



Minutes of Meeting
Board of County Commissioners
St. Johns County, Florida
Regular Meeting
County Administration Building
500 San Sebastian View
St. Augustine, Florida 32084
January 17, 2023 - 9:00 am

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Whitehurst called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

Present: Christian Whitehurst, District 1, Chair
Sarah S. Arnold, District 2, Vice Chair
Roy Alaimo, District 3
Krista Joseph, District 4
Henry Dean, District 5

Absent: None

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 Whitehurst, Arnold, Dean, Alaimo, and Krista were present.

INVOCATION

Pastor Jason Cullum, Christ's Church, gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Retired Lieutenant Colonel Ron Birchall, U.S. Army, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CEREMONIAL OATHS OF OFFICE FOR NEW COMMISSIONER

The Honorable Judge Casey Woolsey administered the Ceremonial Oath to the incoming commissioner, Roy Alaimo, County Commissioner District 3.

PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATE

Scott Bullard, Interim Chief, St. Johns County Fire Rescue, reported on the reorganization meeting with accessing and prioritizing the needs of the department. He also provided the number of calls for fiscal year 2022 throughout the department.

Russ Martin, Director, St. Johns County Sheriff's Office, provided an update on property crimes with commercial burglaries, cybercrimes, retail theft, and fraud/scam. He also encouraged everyone on the accountability to communicate with their neighbors and checking the message board. He reported that the Communication Center would be updating the hardware and software that could increase the officers safety and the communication efficiency. He also mentioned last week the department hosted a training center leadership development course that was led by FBI-LEEDA.

CLERK OF COURT'S REPORT

Brandon J. Patty, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, provided an update on the legislative priorities for the clerk's office budget. He also reported on seeking an opportunity to have the court clerk public record documentation to be redacted.

DELETIONS TO THE CONSENT AGENDA

Migut requested to pull Consent Agenda Item 3. Discussion ensued on the removal of Consent Agenda Item 3.

Public Comment: There were none.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Dean, seconded by Arnold, carried 5/0, to approve the Consent Agenda, as amended.

Yea: Dean, Arnold, Whitehurst, Joseph, Alaimo

Nay: None

1. Motion to approve the Cash Requirement Report
2. Motion to adopt Resolution **No. 2023-1**, approving the final plat for Mill Creek Forest, Phase 5
3. Motion to adopt a Resolution approving the final plat for Preserve at Bannon Lakes, Phase 2D

Consent Agenda Item 3 was pulled.

4. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2023-2**, approving the final plat for Coral Ridge at Nocatee, Phase 1
5. Motion to approve the Integra State Road 16 School Concurrency Proportionate Share Mitigation Agreement (CONSCA 2022-08)
6. Motion to approve the Rise State Road 207 Planned Unit Development School Concurrency Proportionate Share Mitigation Agreement (CONSCA 2022-12)
7. Motion to approve the Amended and Restated Ferber State Road 16 PUD School Concurrency Proportionate Share Mitigation Agreement (CONSCA 2022-06)
8. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2023-3**, authorizing the county administrator to execute the Impact Fee Credit Agreement with U-Haul Corporation Florida (IFA 2022-01), establishing a total road impact fee credit of \$380,000
9. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2023-4**, approving the terms and authorizing the county administrator, or designee, to execute a Lease Agreement with the St. Augustine South Improvement Association on behalf of St. Johns County
10. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2023-5**, accepting a Bill of Sale, Schedule of Values, and Warranty associated with the water and sewer systems to serve Culver's Restaurant (Phase 1A), located off highway U.S. 1 South
11. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2023-6**, accepting an Easement for Utilities, Bill of Sale and a Warranty associated with the water and sewer systems to serve Sawgrass Country Club, located off Ponte Vedra Boulevard
12. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2023-7**, accepting a Bill of Sale and Schedule of Values, Final Release of Lien, and Warranty associated with the water and reuse systems to serve Wendy's Beachwalk, located off County Road 210 West
13. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2023-8**, accepting a Bill of Sale and Schedule of Values, Final Release of Lien, and Warranty associated with the offsite water main to serve Grand Oaks, located off State Road 16
14. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2023-9**, authorizing the chair of the board, on behalf of the County, to execute and deliver to the State of Florida Department of Transportation a Temporary Easement conveying easement rights over a portion of County Road 208 and Agricultural Center Drive
15. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2023-10**, authorizing the county administrator, or designee, to submit a grant application to the Environmental Protection Agency for the

Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling Grant Program for the maximum award amount of \$4,000,000

16. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2023-11**, approving the terms, conditions, provisions, and requirements of the First Amendment to Cost Participation Agreement No. 2, for Construction and Operation and Maintenance of the Black Creek Water Resource Development Project between St. Johns County and the St. Johns River Water Management District; and authorizing the county administrator, or designee, to execute the First Amendment on behalf of the County
17. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2023-12**, authorizing the county administrator, or his designee, to award Bid No. 23-02; Installation of Forcemain from Wildwood Drive to Lightsey Road to D.B.E. Management, LLC, DBA DBE Utility Services, as the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder, and to execute a contract in substantially the same form and format as attached, hereto, for completion of the project as provided in Bid No. 23-02, for a total lump sum cost of \$2,590,000
18. Motion to approve the transfer of \$19,255 from the Communication Surcharge Fund Reserve to purchase two control base stations for access to the Statewide Law Enforcement Radio System.
19. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2023-13**, authorizing the county administrator to execute a second addendum to American Rescue Plan Act Subrecipient Subaward Funding Agreement by and between St. Johns County and the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office and allocate \$1,250,000 of appropriation from the American Rescue Plan Act funding to the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office
20. Motion to approve a transfer of \$10,000 from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund to the Sheriff's Office for use in accordance with section 932.7055, Florida Statute, to offset the cost of annual Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy training
21. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2023-14**, approving the St. Johns County Five Year Transportation Plan for years 2023-2028, and to proceed with submission to the Florida Department of Children and Families for final approval by the Secretary of the Florida Department of Children and Families
22. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2023-15**, approving the terms, conditions, provisions, and requirements of Amendment of Contract No. 1939 between the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Florida Forest Service, and St. Johns County providing for the establishment and maintenance of fire protection of forest and wild lands within the County, and authorizing the county administrator, or designee, to execute the amendment on behalf of the County
23. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2023-16**, recognizing and appropriating \$12,000 from the State of Florida Division of Emergency Management Urban Search and Rescue Sustainment grant authorizing the county administrator, or designee, to execute and submit

necessary forms and agreements, and certifying the funds will be used for the improvement and enhancement of urban search and rescue operations for St. Johns County

24. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2023-17**, approving Michael McCabe, of McCabe and Ronsman, as attorney authorized to represent the St. Johns County Industrial Development Authority
25. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2023-18**, rescinding Resolution 2022-437, and approving the terms and conditions of an agreement with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for the funding cost share of the construction of a future Ponte Vedra Beach, North Beach, and Dune Restoration project, and authorizing the chair, or designee, to execute the agreement, along with any supplemental documentation on behalf of the County
26. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2023-19**, approving the terms and conditions, and authorizing the chair to execute the Memorandum of Agreement between the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management of the Department of the Interior, the Department of the Army, and St. Johns County regarding the use of outer continental shelf sand resources, in substantially, the form attached for the St. Johns County Shore Protection Project at St. Augustine Beach
27. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2023-20**, approving and authorizing the county administrator, or designee, to submit a Land and Water Conservation Fund program grant on behalf of St Johns County Parks and Recreation Department for Mussallem Park
28. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2023-21**, authorizing the county administrator, or his designee, to submit an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) program application to the Department of Energy, and to recognize and appropriate \$275,490 in unanticipated federal funds within the Fiscal Year 2023 Public Works budget
29. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2023-22**, approving and authorizing the county administrator, or designee, to submit an application for the Florida Beverage Association's Community Organization Grant Program on behalf of St. Johns County Grants and Legislative Affairs Office, for a community garden project
30. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2023-23**, approving revisions to the St. Johns County Administrative Code, Sections 100 and 400, and authorizing the county administrator to implement the revised Administrative Code, effective January 17, 2023
31. Motion to approve minutes: 12/20/2022, BCC Regular

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE REGULAR AGENDA

There were none.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

Motion by Dean, seconded by Arnold, carried 5/0, to approve the Regular Agenda, as submitted.

Yea: Whitehurst, Arnold, Dean, Alaimo, Joseph

Nay: None

PUBLIC COMMENT TIME CERTAIN

Anna Quinones (Exhibit A), Elizabeth Potter, Ronda Brennan, Benjamin Brandao, Richard Norwood (Exhibit B), Marilyn McAfee, Brian Smith, Jenny Smith, Rachel Lafera, Deborah Poulton (Exhibit C), and Robert Hensley (Exhibit D), provided public comment.

Christina Valliere, Senior Assistant County Attorney, entered the meeting.

1. Public Hearing - COMPAMD 2022-05, Colonel Hinman Intermodal Exchange Facility (CHIEF). Request for a Large-Scale Comprehensive Plan Amendment to change the Future Land Use Map designation of approximately 214.13 acres of land, located at 2775 County Road 214, from Residential-B (Res-B) to Industrial (I) with a text amendment prohibiting Heavy Industrial uses on the subject property. This request was heard before the Planning and Zoning Agency at their regularly scheduled public hearing on January 5, 2023. A motion to recommend Transmittal of the Comprehensive Plan Amendment was made by the Agency; however, the motion failed to receive a majority vote and resulted in a 2-2 tie. Pursuant to Section 8.01.03.B of the Land Development Code, each decision of the Planning and Zoning Agency must be approved by a majority vote of the members present at a meeting in which a quorum is in attendance and voting. Failure to receive a majority vote of members present shall act as a denial of the application, appeal, or other matter that is before the PZA. No further motions were proffered by the Agency.

Regular Agenda Items 1 and 2 were presented together.

The Board disclosed ex parte communication.

James G. Whitehouse, Esq., St. Johns Law Group, and Heather Neville, representing the applicant, presented the details of the request, via PowerPoint. Whitehouse introduced Ryan McDonald that provided information on the conceptional site plan, Mike Bell, Expert Engineer, LJA, provided information on the Intermodal Exchange Rail, Timothy Riley, Dean, Mead, and Dunbar, and Jason Lynn, Atlantic Ecological Services, LLC, provided information on the environmental aspects, and Hank Fishkind, President, Fishkind Litigation Services, provided information on the Economic and Funding Opportunity. In addition, Whitehouse displayed a picture of the St. Johns County Comprehensive Plan (FLUM) map, Exhibit A. Discussion ensued on the proposed property, the intersection, and the rail.

Valliere stated that Colonel Thomas Turner was the designated representative of 23 petitioners and would be allotted 10 minutes to speak.

Public Comment: B.J. Kalaidi, Colonel Thomas Turner (Exhibit B), Peter Frederick, Jake Strus, Athena Hinman, Elaine Griffiths, Sara and Andy Osmani, Joe Ryan, Lori Pierson (Exhibit C), John Paniagua, Ronnie Pizzoferralo, Kaye Sabaka, Gina Liscinsky, Robert Tobler, Travis Steeby, Ron Gardner, Christian Martin, William Fisher, William Haney, Mark Miles, Fred Farmer, Ken Motill, Paul Crookshank, Douglas Ward, Joanne McClellan, Dwayne Pearson, Peggy Edenfield, Larry Bassett, Kevin Kelly, Todd Kelly, Zack Villaverde, Stacy Crookshank (Video and Exhibit D), Marcus Williams, Beth Tate, Samantha Chambers, Howard McGaffney, and Ed Slavin provided public comment.

The Board moved to time certain public comment.

The Board recessed the meeting at 12:19 p.m. and reconvened at 12:51 p.m. with Deputy Clerk Sandra Hutto.

Whitehouse provided further information regarding the need for industrial warehousing within the county, the intent of the project with preserving timber areas, the built in buffers, the rail access, the transportation of the railroads, the transportation on County Road 214 being appropriate, and the interchange at Interstate 95. Nevill provided further information on the total traffic analysis, the commuter rail traffic, the operation of the facility being open 24 hours a day, having access to Interstate 95, the opportunity for jobs, the traffic along County Road 214, the infrastructure in the surrounding areas, and the possibility of the surrounding roads connecting; with additional comments from Whitehouse.

Joseph questioned the traffic capacity and number of trucks traveled on State Road 16. Dick D'Souza, Development Technical Chief Engineer, responded that it was over capacity and explained how they got the percentage. Joseph also questioned if the trip generation was based on workers and trucks. Nevill responded that it was the total number. Whitehouse questioned when roads were over capacity if there were improvements that could be made to increase the percentage. D'Souza responded with the explanation of the concurrency program of the county with the capacity improvements needed to make up the capacity. Discussion ensued on the timing of roads being widened.

Dean spoke about the project being good for economic development; however, he spoke about his concerns regarding incompatibility, infrastructure, and traffic safety with the proposed project.

Arnold questioned the wages that would be offered with the creation of jobs. Whitehouse responded there would be several high paying jobs with equipment operators. Nevill provided additional information. Arnold agreed that the project was good for development; however, was concerned with incompatibility.

Alaimo spoke about the need for industrial development that would provide jobs; however, was concerned with the incompatibility for the project due to traffic safety.

Whitehurst questioned Colonel Thomas Turner on the increased traffic if residents were to be approved for the area over light industrial development. Turner responded on the increased noise, increased traffic, and the capacity of the area.

Whitehouse questioned, if Interstate 95 became an interchange in the future if there would be a possibility of the industrial development. Whitehouse responded that he agreed with the development; however, at the time it was incompatible.

Motion by Alaimo, seconded by Joseph, carried 5/0, to deny transmittal of COMPAMD 2022-05, CHIEF, based upon four findings of fact, as provided in the staff report.

Yea: Alaimo, Joseph, Dean, Whitehurst, Arnold

Nay: None

2. Public Hearing - REZ 2022-18, Colonel Hinman Intermodal Exchange Facility (CHIEF). Request to rezone approximately 214.13 acres of land from Open Rural (OR) to Industrial Warehousing (IW) to allow for a proposed intermodal distribution facility. This request was heard before the Planning and Zoning Agency at their regularly scheduled public hearing on January 5, 2023. No action was taken by the Agency on this item given the technical denial of the companion Comprehensive Plan Amendment (COMPAMD 2022-05)

Discussion occurred with Regular Agenda Item 1.

3. Public Hearing - CPA(SS) 2022-14, Kings Estate Road. Request for a Small-Scale Comprehensive Plan Amendment to change the Future Land Use Map designation of approximately 3.89 acres of land from Residential-C (Res-C) to Mixed Use District (MD). This request was heard by the Planning and Zoning Agency on November 17, 2022, and recommended for approval with a vote of 4-2

Gary Davenport, applicant, presented the details of the request, via PowerPoint.

Public Comment: There was none.

Motion by Alaimo, seconded by Arnold, carried 5/0, to enact Ordinance No. 2023-1, approving CPA(SS) 2022-14, Kings Estate Road, based upon four findings of fact, as provided in the staff report.

Yea: Alaimo, Arnold, Whitehurst, Dean, Joseph

Nay: None

4. Public Hearing - REZ 2022-20, Hilltop Estates. Request to rezone approximately 4.57 acres of land from Open Rural (OR) to Residential, Single Family (RS-3). The subject property is located at 2765 Hilltop Road. The Planning and Zoning Agency heard this request at their regularly scheduled public hearing on December 15, 2022, and voted to recommend approval with a vote of 5 to 0

The Board disclosed ex parte communication.

Christina Evans, Matthews Design Group, representing the applicant, presented the details of the request, via PowerPoint.

Public Comment: There was none.

Motion by Alaimo, seconded by Dean, carried 5/0, to enact Ordinance No. 2023-2, approving REZ 2022-20 Hilltop Estates, based upon four findings of fact, as provided in the staff report.

Yea: Alaimo, Dean, Arnold, Joseph, Whitehurst

Nay: None

5. Public Hearing - REZ 2022-24, 2885 Coastal Highway. Request to rezone approximately .43 acres of land from Commercial Highway Tourist (CHT) to Residential Single Family (RS-3). The item was heard at Planning and Zoning Agency on December 1, 2022. The item was recommended for approval, with a vote of 6-0

The Board disclosed ex parte communication.

Teresa Bishop, AICP Planning Division Manager, presented the details of the request, via PowerPoint.

Public Comment: There was none.

Motion by Dean, seconded by Joseph, carried 5/0, to enact Ordinance No. 2023-3, based on four findings of fact, as provided in the staff report.

Yea: Dean, Joseph, Alaimo, Arnold, Whitehurst

Nay: None

6. Public Hearing - MAJMOD 2022-08, Six Mile Creek PUD (Six Mile Creek North) - Tract 20. Request for a Major Modification to the Six Mile Creek PUD (ORD. 1991-37, as amended) revising the Master Development Plan Map (Map H) to remove the "Environmental Preservation" designation on Tract 20 of Six Mile Creek North and allow one single-family residential unit. This request was heard by the Planning and Zoning Agency on December 15, 2022, and was recommended for approval, with a vote of 4 to 1

The Board disclosed ex parte communications.

Kathryn Whittington, Esq., representing the applicant, presented the details of the request, via PowerPoint. Bill Schilling, Kimley-Horn and Associates, licensed engineer, spoke regarding the flood zone, including wetlands, the required buffers, the setbacks of the building, and the distance between the lot lines.

Joseph questioned if there would only be one unit. Whittington responded that there would only be one unit.

Public Comment: B. J. Kalaidi and Ed Slavin provided public comment.

Motion by Arnold, seconded by Alaimo, carried 5/0, to enact Ordinance No. 2023-4, approving MAJMOD 2022-08, Six Mile Creek PUD-Tract 20, based on six findings of fact, as provided in the staff report.

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

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

7. Land Acquisition and Management Program Conservation Board Property Evaluation Form for Consideration for Approval by the Board of County Commissioners. The Land Acquisition and Management Program (LAMP) Ordinance 2021-38 requires the LAMP Conservation Board to develop a process for the evaluation of property for acquisition that includes selection criteria and ranking matrices to be approved by the Board of County Commissioners (Board). The LAMP Conservation Board has developed such a process which resulted in the Property Evaluation Form for Board approval

Ryan Mauch, Environmental Supervisor, introduced Mike Adams, Land Acquisition and Management Program Conservation Board, who presented the details of the request, via PowerPoint.

Dean spoke about the history of the conservation board and re-establishing the LAMP Committee.

Public Comment: Ed Slavin, Doris Taylor, Susan Jenness, and Ervin Bullock provided public comment.

Joseph spoke about the acquisition of the land regarding funds available with the potential of having a volunteer donation on resident taxes to go towards LAMP fund. Additional comments were provided from Adams and Dean. *Joseph and Dean requested Board consensus to come back with a proposal regarding a volunteer donation to increase the LAMP fund. **Consensus was given.***

Whitehurst requested clarification of the funding. Dean responded it would not be taking any funds away from the LAMP fund but adding additional funds.

Lorena Inclan, Director of Public Affairs, spoke regarding the equipment available to televise all meetings for the county.

Motion by Dean, seconded by Joseph, carried 5/0, to approve the LAMP Conservation Board Property Evaluation Form.

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

Dean questioned the possibility of getting the LAMP Board meeting televised, Inclan responded that she would talk to the vendor that does the live streaming to see about getting them added.

8. 2023 Roadway and Transportation Alternatives List of Priority Projects (LOPP). The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and the North Florida Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) request project priorities from local governments for potential funding of new transportation projects to be considered for inclusion in the new fiscal year of FDOT's Work Program. This is an annual recurring request sent to local governments. The St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners is charged with prioritizing all projects within the County, including those within municipal boundaries. The Transportation Advisory Group (TAG), consisting of County staff, representatives of the City of St. Augustine, St. Augustine Beach, St. Johns County School District, St. Johns County Sheriff's Office, the St. Augustine-St. Johns County Airport Authority, and citizens met on November 18, 2022, to review last year's priorities and recommend this year's priorities. The attached LOPP includes TAG's recommendations for both highway and alternative projects.

Dick D'Souza, Chief Engineer, representing the applicant, presented the details of the request, via PowerPoint.

Joseph expressed her concerns with the Pine Island Road to US 1 Intersection with the connection of the Nocatee attachment not being safe with the roads not lining up.

Whitehurst questioned how the list gets established. D'Souza explained how the list got prioritized.

Public Comment: Ed Slavin, Mr. Williams, and Sandy Ohara provided public comment.

Whitehurst spoke on the Vilano Trail getting enhanced for different modes of transportation. He also spoke about the cost of widening roads with the increase of materials.

Arnold spoke about County Road 305 being moved down on the list. Discussion ensued on the project.

Dean spoke about the widening of State Road 16 and asked to amend the motion to have it *moved to the top of the list*. Discussion ensued on the arrangement of the list, with additional comments from Migut and Joseph.

Motion by Dean, seconded by Arnold, carried 4/1, with Joseph dissenting, as amended, to approve the 2023 St. Johns County Roadway and Transportation Alternatives List of Priority Projects (LOPP) for transmittal to the Florida Department of Transportation and the North Florida Transportation Planning Organization.

Yea: Dean, Arnold, Whitehurst, Alaimo

Nay: Joseph

9. Informational Presentation: Public Housing Authority. At the August 2, 2022, meeting of the St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners, the Board requested an informational presentation regarding the potential implementation of a Public Housing Authority (PHA) in response to a request from citizens in the community. The presentation

summarizes the objectives of a PHA and provides an outline of the process for creating a PHA should the Board be interested in taking action to approve the request.

Joseph Cone, Assistant Director, Health and Human Services, provided updates regarding the creation of a Public Housing Authority, via PowerPoint.

Public Comment: Frank Williams, Ed Slavin, Vicki Pepper, Dwight Miller, Ervin Bullock (Exhibit A), David Williamson, Susan Jenness, Bill Lazar, Jeannie Mueller, Doris Taylor, and Ron Joseph provided public comment.

Joseph spoke about not needing another layer of government and stated she could not support a Public Housing Authority.

Dean spoke on the need for affordable housing, with concerns on workers commuting out of county to support their families, the crisis within the county to provide for the citizens, and funding. He suggested a housing authority with a lower budget and a loan to be paid back over time and requested a proposal to come back before the Board. Arnold agreed and discussion ensued on not establishing a Public Housing Authority and possibly coming back with a strategy to make affordable/work force housing more affordable. Additional comments were provided from Alaimo and Whitehurst.

Motion by Joseph, seconded by Alaimo, carried 3/2, with Arnold and Dean dissenting, to not move forward with the Public Housing Authority request.

Yea: Joseph, Alaimo, Whitehurst

Nay: Arnold, Dean

West and Dean left the meeting.

10. Hurricane Nicole recovery funding request. Hurricane Nicole inflicted severe impacts on the State of Florida, resulting in a presidential declaration for federal assistance in categories A through G of FEMA's Public Assistance Program. As part of the initial recovery process, the County took the necessary actions to save lives, protect public health and safety, and prevent damage to improved public health and safety, and prevent damage to improved public property. It is estimated that FEMA will reimburse up to 75 percent of eligible expenditures, and the State will reimburse up to 12.5 percent of eligible expenditures, leaving St. Johns County to fund the remaining 12.5 percent (with some exceptions).

Joseph Giammanco, PhD, Director, Emergency Management, presented the details of the request, via PowerPoint.

Public Comment: There was none.

Motion by Arnold, seconded Alaimo, carried 4/0, with Dean absent, to recognize and appropriate a Department of Homeland Security FEMA Hurricane Nicole Grant of Reimbursement and a State of Florida Division of Emergency Management Grant of

Reimbursement and approve the use of appropriate fund reserves to serve as the necessary match toward the Hurricane Nicole projects approved.

Yea: Arnold, Alaimo, Whitehurst, Joseph

Nay: None

Absent: Dean

11. Consider election of a BCC member to the Value Adjustment Board and election of the chair of the Value Adjustment Board. Florida Statute 194.015 and Chapter 12D-9.004 Florida Administrative Code requires that the Board of County Commissioners elect two members from their membership to serve on the Value Adjustment Board (VAB). One of the members elected shall also be elected chair of the VAB. This item is to elect a successor for Commissioner Paul Waldron as the new Chair of the Value Adjustment Board.

Joanne Spencer, Assistant to the Board of County Commissioners, presented the details of the vacancy.

Public Comment: There was none.

Motion by Whitehurst, seconded by Joseph, carried 4/0, with Dean absent, to elect Commissioner Sarah Arnold as Chair of the St. Johns County Value Adjustment Board.

Yea: Arnold, Whitehurst, Joseph, Alaimo

Nay: None

Absent: Dean

12. Consider appointments to the Cultural Resource Review Board. This item is to consider the appointments of two of the three existing vacancies on the Cultural Resource Review Board (CRRB) due to the expired terms of Janet Jordan and Emily Murray, and the resignation of Nancy Mock. A vacancy ad was placed and ran for six weeks resulting in the receipt of two applications meeting the required minimum qualifications. Please see for your review and consideration, a recommendation letter and two applications: Susan Schjelderup, Dist. 4 and Janet Jordan, Dist. 5

Joanne Spencer, Assistant to the Board of County Commissioners, presented the details of the vacancies.

Public Comment: Ed Slavin provided public comment.

Motion by Joseph, seconded by Alaimo, carried 4/0, with Dean absent, to re-appoint Janet Jordan to the Cultural Resource Review Board for a second full four-year term scheduled to expire on November 11, 2026.

Yea: Arnold, Whitehurst, Joseph, Alaimo

Nay: None

Absent: Dean

Motion by Joseph, seconded by Alaimo, carried 4/0, with Dean absent, to appoint Susan Schjelderup to the Cultural Resource Review Board for a first full four-year term scheduled to expire on January 17, 2027.

Yea: Arnold, Whitehurst, Joseph, Alaimo

Nay: None

Absent: Dean

13. Consider appointments to the Contractors Review Board. This item is to consider the appointments of three of the four existing vacancies on the Contractors Review Board due to expired terms and one removal for absenteeism. These vacancies were advertised for four months. The vacancies are required to be filled by a licensed certified or registered AC/Heating Contractor, a certified or registered Roofing Contractor and one citizen with no contractor industry involvement. Please find attached for your review and consideration seven applications and a letter of recommendation from the Contractors Review Board: Russell Scott, Dist. 1; Dick Pittman, Dist. 2; Wade Taylor, Dist. 3; Kirk Blevins, Dist. 3; Donald Rehberg, Dist. 4; Scott Lilley, Dist. 4; and Amber Reeder, Dist. 5

Joanne Spencer, Assistant to the Board of County Commissioners, presented the details of the vacancies.

Public Comment: There was none.

Motion by Joseph, seconded by Alaimo, carried 4/0, with Dean absent, to appoint Russell Scott to the Contractors Review Board, as a citizen representative, for a first full term scheduled to expire on January 17, 2027.

Yea: Arnold, Whitehurst, Joseph, Alaimo

Nay: None

Absent: Dean

Motion by Joseph, seconded by Alaimo, carried 4/0, with Dean absent, to re-appoint Wade Taylor to the Contractors Review Board, as a licensed air conditioner contractor, for a second full term scheduled to expire on December 4, 2026.

Yea: Arnold, Whitehurst, Joseph, Alaimo

Nay: None

Absent: Dean

Motion by Joseph, seconded by Alaimo, carried 4/0, with Dean absent, to re-appoint Dick Pittman to the Contractors Review Board, as a licensed roofing contractor, for a second full term to scheduled expire on December 4, 2026.

Yea: Arnold, Whitehurst, Joseph, Alaimo

Nay: None

Absent: Dean

14. State of the County Presentation. The 2022 State of the County will be presented to the Board, highlighting County accomplishments throughout the year.

Hunter S. Conrad, County Administrator, provided details of the county's accomplishments, including a video presentation, via PowerPoint. He spoke about the upcoming infrastructure with road enhancements, a new fire station and library, recreation and conservation areas, and county wide initiatives.

Public Comment: There was none.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ed Slavin and B.J. Kalaidi provided public comment.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Alaimo

Alaimo gave his appreciation to the Board and county staff for the warm welcome.

Commissioner Joseph

Joseph spoke about a citizen, Elizabeth Joshi, volunteering her time to clean up along the roads, and requested to start a marketing campaign for citizens to volunteer their time with keeping St. Johns County more beautiful. Whitehurst suggested to have a proposal come before the Board for discussion.

Commissioner Arnold

No report.

Commissioner Whitehurst

Whitehurst spoke about panhandling within the county and requested to establish an ordinance to address the issues. Migut responded and explained the research involved on establishing an ordinance. *Whitehurst requested Board consensus to establish an ordinance regarding panhandling. Consensus was given.* He also spoke about the land acquisition program the county had for designated acreage for conservation that would never be developed on.

Commissioner Dean

No report.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

No report.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Migut spoke about Regular Agenda Item 10 having a scrivener's error in the motion reading Hurricane Ian and should have been Hurricane Nicole. *He also requested Board consensus to update the Child Safety Zone Ordinance, that was established in 2009, due to state laws changing and working with the State Attorney's office and Sheriff's office to have the County Attorney's office bring back an updated ordinance complying with the law. Consensuses was given.*

With there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 4:31 p.m.

REPORTS:

1. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Check Register, Check Nos. 607929-607930, totaling \$3,430.50 (12/20/22)
2. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Check Register, Check Nos. 607931-608002, totaling \$39,675.99 and Voucher Register, Voucher Nos. 69671-69882, totaling \$156,835.85 (12/21/22)
3. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Check Register, Check Nos. 608003-608129, totaling \$1,521,703.72 and Voucher Register, Voucher Nos. 69883-69938, totaling \$2,455,069.89 (12/27/22)
4. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Check Register, Check Nos. 608130-608143, totaling \$379,834.79 (12/27/22)
5. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Check Register, Check Nos. 608144-608148, totaling \$3,033.57 and Voucher Register, Voucher No. 69939, totaling \$455.11 (12/29/22)
6. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Voucher Register, Voucher Nos. 69940-69941, totaling \$7,846.99 (12/29/22)
7. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Check Register, Check Nos. 608149-608295, totaling \$2,211,269.29 and Voucher Register, Voucher Nos. 69942-70011, totaling \$1,897,277.17 (12/30/22)
8. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Check Register, Check Nos. 608296-608321, totaling \$27,868.15 and Voucher Register, Voucher Nos. 70012-70040, totaling \$36,902.22 (01/04/23)
9. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Check Register, Check No. 608322, totaling \$3,400 (01/04/2023)
10. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Check Register, Check Nos. 608323-608437, totaling \$1,254,683.30 and Voucher Register, Voucher Nos. 70041-70095, totaling \$8,574,218.32 (01/09/23)
11. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Check Register, Check Nos. 608438-608441, totaling \$946.43 (01/09/23)
12. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Check Register, Check Nos. 608442-608445, totaling \$3,506 and Voucher Register, Voucher Nos. 70096-70102, totaling \$10,670 (01/11/23)
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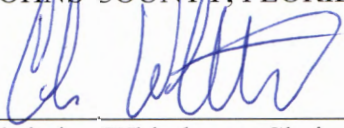
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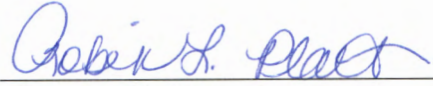
1. Letter dated January 9, 2023, regarding a Petition to Amend the Boundaries of Entrada Community Development District

Approved February 7th, 2023

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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By: 
Christian Whitehurst, Chair

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