conveying all personal property associated with the water and sewer systems, to serve Petra Baptist Church

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-163**

**A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING A FINAL RELEASE OF LIEN, WARRANTY, AND BILL OF SALE AND SCHEDULE OF VALUES, CONVEYING ALL PERSONAL PROPERTY ASSOCIATED WITH THE WATER AND SEWER SYSTEMS, TO SERVE PETRA BAPTIST CHURCH**

17. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2021-164**, accepting a Final Release of Lien, Warranty, and Bill of Sale and Schedule of Values, conveying all personal property associated with the force main extension, to serve 5450 A1A South

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-164**

**A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING A FINAL RELEASE OF LIEN, WARRANTY, AND BILL OF SALE AND SCHEDULE OF VALUES, CONVEYING ALL PERSONAL PROPERTY ASSOCIATED WITH THE FORCE MAIN EXTENSION, TO SERVE 5450 A1A SOUTH**

18. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2021-165**, authorizing the county administrator, or his designee, to award Bid No. 21-71, Construction of Intersection Improvements on Solana Road at State Road (SR) A1A - Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) No. 445798-1-54-01, to DB Civil Construction, LLC, as the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder; and to execute a contract, in substantially same form and format as attached hereto, for completion of the project, as provided in Bid No. 21-71, for a lump sum cost of \$307,723.60

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-165**

**A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, OR DESIGNEE, TO AWARD BID NO. 21-71, CONSTRUCTION OF INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS ON SOLANA ROAD AT SR A1A - FDOT NO. 445798-1-54-01, TO DB CIVIL CONSTRUCTION, LLC, AS THE LOWEST, RESPONSIVE, RESPONSIBLE BIDDER; AND TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR COMPLETION OF THE WORK**

19. Motion to declare the attachments as surplus; and authorize the county administrator, or his designee, to dispose of same in accordance with Purchasing Policy 308 and Florida Statute 274
20. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2021-166**, approving the terms, conditions, provisions, and requirements of St Johns County's State E-911 State Grant Application for GIS Data Upgrade; and authorizing the chair of the Board of County Commissioners to execute the Grant Application on behalf of the County

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-166**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, OR DESIGNEE, TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION SEEKING FUNDING ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE FLORIDA STATE E-911 GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE PURCHASE OF NEXT GENERATION 911 GIS SERVICES**

21. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2021-167**, approving the terms, conditions, provisions, and requirements of St Johns County's State E-911 State Grant Application for NG911 Tactical Mapping and Data Analytics; and authorizing the chair of the Board of County Commissioners to execute the Grant Application on behalf of the County

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-167

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, OR DESIGNEE, TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION SEEKING FUNDING ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE FLORIDA STATE E-911 GRANT PROGRAM FOR TACTICAL MAPPING UPGRADES

22. Motion to approve the updated terms, conditions, provisions, and requirements of Collective Bargaining Agreements for Supervisory Unit and Rank and File bargaining units between the St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners and St. Johns County Professional Firefighters and Paramedics (Local #3865); and to authorize the chair, county administrator, and fire chief to execute the Collective Bargaining Agreements on behalf of the County; and motion to authorize the transfer of \$119,580 from General Fund Reserve to the Emergency Medical Services Department, and \$341,095 from Fire District Fund Reserve to the Fire Rescue Department to cover an increase in paramedic incentive pay
23. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2021-168**, authorizing the county administrator, or his designee, to execute a grant agreement, with the Department of Financial Services, substantially in the same form as attached, on behalf of the County, recognizing unanticipated revenue, in the amount of \$14,598.75, increasing the Fire District fund revenue budget, and appropriating this receipt to the Fire District Fund Administration department for the purchase of an extractor bunker gear washing machine

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-168

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING AND APPROPRIATING UNANTICIPATED REVENUE PROVIDED BY THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES - FIREFIGHTER CANCER DECONTAMINATION GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE PURCHASE OF AN EXTRACTOR BUNKER GEAR WASHING MACHINE

24. Motion to appoint the county administrator, or his designee, as the County representative, for the purposes of inspecting the portion of County Road 2209 between the St. Johns Forest subdivision and Liberty Pines Academy for hazardous conditions pursuant to Section 1006.23, Florida Statutes
25. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2021-169**, approving the terms, conditions, provisions, and requirements of a Federally-Funded Subaward and Grant Agreement, with the State of Florida, Division of Emergency Management, in the amount of \$71,226.75, for the state's share of Phase I of the Porpoise Point Drainage Improvements Project; authorizing the chair to execute the agreement on behalf of the County; and amending the Fiscal Year 2021 budget to recognize and appropriate grant revenue, in an amount not to exceed \$71,226.75, within the Fiscal year 2021 Transportation Trust Fund budget (Federal grant 1114-55304)



**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-169**

**A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, 1) APPROVING THE TERMS, CONDITIONS, PROVISIONS, AND REQUIREMENTS OF A HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM (HMGP) GRANT AGREEMENT, WITH THE STATE OF FLORIDA, DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (FDEM), IN THE AMOUNT OF \$71,226.75, FOR THE STATE'S SHARE OF THE PORPOISE POINT DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT; 2) AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO EXECUTE THE GRANT AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY (COUNTY); AND 3) AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2021 TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND BUDGET TO RECEIVE UNANTICIPATED GRANT REVENUE, AND AUTHORIZE ITS EXPENDITURE BY THE PUBLIC WORKS ENGINEERING DIVISION**

26. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2021-170**, approving the terms, provisions, conditions, and requirements of the State Revolving Fund (SRF) loan agreements; and authorizing the execution and delivery of the SRF loan agreements

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-170**

**A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION STATE REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM; APPROVING THE TERMS, PROVISIONS, CONDITIONS, AND REQUIREMENTS OF A CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND LOAN AGREEMENT, RELATING TO THE CONSTRUCTION AND FINANCING OF THE WASTEWATER SYSTEM REHABILITATION AND IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF SAID LOAN AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

27. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2021-171**, approving the terms, provisions, conditions, and requirements of a Water Unit Connection Refund Agreement between St. Johns County, Florida, and D.R. Horton, Inc., - Jacksonville, for the provision of a utility water unit connection fee refund; and authorizing the county administrator to execute the agreement on behalf of St. Johns County

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-171**

**A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE TERMS, PROVISIONS, CONDITIONS, AND REQUIREMENTS OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND D.R. HORTON, INC., - JACKSONVILLE, FOR THE PROVISION OF UTILITY WATER UNIT CONNECTION FEE REFUND; AND AUTHORIZING THE**

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE WATER  
UNIT CONNECTION REFUND AGREEMENT ON  
BEHALF OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY**

28. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2021-172**, approving the terms, provisions, conditions, and requirements of a Water and Sewer Unit Connection Refund Agreement between St. Johns County, Florida, and Ring Power Corporation, for the provision of a utility water and sewer unit connection fee refund; and authorizing the county administrator to execute the agreement on behalf of St. Johns County

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-172**

**A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE TERMS, PROVISIONS, CONDITIONS, AND REQUIREMENTS OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND RING POWER CORPORATION, FOR THE PROVISION OF UTILITY WATER AND SEWER UNIT CONNECTION FEE REFUND; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE WATER AND SEWER UNIT CONNECTION REFUND AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY**

29. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2021-173**, approving the terms, provisions, conditions, and requirements of a Water and Sewer Unit Connection Refund Agreement between St. Johns County, Florida, and Rock Springs Farms, LLC, for the provision of a utility water and sewer unit connection fee refund; and authorizing the county administrator to execute the agreement on behalf of St. Johns County

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-173**

**A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE TERMS, PROVISIONS, CONDITIONS, AND REQUIREMENTS OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND ROCK SPRINGS FARMS, LLC, FOR THE PROVISION OF UTILITY WATER AND SEWER UNIT CONNECTION FEE REFUND; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE WATER AND SEWER UNIT CONNECTION REFUND AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY**

30. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2021-174**, approving the terms, provisions, conditions, and requirements of Amendment 2 to State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Agreement WW550120 between the Department of Environmental Protection and St. Johns County; and authorizing the chair to execute the amendment, substantially in the same form as attached

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-174**

**A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF**

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION STATE REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM; APPROVING THE TERMS, PROVISIONS, CONDITIONS, AND REQUIREMENTS OF A CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND LOAN AGREEMENT AMENDMENT TO INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION AND FINANCING OF THE PREVIOUSLY EXECUTED LOAN AGREEMENT WW550120; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF SAID LOAN AGREEMENT AMENDMENT ON BEHALF OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

31. Motion to adopt the recommendation by the Tourist Development Council to approve the proposed Arts, Culture and Heritage Funding Program Guidelines, attached hereto, with said guidelines being effective for the Fiscal Year 2022 Program
32. Motion to approve minutes:
- 04/06/2021, BCC Regular

(04/20/21 - 11 - 9:36 a.m.)

**ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO REGULAR AGENDA**

Dean requested that Item 9 be heard before Item 1; it was designated as Item 1A.

(04/20/21 - 11 - 9:37 a.m.)

**APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA**

**Motion by Dean, seconded by Smith, carried 5/0, via roll call vote, to approve the Regular Agenda, as amended, hearing Item 9 first, as Item 1A.**

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

**Nay: None**

The meeting recessed at 9:38 a.m. and reconvened at 9:48 a.m.

(04/20/21 - 11 - 9:48 a.m.) *(Formerly Regular Agenda Item 9.)*

- 1A. ST. JOHNS COUNTY GOLF COURSE RENOVATION. AT THE FEBRUARY 16, 2021, BCC MEETING, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS DIRECTED STAFF TO PREPARE RECOMMENDATIONS RELATED TO ST. JOHNS GOLF CLUB RENOVATION AND HOW TO MEET THE PROPOSED DEFICIENCIES OF THE GOLF COURSE. STAFF HAS IDENTIFIED A RECOMMENDED PLAN AND ASSOCIATED PROJECTS, AS WELL AS PROPOSED FUNDING MECHANISMS FOR THE RENOVATION OF THE GOLF COURSE. THESE ITEMS ARE BEING BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD FOR DISCUSSION

Joy Andrews, Deputy County Administrator, reviewed the conditions of the course and infrastructure at the golf club, the needed renovations, the proposed cost of the renovations (\$1.4 million), and the construction timeline. She offered a suggested use for the 16 acres of surplus land: a joint fire/rescue station and sheriff's office regional command facility, the cost of design and engineering would be \$335,000. The surplus land at the rear of the facility could be used for a disc golf course and/or walking trails.

Chief Prevatt and Sheriff Hardwick spoke on the critical need for a joint fire/rescue station and sheriff's office regional command facility in the proposed location. Discussion ensued on a leased sheriff's office facility and the location of fire stations affecting homeowners' insurance rates.

(10:01 a.m.) Lee Geanuleas, 233 N. Forest Dune Dr., St. Augustine Beach, representing the Friends of the St. Johns Golf Club, supported staff's renovation plan and using the surplus land for recreation.

(10:03 a.m.) Charles Wharton, 24 Fountain of Youth Blvd., on behalf of the St. Augustine Disc Golf Club, urged the Board to use the surplus land for a disc golf course.

**(10:05 a.m.) Motion by Dean, seconded by Waldron, to make the proposed funding appropriation and direct staff to proceed with the recommended renovation projects identified for the St. Johns Golf Club.**

(10:06 a.m.) Smith felt that government should not be in the golf business, but as the County was, he said that asset should be taken care of and returned to working order. He asked the Board to consider: 1) that the asset maintain itself with collected fees; 2) investigating a public/private partnership to operate the facility; and 3) utilizing County property for a combined fire/rescue and sheriff's office station. Discussion ensued on funding sources.

(10:09 a.m.) Wes Tucker, Director St. Johns Golf Club, commented on the age and condition of the infrastructure and the awards staff received. Jesse Dunn, Director of the Office of Management and Budget, reviewed funding sources. Waldron spoke on finding the most economical way to do the renovations. He said that any expansion should not conflict with any private, taxpaying business, and that there should be a fee for disc golf to cover course maintenance. Discussion ensued on the 20% contingency, rising construction costs, and how the process would proceed.

(10:18 a.m.) Ed Slavin, Box 3084, spoke on the CIP and authorizing the construction of structures.

(10:21 a.m.) **The motion carried 5/0.**

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

**Nay: None**

**(10:21 a.m.) Motion by Dean, seconded by Smith, carried 5/0, to make the proposed funding appropriation for the Southwest Fire Rescue and Sheriff's Office joint facility design and engineering and direct staff to pursue the completion of a joint facility at County-owned surplus land at the St. Johns Golf Club in Fiscal Year 2022.**

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

**Nay: None**

(04/20/21 - 12 - 10:23 a.m.)

1. PUBLIC HEARING - DRI MOD 2020-04, ST. AUGUSTINE CENTRE. REQUEST TO AMEND THE ST. AUGUSTINE CENTRE DEVELOPMENT OF REGIONAL IMPACT (DRI) TO ELIMINATE PHASE 3B AND ITS REMAINING TRANSPORTATION MITIGATION REQUIREMENTS, MOVE 300,000 SQUARE FEET OF ALLOWED LIGHT INDUSTRIAL USES TO PHASE 3A, REVISE THE MASTER DEVELOPMENT PLAN (MAP H) TO INCORPORATE THE ISOLATED UPLANDS AREA INTO AREA H, AND EXTEND PHASING AND BUILD OUT DATES. THIS ITEM WAS HEARD BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING AGENCY AT ITS REGULARLY SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARING ON MARCH 18, 2021, AND WAS RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL, 3-2

Proof of publication of the notice of public hearing on DRI MOD 2020-04, St. Augustine Centre, was received, having been published in *The St. Augustine Record* on February 19, 2021.

*Items 1 and 2 were heard together.*

Commissioners Smith, Dean, Waldron, Whitehurst, and Blocker disclosed ex parte communication with Tom Ingram, Dwayne Hamner, staff, and some surrounding homeowners.

(10:27 a.m.) Thomas O. Ingram, Esq., attorney with Sodl and Ingram, Jacksonville, representing Highland Pointe, LLC, presented the details of the requested amendments.

(10:38 a.m.) Heather Boettcher, 320 Volterra Place, Tuscany Village; Mary Unverferth, 324 Volterra Place; and Joe Macanarney, 1005 Blackberry Lane, St. Johns, spoke in support of the application as the owner had addressed the neighbors' concerns and agreed to enhance the vegetative buffer, and due to the developer's high level of integrity.

(10:45 a.m.) Ellen Avery-Smith, Rogers Towers, 100 Whetstone Place, on behalf of Lite Stone and LVP, spoke in support of the application.

(10:47 a.m.) Ingram said that he understood that the applicant had made a commitment to fill in the existing gaps in the vegetation. Patrick McCormack, County Attorney, spoke on the commitment made by the applicant.

**(10:50 a.m.) Motion by Dean, seconded by Smith, to adopt Resolution No. 2021-175, based on five findings of fact, as provided in the Staff Report.**

(10:51 a.m.) Discussion ensued on transportation improvement costs, what could be constructed without Board approval of the request, economic development, and amending past transportation agreements, with Forest Cotton and Phong Nyguen, from Growth Management, commenting.

**(10:57 a.m.) The motion carried 4/1, with Whitehurst dissenting.**

**Yea: Smith, Dean, Blocker, Waldron**

**Nay: Whitehurst**

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2021-175**

**AN AMENDED AND RESTATED DEVELOPMENT ORDER FOR ST. AUGUSTINE CENTRE, A DEVELOPMENT OF REGIONAL IMPACT, UNDER CHAPTER 380, FLORIDA STATUTES, AUTHORIZING DEVELOPMENT OF APPROXIMATELY 315 ACRES IN EAST CENTRAL ST. JOHNS COUNTY; ESTABLISHING MITIGATION REQUIREMENTS FOR REGIONAL IMPACTS INCLUDING TRANSPORTATION IMPACTS; PROVIDING DEVELOPMENT PHASING AND BUILDOUT DATES; INCORPORATING CHANGES TO ALLOW FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ON A PARCEL NORTH OF INMAN ROAD AND MODIFY DEVELOPMENT PHASING, TERMINATION AND EXPIRATION DATES; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

(04/20/21 - 13 - 10:23 a.m.)

2. PUBLIC HEARING - MAJMOD 2020-17, ST. AUGUSTINE CENTRE (AREA H). REQUEST FOR A MAJOR MODIFICATION TO THE ST. AUGUSTINE CENTRE PUD (ORDINANCE 1997-23, AS AMENDED) TO INCORPORATE THE AREA KNOWN AS THE "ISOLATED UPLANDS" INTO A DEVELOPMENT TRACT REFERRED TO AS "AREA H" ON THE MASTER DEVELOPMENT PLAN, AMEND BUFFERING REQUIREMENTS ALONG THE EASTERN PROPERTY BOUNDARY IN THE VICINITY OF THE NORTHERLY TERMINUS OF INMAN ROAD, ELIMINATE THE REQUIREMENT FOR A SIX FOOT VISUAL SCREEN ALONG THE EAST PERIMETER LANDSCAPE BUFFER, AMEND THE DEVELOPMENT PHASING TABLE, AND EXTEND THE EXPIRATION DATE OF THE FINAL PHASE OF DEVELOPMENT. THIS ITEM WAS HEARD BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING AGENCY AT THEIR REGULARLY SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARING ON MARCH 18, 2021, AND WAS RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL, 3-2

Proof of publication of the notice of public hearing on MAJMOD 2020-17, St. Augustine Centre (Area H), was received, having been published in *The St. Augustine Record* on February 19, 2021.

*Items 1 and 2 were heard together.*

(10:57 a.m.) **Motion by Dean, seconded by Smith, carried 5/0, to enact Ordinance No. 2021-17, based on six findings of fact, as provided in the Staff Report, recognizing and accepting the proffer of tree line and buffer [enhancements] as described by the public speakers and acknowledged by the applicant's council.**

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

**Nay: None**

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 2021-17**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF ST. JOHNS, STATE OF FLORIDA, APPROVING A MAJOR MODIFICATION TO THE ST. AUGUSTINE CENTRE PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD), ORDINANCE NO. 1997-23, AS AMENDED; MAKING FINDINGS OF FACT; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; REQUIRING RECORDATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

(04/20/21 - 14 - 10:58 a.m.)

3. PUBLIC HEARING - COMPAMD 2020-03, BANNON LAKES PUD (ADOPTION). ADOPTION HEARING FOR COMPAMD 2020-03, BANNON LAKES PUD, REQUEST TO MODIFY THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TEXT POLICY A.1.11.1(M)(8)(F), IN ORDER TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM ALLOWED RESIDENTIAL UNITS FROM 999 TO 1,286 FOR APPROXIMATELY 580 ACRES OF LAND, LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF INTERNATIONAL GOLF PARKWAY, EAST OF INTERSTATE 95. THIS ITEM WAS TRANSMITTED TO STATE AND REGIONAL AGENCIES FOR REVIEW AFTER A BOARD VOTE OF 3-2 TO TRANSMIT. STATE AND REGIONAL REVIEW AGENCIES FOUND THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT RESULTED IN NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS TO STATE AND REGIONAL FACILITIES AND SERVICES AND HAD NO COMMENTS. THE PZA HELD A PUBLIC HEARING ON MARCH 4, 2021, AND VOTED 4-1, IN FAVOR OF RECOMMENDING ADOPTION. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING PUBLIC INPUT AND THE AGENCY DISCUSSION IS AVAILABLE IN THE ATTACHED STAFF REPORT.

PROCEEDINGS CAN ALSO BE VIEWED IN THE ARCHIVED VIDEOS ON THE ST. JOHNS COUNTY GOVERNMENT TELEVISION WEB SITE

Proof of publication of the notice of public hearing on COMPAMD 2020-03, Bannan Lakes, was received, having been published in *The St. Augustine Record* on February 5, 2021.

*Items 3 and 4 were heard together.*

Commissioners Whitehurst, Waldron, Dean, Smith and Blocker, disclosed ex parte communication: Whitehurst received e-mails, attended a community meeting at Bannan Lakes that was hosted by the developer; Waldron met with the applicant and Bannan Lakes Alliance; Dean met with Ellen Avery-Smith, Art Lancaster and Chris Hill and received e-mails from homeowners; Smith met with Art Lancaster, Ellen Avery-Smith, Chris Hill, John Dodson, Brad Bulthuis, Teresa Bishop, Bannan Lakes Alliance with Forest Cotton, Mike Roberson, Michael Sheldon, Mike West, Sandra Lovett, and Dave Glab, staff, and emails from residents; Blocker had a phone call with Ellen Avery Smith and Art Lancaster.

(11:05 a.m.) Ellen Avery-Smith, Esq., Rogers Towers, 100 Whetstone Place, presented the details of the requested amendment, via PowerPoint. She provided a history of the project, explained the request to move the multi-family up along International Golf Parkway (IGP), and reviewed the amenities. She provided the MDP map and language changes to the PUD, Sections 4a and b, *Exhibit A*. Whitehurst clarified that the gas station was approved in the original PUD and was not subject to today's actions.

(11:15 a.m.) Kim Crenier, 53 Bent Lake Court, was concerned with public and traffic safety, particularly on IGP between N. Francis Rd. and US 1, where, since March 15, there were 279 accidents, involving 498 vehicles. She provided additional statistics on the types of accidents and injuries.

(11:21 a.m.) Rachel D'aquin, 103 Bluejack Lane, supported construction of apartments over commercial development or the land being vacant, due to the overgrown conditions that were attracting rodents, snakes and mosquitoes, as her property backed up to the subject site.

(11:23 a.m.) Mary Ann Hayes, 267 Rock Spring Loop, spoke on commercial traffic versus residential traffic, said she was opposed to the gas station/convenience store and suggested that it be an electric charging station, instead of a petroleum-based station.

(11:25 a.m.) Chris D'aquin, 103 Bluejack Lane, supported residential development over commercial due to the smell of trash and refuse and increased traffic, as his home backed up to the subject site.

(11:28 a.m.) Ed Slavin, Box 3084, spoke on ex parte communication and fair housing.

(11:31 a.m.) Donald Rothman, 63 Bent Lake Court, expressed safety concerns due to traffic.

(11:33 a.m.) Tom Reynolds, 50 Brigantine Court, urged the commission to approve the project.

(11:34 a.m.) Avery-Smith and Jeff Crammond, 14775 Old St. Augustine Road, addressed the residents' traffic safety concerns and the traffic study; discussion ensued.

(11:39 a.m.) **Motion by Whitehurst, seconded by Dean, carried 5/0, to enact Ordinance No. 2021-18, for the adoption of COMPAMD 2020-03, Bannan Lakes, to modify Comprehensive Plan Text Policy A.1.11.1(M)(8)(F), in order to increase the maximum allowed residential units from 999 to 1,286, based on four findings of fact, as provided in the Staff Report.**

**Yea: Smith, Dean, Blocker, Waldron, Whitehurst**  
**Nay: None**

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 2021-18**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF ST. JOHNS, STATE OF FLORIDA, AMENDING THE 2025 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, ORDINANCE NO. 2010-38, AS AMENDED, TO MODIFY THE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BANNON LAKES COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TEXT POLICY A.1.11.1(M)(8)(F), IN ORDER TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM ALLOWED RESIDENTIAL UNITS FROM 999 TO 1,286 FOR APPROXIMATELY 580 ACRES OF LAND, LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF INTERNATIONAL GOLF PARKWAY EAST OF I-95; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS OF FACT; FINDINGS OF CONSISTENCY; SEVERABILITY; AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

(04/20/21 - 16 - 10:58 a.m.)

4. PUBLIC HEARING - MAJMOD 2020-02, BANNON LAKES PUD. REQUEST FOR A MAJOR MODIFICATION TO THE BANNON LAKES PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (ORDINANCE 2015-11, AS AMENDED) AS A COMPANION APPLICATION TO COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT COMPAMD 2020-03, IN ORDER TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF RESIDENTIAL UNITS FROM 999 TO 1,286, ADDING 287 RESIDENTIAL UNITS, AND REVISING THE PUD COMPLETION DATE BASED ON RECENT EMERGENCY DECLARATION EXTENSIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 252.363, FLORIDA STATUTES. THE PZA HELD A PUBLIC HEARING ON MARCH 4, 2021, AND VOTED 4-1, IN FAVOR OF RECOMMENDING ADOPTION. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING PUBLIC INPUT AND THE AGENCY DISCUSSION IS AVAILABLE IN THE ATTACHED STAFF REPORT. PROCEEDINGS CAN ALSO BE VIEWED IN THE ARCHIVED VIDEOS ON THE ST. JOHNS COUNTY GOVERNMENT TELEVISION WEB SITE. THIS APPLICATION INCLUDES A WAIVER REQUEST TO LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE (LDC) SECTION 9.04.05, LIMITATIONS ON REZONING OF LAND, BECAUSE THE BOARD RECENTLY CONSIDERED MAJMOD 2020-22, TO REDUCE LOT WIDTHS FROM 43' TO 40'

Proof of publication of the notice of public hearing on MAJMOD 2020-02, Bannan Lakes PUD, was received, having been published in *The St. Augustine Record* on February 5, 2021.

*Items 3 and 4 were heard together.*

(11:41 a.m.) **Motion by Whitehurst, seconded by Dean, carried 5/0, to enact Ordinance No. 2021-19, for approval of MAJMOD 2020-02, Bannan Lakes PUD, a Major Modification to the Bannan Lakes Planned Unit Development (Ordinance 2015-11, as amended) as a companion application to Comprehensive Plan Amendment COMPAMD 2020-03, based upon six findings of fact, acknowledging and including the red folder items.**



Yea: Smith, Dean, Blocker, Waldron, Whitehurst  
Nay: None

**ORDINANCE NO. 2021-19**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF ST. JOHNS, STATE OF FLORIDA, APPROVING A MAJOR MODIFICATION TO THE BANNON LAKES PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD), ORDINANCE NO. 2015-11, AS AMENDED; MAKING FINDINGS OF FACT; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; REQUIRING RECORDATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

(04/20/21 - 17 - 11:43 a.m.)

5. PUBLIC HEARING - CPA (SS) 2020-01, DANFORTH PROPERTY. A REQUEST FOR A SMALL SCALE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT TO CHANGE THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP CLASSIFICATION OF APPROXIMATELY 7 ACRES OF LAND FROM RURAL/SILVICULTURE (R/S) TO COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL (CC), SPECIFICALLY LOCATED AT 5720 COUNTY ROAD 210 WEST. ON MARCH 18, 2021, THE PLANNING AND ZONING AGENCY VOTED 4-1 TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL

Proof of publication of the notice of public hearing on CPA (SS) 2020-01, Danforth Property, was received, having been published in *The St. Augustine Record* on February 16, 2021.

Douglas N. Burnett, St. Johns Law Group, 104 Sea Grove Main Street, presented the details of the amendment request, via PowerPoint.

(11:46 a.m.) **Motion by Whitehurst, seconded by Waldron, carried 5/0, to enact Ordinance No. 2021-20, CPA(SS) 2020-01, Danforth Property, based on four findings of fact.**

Yea: Blocker, Dean, Smith, Waldron, and Whitehurst  
Nay: None

**ORDINANCE NO. 2021-20**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF ST. JOHNS, STATE OF FLORIDA, AMENDING THE 2025 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, ORDINANCE NO. 2010-38, AS AMENDED, TO CHANGE THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP DESIGNATION FROM RURAL/ SILVICULTURE (R/S) TO COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL (CC), FOR APPROXIMATELY 7 ACRES OF LAND, SPECIFICALLY LOCATED AT 5720 COUNTY ROAD 210 WEST; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS OF FACT; FINDINGS OF CONSISTENCY; SEVERABILITY; AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

(04/20/21 - 17 - 11:47 a.m.)

6. PUBLIC HEARING - CPA (SS) 2020-06, 5960/5956 DON MANUEL ROAD. REQUEST FOR A SMALL-SCALE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT TO CHANGE THE FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION OF APPROXIMATELY 5.0 ACRES OF LAND FROM AGRICULTURAL INTENSIVE (A/I) TO RESIDENTIAL-A (RES-A), SPECIFICALLY LOCATED AT 5960 AND 5956 DON

MANUEL ROAD. ON MARCH 18, 2021, THE PLANNING AND ZONING AGENCY VOTED 5-0 TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL

Proof of publication of the notice of public hearing on CPA (SS) 2020-06 5960/5956, Don Manuel Road, was received, having been published in *The St. Augustine Record* on February 15, 2021.

Lois Masters Brubaker, 5960 Don Manuel Road, Elkton, applicant, gave a history of the property and presented the details of the requested amendment, via PowerPoint. Discussion ensued on maintaining the drainage ditches.

(11:53 a.m.) **Motion by Smith, seconded by Dean, carried 5/0, to enact Ordinance No. 2021-21, CPA (SS) 2020-06, 5960/5956 Don Manuel Road, based on four findings of fact.**

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

**Nay: None**

#### ORDINANCE NO. 2021-21

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF ST. JOHNS, STATE OF FLORIDA, AMENDING THE 2025 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, ORDINANCE NO. 2010-38, AS AMENDED, TO CHANGE THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP DESIGNATION FROM AGRICULTURAL/INTENSIVE (A/I) TO RESIDENTIAL-A (RES-A), FOR APPROXIMATELY 5 ACRES OF LAND, SPECIFICALLY LOCATED AT 5956 AND 5960 DON MANUEL ROAD; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS OF FACT; FINDINGS OF CONSISTENCY; SEVERABILITY; AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

(04/20/21 - 18 - 11:54 a.m.)

7. PUBLIC HEARING - VACROA 2020-04, JACKSON PARK, BLK 12 - CHENEY - SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING TO VACATE PORTION OF A 12-1/2 FOOT ALLEY LYING BEHIND OR ADJACENT TO LOT 7 BLOCK 12 AND LOTS 1, 2, 3 BLOCK 12, JACKSON PARK SUBDIVISION, AS RECORDED IN MAP BOOK 3, PAGE 51, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA. THE APPLICANT REQUESTS THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF A 12-1/2 FOOT ALLEY LYING BEHIND OR ADJACENT TO LOT 7 BLOCK 12 AND LOTS 1,2,3 BLOCK 12, JACKSON PARK SUBDIVISION. BASED ON STAFF'S REVIEW THUS FAR, TRAFFIC PATTERNS WILL NOT BE NEGATIVELY IMPACTED, AND NO PARTY WILL BE UNREASONABLY AFFECTED BY THE REQUESTED VACATION. STAFF ANTICIPATES WE WILL HAVE NO OBJECTIONS TO THE REQUEST

Proof of publication of the notice of public hearing on VACROA 2020-04, Jackson Park Blk 12, was received, having been published in *The St. Augustine Record* on April 5, 2021.

Lorraine Cheney, applicant, presented the details of the vacation request, via PowerPoint.

(11:57 a.m.) **Motion by Smith, seconded by Dean, carried 5/0, to adopt Resolution No. 2021-176, approving VACROA 2020-04, Jackson Park Block 12, petition to vacate a portion of alleyway.**

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

**Nay: None**

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-176

**A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, VACATING A PORTION OF A 12-1/2 FOOT ALLEY LYING BEHIND OR ADJACENT TO LOT 7 BLOCK 12 AND LOTS 1, 2, 3 OF BLOCK 12, WITHIN THE JACKSON PARK SUBDIVISION**

(04/20/21 - 19 - 11:58 a.m.)

8. PRESENTATION OF REQUESTED OPTIONS FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY RECRUITMENT. THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S CONTRACT IS SCHEDULED TO EXPIRE ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2021. STAFF WILL PROVIDE OPTIONS FOR RECRUITMENT

Sarah Taylor, Director, Human Resources, presented the details of the options for the county attorney recruitment process, via PowerPoint. McCormack commented on the options and noted that the Board was not restricted to the suggested options.

(12:05 p.m.) Ed Slavin, Box 3084, suggested the Board select option 3.

(12:08 p.m.) Blocker recommended that the Board go with option 1, and form a committee of two board members and the county administrator, who would select three to five finalists from the applicants, then schedule a meeting for the finalists to appear before the board for public interviews. He suggested Dean, Smith and Conrad be on the committee to work with Human Resources (HR) to select the finalists. McCormack spoke on forming special committees.

**(12:13 p.m.) Motion by Blocker, seconded by Dean, for the Board to initiate a special committee, whose members would be County Administrator Hunter Conrad, Vice-Chair Henry Dean and Commissioner Jeb Smith, to work with the HR department to identify three to five candidates through the normal HR process and to bring back to the Board a recommendation at a special meeting, to be scheduled at a later time, for the Board to do formal interviews with the applicants and make a selection.**

Discussion ensued regarding the Florida Association of County Attorney's helping with the search, establishing a committee, the recruitment process, and utilizing a labor attorney.

**The motion carried 5/0.**

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

**Nay: None**

(12:23 p.m.) Conrad recommended working with the Board, over the next 30 days, to address the concerns of each commissioner; post the position for 30-60 days; HR would then do an initial review; those meeting the minimum qualifications would be submitted to the committee, who would review them, and bring back the finalists for final interviews.

(04/20/21 - 19 - 9:36 a.m.)

9. ST. JOHNS COUNTY GOLF COURSE RENOVATION

*Regular Agenda Item 9 was renumbered to Item 1A.*

(04/20/21 - 20 - 12:30 p.m.)

10. AUDITOR SELECTION. IN APRIL 2019, SENATE BILL NUMBER 7014 WAS SIGNED BY GOVERNOR RON DESANTIS, AND MANDATES THE PROCEDURES FOR SELECTING AN AUDITOR TO CONDUCT THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL AUDIT REQUIRED BY SECTION 218.39, FLORIDA STATUTES (F.S.), SECTION 218.391, F.S., COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS THE "AUDITOR SELECTION LAW," TAKES EFFECT FOR ALL AUDIT SERVICE PROCUREMENTS COMMENCING AFTER JULY 1, 2019. THE COUNTY'S MOST RECENT CONTRACT FOR AUDITOR SERVICES WILL TERMINATE FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF WORK ASSOCIATED WITH THE FISCAL YEAR 2020 AUDIT. ACCORDINGLY, STAFF SEEKS TO PROCURE AUDIT SERVICES FOR THE COUNTY TO COMMENCE IN 2021. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AUDITOR SELECTION LAW, THE ST. JOHNS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOARD) IS REQUIRED TO ESTABLISH AN AUDITOR SELECTION COMMITTEE, WHICH AT MINIMUM, INCLUDES EACH OF THE ELECTED CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS (OR THEIR RESPECTIVE QUALIFIED DESIGNEE) AND AT LEAST ONE BOARD MEMBER. MEMBERS OF COUNTY STAFF MAY BE APPOINTED TO THE COMMITTEE BUT ARE LIMITED TO SERVING IN AN ADVISORY CAPACITY. ONCE ESTABLISHED, THE AUDITOR SELECTION COMMITTEE IS REQUIRED TO: (1) ESTABLISH FACTORS FOR THE EVALUATION OF AUDIT SERVICES; (2) PUBLICLY ANNOUNCE REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS (RFP); (3) PROVIDE INTERESTED FIRMS WITH THE RFP; (4) EVALUATE PROPOSALS BY QUALIFIED FIRMS; AND (5) RANK AND RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD NO FEWER THAN THREE FIRMS TO BE THE MOST HIGHLY QUALIFIED TO PERFORM THE AUDIT SERVICES. WHILE THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THE AUDITOR SELECTION COMMITTEE IS TO ASSIST THE BOARD IN SELECTING AN AUDITOR TO CONDUCT THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL AUDIT, AT THE BOARD'S DISCRETION, THE COMMITTEE MAY SERVE OTHER AUDIT OVERSIGHT PURPOSES. HERE, STAFF REQUESTS THAT THE BOARD ACT TO ESTABLISH THE ST. JOHNS COUNTY AUDITOR SELECTION COMMITTEE (COMMITTEE), AND APPOINT THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS (OR THEIR RESPECTIVE QUALIFIED DESIGNEE) TO SERVE: THE ST. JOHNS COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS, THE ST. JOHNS COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR, THE ST. JOHNS COUNTY CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT & COMPTROLLER, THE ST. JOHNS COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER, THE ST. JOHNS COUNTY SHERIFF, AND THREE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. EXCEEDING THE MINIMUM COMMITTEE REQUIREMENTS IS AIMED AT FACILITATING THE PRESENCE OF A QUORUM AT EACH MEETING TO ENSURE TIMELY PROCUREMENT OF THE SERVICES

Jaime Locklear, Assistant Director of Purchasing and Contracts, presented the details of this item, and announced the first meeting of the committee was scheduled for Friday, April 23, 2021 at 9:00 a.m., and the second meeting was tentatively scheduled for Friday, May 27, 2021. Discussion ensued regarding which BCC members would serve on the committee.

(12:40 p.m.) **Motion by Dean, seconded by Waldron, carried 5/0, to adopt Resolution No. 2021-177, establishing the St. Johns County Auditor Selection Committee, in accordance with Section 218.391, F.S., to be comprised of each of the St. Johns County officers duly elected pursuant to Art. VIII of the State Constitution, and the five county commissioners of the Board; and authorizes the Committee to establish bylaws and perform the responsibilities provided in F.S. 218.391.**

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

**Nay: None**

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-177

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING THE ST. JOHNS COUNTY AUDITOR SELECTION COMMITTEE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 218.391, FLORIDA STATUTES

(04/20/21 - 21 - 12:41 p.m.)

11. FIRST READING OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY SECURITY ORDINANCE. THIS ORDINANCE REGULATES THE ISSUANCE OF TRESPASS WARNINGS ON COUNTY PROPERTY. THE COUNTY'S CURRENT ORDINANCES ON THIS SUBJECT WERE ENACTED IN 1980 AND 1984 AND ARE OUT OF DATE. COPIES OF THE 1980 AND 1984 ORDINANCES HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN THE BACK-UP MATERIAL FOR THIS ITEM. THIS ORDINANCE AUTHORIZES THE ISSUANCE OF TRESPASS WARNINGS, IDENTIFIES PROHIBITED CONDUCT THAT MAY GIVE RISE TO A TRESPASS WARNING BEING ISSUED, PROHIBITS THE POSSESSION OF WEAPONS IN COUNTY BUILDINGS, SETS FORTH REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTRY INTO CONTROLLED ACCESS COUNTY BUILDINGS, AND SETS FORTH DUE PROCESS REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ISSUANCE OF TRESPASS WARNINGS, INCLUDING AN APPEAL PROCESS. COUNTY STAFF HAS WORKED WITH MEMBERS OF THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN PREPARING THIS ORDINANCE

Rebecca Lavie, Senior Assistant County Attorney, reviewed the proposed ordinance. Discussion ensued regarding the protection of constitutional liberties, the inclusion of weapons and firearms in Section 6(H), overnight parking at boat ramps and parks, and the ordinance not being more restrictive than Florida Statute.

(04/20/21 - 21 - 12:53 p.m.)

12. REQUEST TO RELEASE CONSTRUCTION BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AND APPEALS LIEN ON 150 DUVAL STREET. ON APRIL 23, 2018, THE ST. JOHNS COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS AND APPEALS ENTERED A LIEN ORDER (ATTACHED), IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,204.62, FOR THE ABATEMENT OF THE STRUCTURE AT 150 DUVAL STREET IN ST. JOHNS COUNTY (SEE MAP ATTACHED), WHICH WAS RECORDED AS A LIEN AGAINST THE PROPERTY. THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF THE LIEN, INCLUDING PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST, IS ESTIMATED TO BE \$16,370.88 AS OF APRIL 20, 2021. THE COUNTY HAS RECENTLY BEEN REQUESTED BY A PROPOSED PURCHASER OF THE PROPERTY TO ACCEPT \$2,000 IN FULL SATISFACTION OF THE LIEN. THE PURCHASER ADVISES THAT HE INVESTS AND DEVELOPS PROPERTIES IN AND AROUND OPPORTUNITY ZONES IN ST. JOHNS COUNTY AND PUTNAM COUNTY AND INTENDS TO IMPROVE PROPERTY VALUES AND QUALITY OF LIFE IN DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES. SEE ATTACHED EMAILS FOR THE PURCHASER'S STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF THIS REQUEST. PURSUANT TO SECTION 169.09(3), FLORIDA STATUTES, THE BOARD IS VESTED WITH THE SOLE AUTHORITY TO REDUCE OR SATISFY CODE ENFORCEMENT LIENS AND MAY APPROVE OR REJECT THE REQUEST HERE

Bradley Bulthuis, Senior Assistant County Attorney, reviewed the request from a potential purchaser to release the lien at 150 Duval Street, in St. Johns County; said it was regarding a code enforcement action to abate an unsafe structure on the property. Discussion ensued regarding the lien.

(1:01 p.m.) **Motion by Waldron, seconded by Smith, carried 5/0, to reject the request for release of Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals lien for 150 Duval Street.**

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

**Nay: None**

(04/20/21 - 22 - 1:02 p.m.)

13. CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF A CITIZEN MEMBER TO THE VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD. THE PURPOSE OF THE VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD (VAB) IS TO HEAR APPEALS REGARDING PROPERTY VALUE ASSESSMENTS, DENIED EXEMPTIONS OR CLASSIFICATIONS, AD VALOREM TAX DEFERRALS, PORTABILITY DECISIONS, AND CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP OR CONTROL. FLORIDA STATUE 194.015 REQUIRES A CITIZEN MEMBER TO BE APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO THE VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD. THIS CITIZEN MEMBER MUST OWN HOMESTEAD PROPERTY WITHIN THE COUNTY AND MAY NOT BE A MEMBER OR AN EMPLOYEE OF ANY TAXING AUTHORITY AND MAY NOT BE A PERSON WHO REPRESENTS PROPERTY OWNERS IN ANY ADMINISTRATIVE OR JUDICIAL REVIEW OF PROPERTY TAXES. CURRENTLY, THERE IS ONE VACANCY ON THE VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD. THIS VACANCY IS DUE TO THE RESIGNATION OF MS. HEATHER ALLEN WHO WAS APPOINTED AS THE CITIZEN MEMBER TO THE VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD. THIS VACANCY WAS ADVERTISED FROM SEPTEMBER 15, 2020 THROUGH MARCH 23, 2021. PLEASE FIND ATTACHED FOR YOUR REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION THREE APPLICATIONS: MARIO CAYCEDO - DIST.2, BILL MCCLURE - DIST.3, AND THOMAS WALSH - DIST.5. ALL THREE APPLICANTS OWN HOMESTEAD PROPERTY IN ST. JOHNS COUNTY

Melissa A. Lundquist, Assistant to the Board of County Commissioners, presented details of the vacancy on the Value Adjustment Board.

(1:05 p.m.) **Motion by Smith, seconded by Whitehurst, carried 4/0 with Dean not present for the vote, to appoint Mario Caycedo to the Value Adjustment Board as St. Johns County citizen member.**

**Yea: Smith, Blocker, Waldron, Whitehurst**

**Nay: None**

**Not Present: Dean**

(04/20/21 - 22 - 1:07 p.m.)

14. CONSIDER APPOINTMENTS TO THE LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD. CURRENTLY, THERE ARE TWO VACANCIES ON THE LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD. THESE VACANCIES ARE BOTH DUE TO RESIGNATIONS. THE VACANCIES WERE ADVERTISED FOR A FOUR-WEEK SPAN FROM DECEMBER 3, 2020, THROUGH JANUARY 4, 2021. PLEASE FIND ATTACHED FOR YOUR REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION A RECOMMENDATION LETTER FROM THE LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD AND THREE APPLICATIONS: LYNDIA FOLLENWEIDER - DIST.1, JESSICA HAYES - DIST.4, AND REBECCA TAUS - DIST.1

Melissa A. Lundquist, Assistant to the Board of County Commissioners, presented details of the vacancies on the Library Advisory Board. Discussion ensued regarding BCC Rule 2.203(a), which provides for appointments of two year terms.

(1:12 p.m.) **Motion by Waldron, seconded by Dean, carried 5/0, to suspend BCC Rule 2.203(a).**

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

**Nay: None**

(1:13 p.m.) **Motion by Blocker, seconded by Dean, carried 5/0, to appoint Jessica Hayes to the Library Advisory Board for a term scheduled to expire September 30, 2025, which would allow her to finish her current expired term, then serve an additional four-year term.**

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

**Nay: None**

(1:13 p.m.) **Motion by Waldron, seconded by Smith, carried 5/0, to reinstate BCC Rule 2.203(a).**

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

**Nay: None**

(1:14 p.m.) **Motion by Whitehurst, seconded by Dean, carried 5/0, to appoint Rebecca Taus, to the Library Advisory Board, for a partial term, scheduled to expire on September 30, 2022.**

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

**Nay: None**

(04/20/21 - 23 - 1:15 p.m.)

15. CONSIDER AN APPOINTMENT TO THE CULTURAL RESOURCE REVIEW BOARD (CRRB). CURRENTLY, THERE IS ONE VACANCY ON THE CULTURAL RESOURCE REVIEW BOARD. THIS VACANCY IS DUE TO AN EXPIRED TERM. THE VACANCY WAS ADVERTISED FOR A FOUR-WEEK SPAN FROM OCTOBER 13, 2020, THROUGH NOVEMBER 10, 2020. APPOINTEES SHALL BE QUALIFIED THROUGH THE DEMONSTRATION OF SPECIAL INTEREST, EXPERIENCE OR EDUCATION IN THE PRESERVATION OF CULTURAL RESOURCES AND, WHEN POSSIBLE, HAVE PRACTICAL AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE IN ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING FIELDS: ARCHAEOLOGY, ARCHITECTURE OR ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY, CURATION OR CONSERVATION, PLANNING, PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING, REAL ESTATE, HISTORY, HISTORIC PRESERVATION, OR RELATED DISCIPLINES. PLEASE FIND ATTACHED FOR YOUR REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION A LETTER NOTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CULTURAL RESOURCE REVIEW BOARD AND TWO APPLICATIONS (NICK JONIHAKIS - DISTRICT 1 AND SUSAN SCHJELDERUP - DISTRICT 4). PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CRRB REVIEWED A THIRD APPLICATION, THAT OF MR. ERICK SAKS; HOWEVER, MR. SAKS WAS APPOINTED TO THE HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY ON FEBRUARY 16, 2021, THEREFORE HIS APPLICATION WAS REMOVED FROM CONSIDERATION DUE TO THE TRIGGERING OF THE PROHIBITION ON DUAL OFFICE HOLDING

Melissa A. Lundquist, Assistant to the Board of County Commissioners, presented details of the vacancy on the Cultural Resource Review Board.

(1:16 p.m.) **Motion by Waldron, seconded by Smith, carried 5/0, to appoint Nick Jonihakis to the Cultural Resource Review Board, for a full term, scheduled to expire April 20, 2025.**

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

**Nay: None**

(04/20/21 - 24 - 1:17 p.m.)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tom Reynolds, 50 Brigantine Court, addressed concerns regarding the County Attorney recruitment agenda item; then, commented on affordable housing. (1:21 p.m.) Ed Slavin, Box 3084, commented on declaring St. Johns County a First Amendment zone; addressed fair housing; hiring of the next county attorney; and public comments at meetings.

(04/20/21 - 24 - 1:25 p.m.)

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Smith:

Smith provided an agricultural report; addressed the standards for the installation of culverts in County rights-of-way; then, requested authorization to address a current issue with Staff and seek a reasonable solution. (1:28 p.m.) *It was the consensus of the Board to authorize Smith to address this issue with Staff and seek a reasonable solution and bring back to the Board within 30 to 60 days.* Smith read a quote from former Senator Mel Martinez.

Commissioner Dean:

(1:30 p.m.) Dean referenced a memo he received on April 9, from the Dytrychs, regarding several blogs they received of individuals frustrated with traffic, congestion, rapid growth, etc. and requested an open forum at a future BCC meeting. Discussion ensued regarding meeting with the Dytrychs and their neighbors. Discussion ensued regarding scheduling a meeting with the Dytrychs. (1:37 p.m.) *It was the consensus of the Board to direct staff to schedule an evening meeting, possibly in the fall, to address growth management.*

Dean addressed the legislative budget conference meeting held this past weekend and shared the House number for beach renourishment this year was \$100 million and the Senate number was \$50 million; resulting in a statewide budget of \$100 million for beach renourishment.

Commissioner Waldron:

(1:38 p.m.) Waldron provided a report of the TDC meeting held on April 19, 2021; said they voted in favor of the fifth cent; and that they had a basic plan of how they want it to be spent.

Commissioner Whitehurst:

No report.

Commissioner Blocker:

(1:40 p.m.) Blocker mentioned a story he read from a communication received by General Patton from the Pentagon; requested an update on the St. Johns County's 200 Year Celebration; addressed the Army Corps' project for North Ponte Vedra Beach; relayed a request from the Veterans Council for a letter or proclamation from the BCC acknowledging their 20 Year Anniversary. (1:42 p.m.) *It was the consensus of the Board to prepare a letter or proclamation acknowledging the Veterans Council's 20 Year Anniversary.*

Blocker reported that two teenagers: Luke Darrow and Karen Brown would be recognized today by the Sheriff's Office for rescuing a child, named Calvin, who was drowning in a pool at a party.



(04/20/21 - 25 - 1:45 p.m.)

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Conrad relayed that he would provide an update on the 200 Year Anniversary Celebration at the first meeting in May.

Conrad presented Greg Caldwell as the permanent Public Works Director. (1:48 p.m.) Ed Salvin, Box 3084, requested the Board table the appointment of Caldwell. (1:50 p.m.) Tom Reynolds, 50 Brigantine Court, commented in favor of the appointment of Caldwell. Discussion followed regarding the appointment.

**(1:46 p.m.) Motion by Dean, seconded by Whitehurst, carried 5/0, to approve Greg Caldwell as the permanent Public Works Director.**

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

**Nay: None**

Conrad relayed a request from Congressman Rutherford's office to draft letters of support of the Community Funded Project and Appropriation request; said one was for \$1 million in the FY22 Transportation Housing & Urban Development and related appropriations, which was for improvements at SR 16 & IGP; the second one was a \$1 million request in FY22 from the Interior Environment and related agencies appropriations Bill for land acquisition through the National Park Service to help complete the St. Johns County Passive Park Conservation and Enhancement Project, which involved the acquisition of land along the Matanzas River for a combined conservation passive park and boat ramp. (1:56 p.m.) *It was the consensus of the Board to approve the two letters.*

(1:56 p.m.) Tom Reynolds, 50 Brigantine Court, commented in support of the two letters.

Conrad updated the Board on COVID-19 vaccine distribution; said walk-ins would be allowed beginning Wednesday, April 21, 2021, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Solomon Calhoun Center; said approximately 55% of residents had received, at least, a first dose; approximately 90% of the senior population had received, at least, the first dose; and reported the intent to close the Solomon Calhoun Center for first shot vaccines on Wednesday, April 28, 2021. Joseph Giammanco, Emergency Management Director, reported that there were 37 entities currently offering vaccines. Conrad further recommended the final local state of emergency be signed on Tuesday, April 27, 2021. Discussion followed regarding the local state of emergency.

Conrad provided an update on the County's mask mandate compared to surrounding counties.

Conrad shared that over the past seven days, per 100,000 residents, St. Johns County had averaged approximately 107 cases, totaling 255-260 cases; said St. Johns County's numbers were lower than other counties.

Conrad began discussion regarding remote participation at meetings.

**(2:13 p.m.) Motion by Whitehurst, seconded by Smith, to lift the mask mandate, effective today.**

(2:14 p.m.) Tom Reynolds, 50 Brigantine Court, applauded the County for allowing telephone call-ins to BCC meetings; then, suggested the Board provide coffee, vending machines, and/or food trucks, for the public in the county administration building, to make it more customer friendly, on BCC meeting days.

(2:17 p.m.) Ed Slavin, Box 3084, shared how impressed he was with staff at the Solomon Calhoun Center; then, commented in opposition of disallowing telephone call-ins.

Discussion followed regarding the number of COVID-19 cases; the Solomon Calhoun Center vaccine site closing on April 28, 2021; Emergency Order No. 2020-9, regarding the mask mandate; Emergency Order No. 2020-10, allowing remote participation in public meetings; Emergency Order No. 2020-8, allowing for the deputy administrator of strategic affairs as the St. Johns County Public Economic Development Agency, and allowing for May 4 to be the date the local state of emergency would expire.

(2:25 p.m.) **The motion carried 5/0.**

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

**Nay: None**

(04/20/21 - 26 - 2:26 p.m.)

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

McCormack made the Board aware of HB 337, regarding impact fee credits being able to be transferred, regardless of whether they were established before or after the effective date of the bill. He suggested that existing impact fee credit agreements remain in place.

(04/20/21 - 26 - 2:27 p.m.)

CLERK OF COURT'S REPORT

No report.

(04/20/21 - 26 - 2:27 p.m.)

ADJOURN

With there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 2:27 p.m.

#### REPORTS:

1. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Check Register, Check Nos. 589849-589856, totaling \$3,365.98 and Voucher Register, Voucher Nos. 56525-56527, totaling \$ 755.11 (04/08/21)
2. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Voucher Register, Voucher Nos. 56528-56529, totaling \$ 8,735.30 (04/08/21)
3. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Check Register, Check No. 589857, totaling \$1,380 (04/12/21)
4. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Check Register, Check Nos. 589858-589987, totaling \$2,173,467.89 and Voucher Register, Voucher Nos. 56530-56617, totaling \$ 1,166,950.99 (04/08/21)
5. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Check Register, Check Nos. 589988-589994, totaling \$5,326 and Voucher Register, Voucher Nos. 56618-56626, totaling \$7,660 (04/14/21)
6. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Check Register, Check Nos. 589995-590136, totaling \$959,877.88 and Voucher Register, Voucher Nos. 56627-56713, totaling \$1,988,400.10 (04/19/21)

#### CORRESPONDENCE:

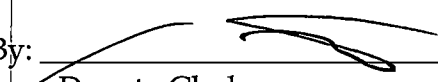
1. Letter dated April 5, 2021, regarding World Commerce Development District's Annual Financial Report

Approved May 4, 2021

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By:   
Jeremiah R. Blocker, Chair

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CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT & COMPTROLLER

By:   
Deputy Clerk

