

**MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA
SEPTEMBER 28, 2021
1:00 P.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 the special meeting was received, having been published in *The St. Augustine Record* on September 17, 2021.

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: Sarah Taylor, Director of Human Resources

(09/28/21 - 1 - 1:00 p.m.)
CALL TO ORDER

Blocker called the meeting to order.

(09/28/21 - 1 - 1:00 p.m.)
ROLL CALL

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

(09/28/21 - 1 - 1:01 p.m.)
INVOCATION

Smith led the invocation.

(09/28/21 - 1 - 1:01 p.m.)
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

McCormack led the Pledge of Allegiance.

(09/28/21 - 1 - 1:01 p.m.)
ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE SPECIAL AGENDA

There were none.

(09/28/21 - 1 - 1:01 p.m.)
APPROVAL OF THE SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

Motion by Whitehurst, seconded by Waldron, carried 5/0, to approve the agenda as submitted.

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

Nay: None

(09/28/21 - 2 - 1:01 p.m.)

1. OVERVIEW OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY RECRUITMENT PROCESS. STAFF WILL PROVIDE AN OVERVIEW OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY RECRUITMENT PROCESS AND PRESENT THE NAMES OF THE TOP TWO, PANEL RECOMMENDED, CANDIDATES FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION

Sarah Taylor, Human Resources Director of Human Resources, provided the details on the recruitment process and the finalists for the county attorney position.

(1:03 p.m.) Blocker expressed his appreciation to the applicants for their participation.

(1:03 p.m.) David Migut, applicant, said he was available for any questions.

(1:04 p.m.) William McFarland, applicant, said he was available for any questions.

(09/28/21 - 2 - 1:38 p.m.)

2. BOARD DISCUSSION

(1:04 p.m.) Discussion ensued between Board members regarding the applicants' attributes, qualifications, and employment history. Additionally, Blocker asked the applicants specific questions; to which they responded.

(1:28 p.m.) Ed Slavin, P.O. Box 3084, spoke on the selection process for the new county attorney. He suggested tabling any action and to have a legal audit performed on the process.

(1:32 p.m.) Blocker asked for comments from the county administrator. Conrad said he was looking forward to working with whomever the Board selected.

(1:33 p.m.) Blocker asked Taylor to outline the Board's options. Taylor explained that the Board could choose to select one of the candidates, at which time staff would seek Board direction for negotiations, or the Board could choose to move forward and do an executive potential recruitment, to continue the campaign forward.

(1:34 p.m.) Motion by Dean, seconded by Smith, carried 5/0, to approve the hiring of David Migut, as the county attorney; and authorize the chair to negotiate a proposed contract, coordinated with the county attorney's office, including all compensation and benefits, with David Migut, as required by Chapter 112; and bring it back to the Board for consideration.

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

Nay: None

(1:38 p.m.) Blocker spoke to Migut regarding the next steps and the Board's expectations. Migut expressed his appreciation to the Board for their selecting him and stated that he would perform the job to the best of his ability for the Board and the citizens of St. Johns County.

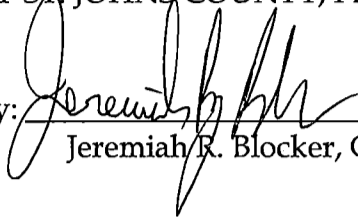
(09/28/21 - 2 - 1:39 p.m.)

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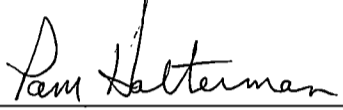
With there being no further business to come before the Board, Blocker adjourned the meeting at 1:39 p.m.

Approved _____ October 5 _____, 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

