



**Minutes of Meeting**  
**Board of County Commissioners**  
**St. Johns County, Florida**  
Regular Meeting  
County Administration Building  
500 San Sebastian View  
St. Augustine, Florida 32084  
December 6, 2022 - 9:00 am

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Whitehurst called the meeting to order at 9:18 am.

Present: Christian Whitehurst, District 1, Chair  
Sarah S. Arnold, District 2, Vice Chair  
Henry Dean, District 5  
Krista Joseph, District 4

Staff Present: Hunter S. Conrad, County Administrator  
David Migut, County Attorney  
Brad Bradley, Deputy County Administrator Chief of Staff  
Joy Andrews, Deputy County Administrator of Strategic Affairs  
Sarah Taylor, Assistant County Administrator  
Lex Taylor, Deputy County Attorney  
Artricia K. Allen, Deputy Clerk

**ROLL CALL**

The clerk called the roll. Commissioner's Whitehurst, Arnold, Dean, and Joseph were present.

**INVOCATION**

Chaplin Kelly Kemp, St. Johns Sheriff's Office, gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

CSM Joseph McDermott, St. Johns County Veterans Service Officer, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATE**

Chief Jeff Prevatt, St. Johns County Fire Rescue, provided an update on the requested funding for Fire and Emergency Response Grants through FEMA and the community partnership to provide Christmas gifts for over 300 families.

Howard “Skip” Cole, Director of Criminal Investigations, St. Johns County Sherriff’s Office, reported on the operation young guns program in St. Johns County. He stated that staff would be monitoring retail thief, and shop lifting closely through the holidays and recommended that residents stay alert with online and telephone scams.

### **CLERK OF COURT’S REPORT**

Brandon J. Patty, Clerk of Circuit Court and Comptroller, reported judicial scams targeting residents for missed jury duty and property deed fees. Joseph asked where the residents could find an update on scams reported. Patty responded that information was updated on the clerk website.

### **DELETIONS TO THE CONSENT AGENDA**

There were none.

Public Comment: Joe McAnarney, Ed Slavin, Doris Taylor, Shari Shuman, B.J. Kalaidi, and Sherry Badger provided public comment. Discussion ensued on Consent Agenda Item 22.

### **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**Motion by Dean, seconded by Arnold, carried 4/0, to approve the Consent Agenda, as submitted.**

**Yea: Dean, Whitehurst, Joseph, Arnold**

**Nay: None**

1. Motion to approve the Cash Requirement Report
2. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2022-443**, approving the terms and authorizing the chair of the Board, on behalf of the County, to accept and execute a Temporary Construction Easement from Gate Petroleum Company at the State Road 16 and Interstate 95 Interchange
3. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2022-444**, approving the terms and authorizing the county administrator, or designee, to execute a Ground Lease Agreement with C&C Property Management & More, LLC, for use of a county-owned parcel at E. Cochran Avenue in Hastings
4. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2022-445**, accepting an Easement for Utilities associated with the water system to serve 1170 Neck Road, Ponte Vedra Beach
5. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2022-446**, approving the terms, conditions, provisions, and requirements of the State-Funded Grant Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation, for construction and construction engineering inspection for the Palm Valley Road Sidewalk; and authorizing the chair to execute the agreement, on behalf of the County

6. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2022-447**, authorizing the county administrator, or his designee, to piggyback the Sourcewell Contract No. 120617-CAT and to execute and issue a purchase order to Ring Power Corporation, for one 800kw Caterpillar C27 Diesel Generator in the amount of \$573,434.69, subject to the terms and conditions of the stated contract, and to surplus the existing generator for trade into Ring Power as part of this purchase
7. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2022-448**, authorizing the county administrator, or his designee, to award Bid No. 23-15, purchase of pipes, fittings, and appurtenances, for County Road 208 Water Booster Pump Station to Ferguson Waterworks; and to issue a purchase order in an amount not to exceed \$516,345.50
8. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2022-449**, authorizing the county administrator, or designee, to execute and issue Change Order No. 01 to Task Order No. 01, with Mott MacDonald Florida, LLC, for completion of the additional services, in accordance with RFQ No. 22-01, Continuing Contracts for as needed professional services, Master Contract No. 22-PSA-MOT-15832, for a not-to-exceed Amount of \$32,740
9. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2022-450**, authorizing the county administrator, or designee, to award RFQ No: 23-02, Facility Needs Assessment Plan to PQH Design Group, Inc, as the top ranked firm; and to execute a Professional Services Agreement, in substantially the same form and format as attached, for completion of the services in accordance with the RFQ at a not-to-exceed amount of \$560,000
10. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2022-451**, authorizing the county administrator, or designee, to award Bid No, 23-07; South Holmes Boulevard Drainage Improvement - The Lakes to G&H Underground Construction, Inc., 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 specified in Bid No. 23-07, for a lump sum amount of \$918,254.64
11. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2022-452**, authorizing the county administrator, or designee, to execute and deliver the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Funding Agreement (HUD-7082)
12. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2022-453**, approving the issuance by the Housing Finance Authority of St. Johns County, Florida, of multi-family housing revenue debt obligations, in one or more series, to finance or refinance all, or a portion of, the costs of the rehabilitation of a multi-family housing project, to be known as Oaks at St. John
13. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2022-454**, approving the Substantial Amendment to the 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan, to re-allocate \$800,706 in unused Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)-CV funds to establish a public facilities improvement project; authorizing the chair to execute and deliver a letter to the Housing and Urban Development Secretary detailing the amendment; and authorizing the county administrator, or designee, to submit the amendment, on behalf of the County

14. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2022-455**, approving the terms, conditions, provisions, and requirements of a Grant Agreement between the Florida Inland Navigation District and St. Johns County, Florida; authorizing the county administrator, or designee, to execute the contract, on behalf of St. Johns County; and approving the transfer of \$50,000 from General Fund Reserves, to the Parks and Recreation Maintenance Department; and motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2022-456**, amending the Fiscal Year 2023 General Fund, Parks and Recreation Maintenance budget, to recognize and appropriate grant funds awarded by the Florida Inland Navigation District
15. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2022-457**, approving the Library System's revised Meeting Room policy
16. Motion authorizing the General Fund Reserve transfer of received Fiscal Year 2022 library donations in the amount of \$45,037, appropriating to the Library Services Department
17. Motion to authorize the transfer of \$14,688 in Fiscal Year 2022 St. Johns Pet Center donations from General Fund Reserves to the Fiscal Year 2023 Animal Control Department budget
18. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2022-458**, accepting Community Development Block Grant CARES funds, titled CDBG-CV, in the amount of \$406,633; authorizing the chair of the Board, or designee, to sign the State of Florida Department of Economic Opportunity Federally Funded Subgrant Agreement; and recognizing and appropriating the grant funds within the Fiscal Year 2023 General Fund budget
19. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2022-459**, authorizing the county administrator, or designee, to execute an amended Economic Development Grant Agreement extending the construction completion term of the original Economic Development Grant Agreement and adjusting the other dates in the agreement in accordance with the extension, substantially in the same form as attached, with Baseball Park, LLC, on behalf of St. Johns County
20. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2022-460**, authorizing the county administrator, or designee, to execute an amended Economic Development Grant Agreement extending the construction completion term of the original Economic Development Grant Agreement and adjusting the other dates in the agreement in accordance with the extension, substantially in the same form as attached, with Industrial Tractor Parts Co. Inc., on behalf of St. Johns County
21. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2022-461**, authorizing the county administrator, or designee, to execute an amended Economic Development Grant Agreement extending the construction completion term of the original Economic Development Grant Agreement and adjusting the other dates in the agreement in accordance with the extension, substantially in the same form as attached, with IGPW1, LLC, on behalf of St. Johns County
22. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2022-462**, for the issuance by the Capital Projects Finance Authority (the "Authority") of its educational facilities revenue bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$32,000,000, to finance the cost and acquisition of a facility to be used as a residence hall; and for the renovation of an existing residence hall owned

and operated by Flagler College; and authorizing the chair to execute an interlocal agreement with the authority

23. Motion to approve the participation of St. Johns County in the State of Florida opioid settlement with Walmart; and to ratify submittal of the Subdivision Settlement Participation Form, on behalf of the County
24. Motion to approve minutes: November 15, 2022, BCC Regular

#### **ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE REGULAR AGENDA**

Joseph requested to add an Agenda Item related to public comment.

#### **APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA**

**Motion by Joseph, seconded by Dean, carried 3/1, with Arnold dissenting, to approve the Regular Agenda, to include the added Agenda Item, as amended.**

**Yea: Whitehurst, Dean, Joseph**

**Nay: Arnold**

Commissioner Whitehurst informed the Board that the new item will be added at the end as Agenda Item 13.

**Motion by Dean, seconded by Arnold, carried 4/0, to approve the Regular Agenda, as amended.**

**Yea: Whitehurst, Arnold, Dean Joseph**

**Nay: None**

1. Public Hearing - REZ 2022-22, Home Again St. Johns. Request to rezone approximately 1.81 acres of land from Residential, General (RG-2) to Public Service (PS). The subject property is located at 197 State Road 16. This request was heard by the Planning and Zoning Agency on October 20, 2022, and was recommended for approval, with a vote of 6 to 0. There was public comment and agency discussion regarding the homeless currently in the area, the current social service facilities, and the need for this type of service.

The Board disclosed ex parte communication.

Karen M. Taylor, Land Planner, representing the applicant, presented the details of the request, via PowerPoint. Ellen Walden, Executive Director, Home Again St. Johns, provided additional information on the services provided to the community.

Public Comment: Fr. John Gillespie, Troy Blevins, Chuck Labanowski, Maureen Log (Video), Sherry Badger (Exhibit A), Susan Jenness, and B.J. Kalaidi provided public comment. Taylor provided a response to the public concerns with drainage. Discussion ensued on vandalism and flooding in the area. Dean spoke on the project meeting all requirements of the current Land Development Code, if approved.

**Motion by Dean, seconded by Arnold, carried 4/0, to enact Ordinance No. 2022-84, approving REZ 2022-22, Home Again St. Johns, based upon four findings of fact, as provided in the staff report.**

**Yea: Dean, Whitehurst, Arnold, Joseph**

**Nay: None**

2. Public Hearing - PUD 2021-19, Bella Terra PUD. Request to rezone approximately 31.589 acres of land from Open Rural (OR), Commercial General (CG), and Commercial Intensive (CI) with conditions to Planned Unit Development (PUD), to allow for a multi-family residential development with a maximum 240 dwelling units. This request was heard by the Planning and Zoning Agency (PZA) on November 3, 2022 and was recommended for approval with a vote of 5 to 2, with a condition that the applicant discuss the proposed road improvements and impact fees with County Staff. There was public comment and Agency discussion regarding drainage, traffic, and safety.

The Board disclosed ex parte communication.

Doug Burnett, Esq., St. Johns Law Group, representing the applicant, presented the details of the request, including roadway improvements to Watson Road and U.S. 1, via PowerPoint. Harry Newkirk, Newkirk Engineering, provided additional information on the net decrease, discharge rates, and volumes to Winton Circle and Ospray Landing. Dean asked Burnett to explain “clarifying the density” on the recommendation to the PZA.

Public Comment: Ed Slavin, Judy Spiegel (Exhibit A), George Spiegel (Exhibit B), Mary Murphy (Exhibit C), Ana Aquillia (Exhibit D), Faith Broome (Exhibit E), and Andris Duffy, Karl Kilguss, Joe McAnarney (Showed PowerPoint), Suzanne Clulow (Exhibit F), Andrew Tanner (Exhibit G), Patricia Simmons (Exhibit H), Chuck Labanowski (Exhibit I), Dwight Miller, Jose Ortiz, Doris Taylor, Gloria White, John Ruggeri, Wayne Fralix, B.J. Kalaidi, Carmen Fralix, and Jacqueline Leblanc provided public comment.

Burnett provided additional information on the stormwater, property access, building height, traffic concerns, and the need for multi-family housing. Newkirk spoke about the traffic impacts. Discussion ensued on multi-family housing limitations, construction improvements on Watson Road and combability.

Dean expressed the need for affordable housing with addressing the drainage concerns, compatibility, traffic impacts, and reducing the number of units. Discussion ensued on the number of units, landscape, and the resident’s concerns with not having a District 3 Commissioner. Burnett responded to the recommendations to offsite improvements. Discussion ensued on continuing this item until a date uncertain and after the District 3 Commissioner has been appointed by the Governor.

**Motion by Arnold, seconded by Dean, carried 3/1 with Joseph dissenting, to continue PUD 2021-19, Bella Terra PUD, to a date to be determined after the District 3 Commissioner was appointed by the Governor.**

**Yea: Arnold, Dean, Whitehurst**  
**Nay: Joseph**

The Board recessed the meeting at 12:30 and reconvened at 1:06 p.m. with Commissioners Whitehurst, Dean, Arnold, and Joseph; Conrad, Bradley, Andrews, Taylor, Migut, Valliere, Taylor; and Deputy Clerk Sandra Hutto in attendance.

3. Public Hearing - CPA (SS) 2021-13, Maples Family Neighborhood Commercial. Request for a Small-Scale Comprehensive Plan Amendment to change the Future Land Use Map designation of approximately 5.06 acres of land, located at the corner of County Road 13 North and Palmo Fish Camp Road, from Rural/Silviculture (R/S) to Neighborhood Commercial (NC). This request was heard before the Planning and Zoning Agency at their regularly scheduled public hearing on Thursday, October 20, 2022, and was recommended for approval, 6-0.

Regular Agenda Item 3 and 4 were presented together.

The Board disclosed ex parte communication.

James G. Whitehouse, Esq., St. Johns Law Group, representing the applicant, presented the details of the request, via PowerPoint.

Joseph questioned the zoning and uses for the property. Whitehouse responded on the commercial uses and zoning guidelines. Discussion ensued with additional comments from Valliere.

Arnold questioned the area regarding the district location, Migut responded that the area in question is District 2.

Public Comment: Robert Reed, Exhibit A, provided public comment.

Whitehouse responded to the public regarding the buffers. Discussion ensued regarding the intended buffers, vegetation, and requirements.

**Motion by Arnold, seconded by Whitehurst, carried 3/1 with Joseph dissenting, to enact Ordinance No. 2022-85, CPA (SS) 2021-13, Maples Family Neighborhood Commercial, based on four findings of fact, as provided in the staff report.**

**Yea: Arnold, Whitehurst, Dean**  
**Nay: Joseph**

4. Public Hearing - PUD 2022-05, Maples Family Neighborhood Commercial. Request to rezone approximately 5.06 acres of land from Open Rural (OR) and Planned Special Development (PSD) to Planned Unit Development (PUD), to allow for an RV/Boat Storage Facility. This request was heard by the Planning and Zoning Agency at their regularly scheduled public hearing on Thursday, October 20, 2022, and was recommended for approval, 6-0.

Discussion occurred with Regular Agenda Item 3.

**Motion by Arnold, seconded by Dean, carried 3/1 with Joseph dissenting, to enact Ordinance No. 2022-86, PUD 2022-05, Maples Family Neighborhood Commercial, based on nine findings of fact, as provided in the staff report.**

**Yea: Arnold, Dean, Whitehurst**

**Nay: Joseph**

5. Public Hearing - CPA(SS) 2022-11, Smith US 1 Commercial. Request for a Small-Scale Comprehensive Plan Amendment to change the Future Land Use Map designation of approximately 2.26 acres of land from Residential-B (Res-B) to Community Commercial (CC). This request was heard by the Planning and Zoning Agency at their regularly scheduled hearing on October 20, 2022, and was recommended for approval, 6-0.

Regular Agenda Item 5 and 6 were presented together.

The Board disclosed ex parte communication.

Rudd Jones, Matthews Design Group, representing the applicant, presented the details of the request, via PowerPoint.

Public Comment: Chuck Labanowski and Joe McAnarney provided public comment.

Jones provided information regarding the future development of the area.

**Motion by Dean, seconded by Joseph, carried 4/0, to enact Ordinance No. 2022-87, CPA (SS) 2022-11, Smith US 1 Commercial, based upon four findings of fact, as provided in the staff report.**

**Yea: Dean, Joseph, Arnold, Whitehurst**

**Nay: None**

6. Public Hearing - REZ 2022-19, Smith US 1 Commercial. Request to rezone approximately 2.26 acres of land from Open Rural (OR) to Commercial General (CG). This request is a companion application to CPA(SS) 2022-11. This request was heard by the Planning and Zoning Agency at their regularly scheduled hearing on October 20, 2022, and was recommended for approval, 6-0.

Discussion occurred with Regular Agenda Item 5.

**Motion by Dean, seconded by Joseph, carried 4/0, to enact Ordinance No. 2022-88, approving REZ 2022-19, Smith US 1 Commercial, based on four findings of fact, as provided in the staff report.**

**Yea: Dean, Joseph, Whitehurst, Arnold**

**Nay: None**



7. Public Hearing - VACROA 2022-10 - public hearing to vacate portions of Riverside Boulevard and First Street in Riverdale. The applicant has requested the vacation of a portion of Riverside Boulevard south of Woodward Avenue and north of Flagler Avenue East, as well as a portion of First Street south of Woodward Avenue and north of Park Avenue East, both parcels being in the Riverdale Subdivision. Based on staff's review, no party will be unreasonably affected by the request.

Robert Lambert, applicant, presented the details of the request, via PowerPoint.

Public Comment: There was none.

**Motion by Arnold, seconded by Dean, carried 4/0, to adopt Resolution No. 2022-463, approving VACROA 22-10, Riverdale Heritage Land Inc., a petition to vacate portions of Riverside Boulevard and First Street in Riverdale.**

**Yea: Arnold, Dean, Whitehurst, Joseph**

**Nay: None**

Valliere left the meeting and Kealy West, Assistant County Attorney, entered.

8. An informational update regarding completed and on-going improvements in the Hastings community, as well as the possible formation of a Community Redevelopment Area. During the September 20, 2022, meeting of the St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners, the Board requested an informational update on the completed and ongoing improvement projects in the Hastings community in response to a request for the creation of a Community Redevelopment Area (CRA). The presentation summarizes the projects and provides an outline of the process for creating the CRA, should the Board approve the request.

Joseph Cone, Assistant Director, Health and Human Services, presented the details of the request, via PowerPoint.

Arnold questioned the required studies needed to create a CRA. Cone responded with information regarding the study and funding for the studies.

Public Comment: Ed Slavin, Marcus Williams, Ken McClain, Ervin Bullock, Susan Jenness, Bernard Denson, and Carol Holtz provided public comment.

Arnold spoke on the analysis of the community and questioned the annual collections should the CRA be approved. Cone explained the investments. Discussion ensued on funding, the benefit of having a CRA in the community, the history of Hastings, the annual tax revenue, whether the work on improvements would be stopped, and pursuing available grants. Dean questioned the annual tax revenue would have been in the footprint of the City of Hastings. *Whitehurst requested Board consensus to pursue every grant, state funding mechanism and federal mechanism available for funding the improvements. Consensus was given.*

9. Public Hearing - Public Hearing to designate property located at 1850 B State Road 207 and 0 Wildwood Drive (Victoria Crossing) a Brownfield Area as authorized under the Florida Brownfields Redevelopment Act, Sections 376.77 – 376.85, Florida Statutes. Victoria Crossing Apartments, LP is requesting that the St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners adopt a resolution designating the subject property a Brownfield Area as authorized under the Florida Brownfields Redevelopment Act, Sections 376.77 – 376.85. The subject property is located at 1850B State Road 207 and 0 Wildwood Drive. The owner is working toward the completion of the development of the property into a 96-unit affordable housing multi-family apartment complex identified as Victoria Crossing. Victoria Crossing Apartments, LP is pursuing the brownfield designation to benefit from the State of Florida's tax exemption benefits for the development of affordable housing within a brownfield area. The owner and the County have complied with the procedures, designation criteria, and noticing required by Florida Statutes.

Joseph Cone, Assistant Director, Health and Human Services, gave an overview of the request. He introduced Saul Crafton, Strategic Systems, Inc., who presented the details of the request, via PowerPoint.

Public Comment: Doris Taylor, Ed Slavin, B.J. Kalaidi, and Jacqueline Leblanc provided public comment.

Crafton provided additional information regarding purposes for the designation and presented maps showing contamination sites in two counties, *Exhibit A*. Michael Hartman, Turnstone Development Corporation, owner and developer, gave a background of his company, spoke on affordable housing, and a market study that was done for the need of affordable housing.

Dean spoke on getting more information on what constituted the area a brownfield area. Discussion ensued on the designation criteria and the need for affordable housing.

West left the meeting and Bradley Bulthuis, Senior Assistant County Attorney, entered.

10. Mickler's Wharf Structural Analysis Update. At the July 19, 2022, Board of County Commissioners ("Board") meeting, staff provided information on anticipated operations and maintenance costs associated with a request by PV Greenway Alliance, Inc. that the County accept conveyance of Mickler's Wharf. By consensus, the Board directed staff to facilitate a structural analysis to determine the cause of observed issues with the Wharf. The analysis has since been completed, including two options for remedial repairs, should the Board choose to accept the conveyance. A copy of the analysis is attached to this agenda item, as is a copy of the existing license agreement for the wharf with PV Greenway Alliance, Inc. Staff requests direction on the request to accept conveyance of Mickler's Wharf and any remedial work to be performed, if conveyance is accepted. Should the Commission accept the conveyance and authorize work to be performed, then a motion to authorize the use of General Fund reserves will also need to be considered for maintenance and repair costs outlined in the presentation.

Katie Diaz, Director, Facilities Management, presented the details of the request, via PowerPoint.

Joseph expressed her concerns with the upkeep of the area, unknown vehicles, possibly having a kayak launch, and with the upcoming restaurants in the area.

Public Comment: Ed Slavin and Nicole Crosby provided public comment.

**Motion by Joseph, seconded by Dean, carried 4/0, to deny the request from the PV Greenway Alliance, Inc., to accept conveyance of Mickler's Wharf to St. Johns County.**

**Yea: Joseph, Dean, Arnold, Whitehurst**

**Nay: None**

Bulthuis left the meeting.

11. Consider the proposed 2023 St. Johns County Legislative Action Plan and Top Three Legislative Priorities. The St. Johns County Legislative Action Plan is a focused list of priorities for which the County requests financial assistance and other support from our State and Federal representatives. County Administration presents a list of recommended items from County staff, constitutional officers, and other external partners for the Board to consider adopting as the 2023 Legislative Action Plan. The approved Legislative Action Plan is subsequently presented to the public and submitted to the County's Legislative Delegation for consideration prior to the next legislative session. In addition, the Northeast Florida Regional Council (NEFRC) requests that all member counties adopt three top legislative priorities that most significantly represent the critical needs and concerns for incorporation in a regional legislative priority guide. The NEFRC Legislative Committee subsequently compiles the submitted issues and identifies regional priorities for the 2023 Legislative Session. The guide is then submitted to the region's State and Federal elected officials.

Adam Tecler, Grants & Legislative Development Manager, presented the details of the request, via PowerPoint.

Whitehurst questioned what the ask was for the economic resiliency to incentivize agriculture production and preserving of farms. Tecler responded with the options that were being explored. Joseph spoke on the resiliency of the County.

Public Comment: Ed Slavin and Joe McAnarney, Exhibit A, provided public comment.

**Motion by Arnold, seconded by Dean, carried 4/0, to adopt the 2023 St. Johns County Legislative Action Plan.**

**Yea: Arnold, Dean, Whitehurst, Joseph**

**Nay: None**

12. Post-Hurricane Ian and Nicole Beach Update. Presentation to update the Board on potential future beach projects and request funding for required surveys.

Joseph Giammanco, PhD, Director, Emergency Management, presented the details of the beach projects, via PowerPoint. He noted the change in the Army Corp. of Engineer's policy on the way

they perform feasibility studies for projects and requested a letter from the chair stating that the County does not agree with adding the easement acquisition numbers be added to the cost benefit analysis for the Ponte Vedra projects.

Dean commented on the Ponte Vedra Beach renourishment project and recommended waiting on the participation survey until it was determined what the legislative appropriation would be. Discussion ensued on beach renourishment, and trucking sand versus dredging.

Public Comment: Beth Angelo, Exhibit A, Laura Robbins, Dana Current, Exhibit B, Christy Austin, Nicole Crosby, Exhibit C, Ed Slavin, and Edmund Saldana provided public comment.

**Motion by Dean, seconded by Arnold, carried 4/0, to approve the transfer of \$100K from the General Fund reserves to complete beach topographic surveys for potential FEMA beach construction projects.**

**Yea: Dean, Arnold, Whitehurst, Joseph**  
**Nay: None**

*Giammanco requested Board consensus to send a letter to the Army Corps of Engineers on our position of disagreeing with their easement acquisition. Consensus was given.*

### 13. Public Comment Discussion

Commissioner Krista Joseph presented the details of the discussion.

Dean expressed his concerns with the request going against policy and asked for clarification from the County Attorney. Discussion ensued on the reason public comment was moved and the legalities regarding the move.

Public Comment: Ed Slavin, Doris Taylor, Nicole Crosby, Chuck Labanowski, and B. J. Kalaidi provided public comment.

**Motion by Joseph, that the current time in the St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Agenda for general public comments be abandoned and permanently replaced with a time certain numbered first agenda item for general public comment one hour at the beginning of each meeting will be dedicated to public comment at the opening of public comment it will be the responsibility of the chairman or acting chairman to announce that any citizen, who was not able to speak due to time limitation at their discretion, would be offered the opportunity to speak at the end of the meeting session or retain their position on the list to speak at the next official Board meeting. This change will become effective at the next scheduled Board meeting on December 20th. Motion failed for lack of a second.**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public Comment: Joe McAnarney, Exhibit A, Ed Slavin, Chuck Labanowski, B. J. Kalaidi, Exhibit B, provided public comment.

## COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

### Commissioner Joseph

Joseph reported that she attended the Armstrong Gullah Geechee Festival in Hastings that was on December 4, 2022.

### Commissioner Arnold

No Report.

### Commissioner Dean

No report.

### Commissioner Whitehurst

Whitehurst spoke about an e-mail he received from Beth Tate, who is serving on the Chamber of Commerce's Public Policy Committee and Workforce Housing Taskforce, requesting to move an agenda item, regarding workforce housing ordinances, scheduled for December 20, 2022, to an agenda in February, to work out concerns that were not completed. *Whitehurst requested Board consensus to reschedule the item until a time uncertain in February. Consensus was given.*

## COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

No report.

## COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

No report.

With there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

### REPORTS:

1. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Check Register, Check Nos. 606849-606919, totaling \$41,068.86 and Voucher Register, Voucher Nos. 68950-69160, totaling \$152,941.60 (11/16/22)
2. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Check Register, Check Nos. 606920-606932, totaling \$60,245.09 and Voucher Register, Voucher No. 69161, totaling \$455.11 (11/17/22)
3. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Voucher Register, Voucher Nos. 69162-69163, totaling \$8,052.55 (11/17/22)
4. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Check Register, Check No. 606933, totaling \$254.35 (11/18/22)

5. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Check Register, Check Nos. 606934-607093, totaling \$1,687,523.26 and Voucher Register, Voucher Nos. 69164-69256, totaling \$2,622,020.16 (11/21/22)
6. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Check Register, Check No. 607094, totaling \$1,771 (11/22/22)
7. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Check Register, Check Nos. 607095-607096, totaling \$20,539.36 (11/28/22)
8. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Check Register, Check Nos. 607097-607306, totaling \$2,973,486.66 and Voucher Register, Voucher Nos. 69257-69371, totaling \$1,449,861.60 (11/28/22)
9. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Check Register, Check Nos. 607307-607323, totaling \$473,466.94 (11/29/22)
10. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Check Register, Check Nos. 607324-607328, totaling \$2,162.29 and Voucher Register, Voucher No. 69372, totaling \$455.11 (12/01/22)
11. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Voucher Register, Voucher Nos. 69373-69374, totaling \$7,846.99 (12/01/22)
12. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Check Register, Check Nos. 607329-607484, totaling \$18,861,243.02 and Voucher Register, Voucher Nos. 69375-69446, totaling \$2,396,683.03 (12/05/22)
13. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Check Register, Check Nos. 607485-607488, totaling \$470.20 (12/06/22)
14. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Check Register, Check Nos. 607489-607512, totaling \$29,357.98 and Voucher Register, Voucher Nos. 69447-69476, totaling \$33,920.78 (12/07/22)

CORRESPONDENCE:

Approved December 20, 2022

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Christian Whitehurst, Chair

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

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Deputy Clerk

