



Minutes of Meeting
Board of County Commissioners
St. Johns County, Florida
Workshop
County Administration Building
500 San Sebastian View
St. Augustine, Florida 32084
March 3, 2023 - 9:00 am

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Whitehurst called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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
John Rutherford, United States House of Representatives
Cyndi Stevenson, Florida House of Representatives
Travis Hutson, State Senator
Jim Knight, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)

Staff Present: Hunter S. Conrad, County Administrator
David Migut, County Attorney
Saundra Hutto, Deputy Clerk

INVOCATION

Jason Cullum, Pastor of Christ Church, gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

George Johnson, Retired Army Colonel, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. OPENING REMARKS

Whitehurst introduced the attendees and gave an overview of the Transportation meeting.

2. STAFF PRESENTATION

Dick D'Souza, Assistant Director for Growth Management, gave a PowerPoint presentation (Exhibit A). He reviewed local connectivity projects, partnership projects, regional connectivity, and multimodal and safety improvements.

3. PANEL DISCUSSION

Rutherford spoke on the critical decisions to be made regarding transportation priorities, opportunities, and ongoing infrastructure needs in St. Johns County. He spoke on the partnership with the state, local and federal level and he spoke on supporting the Federal Transportation and Transit Grant Program and the Community Project Funding opportunities that were available.

Hutson questioned the funding and scope of work for County Road 2209, and on the developers proportionate fair share with respect to the St. Johns Safe Rail project. D'Souza responded that funding for County Road 2209 would complete the widening project to four lanes, and that there was a commitment from the developer, in Phase III of the Twin Creeks Development of Regional Impact (DRI), for the St. Johns Rail Safe project that would add an additional two lanes on the overpass. Discussion ensued on the developers proportionate fair share with respect to the St. Johns Safe Rail project, with D'Souza noting that there was language, in the agreement, that held the developer accountable for payment of the proportionate fair share should another party construct the developer's improvement.

Stevenson stated that the flyover design, in the St. Johns Safe Rail project, was an efficient use of the right-of-way. She spoke about mobility and offered the following suggestions/reminders: 1) the creation of a staged infrastructure map for the public, 2) to be aware of wetlands, water, and buffers, 3) the use of the Florida Sun Trail for connectivity, 4) opportunities for east and west connections, 5) opportunities for bike and pedestrian transportation and alternative transportation, and 6) the use of multiple routes. She also spoke in support of the enforcement of proportionate fair share with respect to developers.

Knight reviewed the Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT), fully funded 5-year work program, major operational capacity projects. He also noted that the design work for the State Road 16 widening project would commence in July 2023.

Arnold expressed her appreciation to the workshop attendees, and for making State Road 16 the top regional priority project.

Alaimo expressed his appreciation to the workshop attendees and for the presentation.

Joseph expressed her appreciation to the workshop attendees, and suggested a multi-use trail, in district 4, along Nocatee to Ponte Vedra Beach, instead of widening Mickler Road, and the installation of a traffic light at Pine Island Road and US-1.

Dean expressed his appreciation to the workshop attendees, and the representatives for their participation and funding efforts in the beach renourishment program and transportation infrastructure needs. He also spoke about funding commitments.

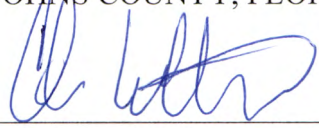
4. CLOSING REMARKS

Whitehurst expressed his appreciation to the representatives for their attendance and partnership.

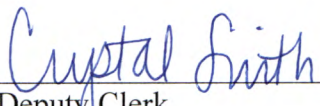
With there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Approved March 21, _____, 2023

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

