



Minutes of Meeting
Board of County Commissioners
St. Johns County, Florida
Regular Meeting
County Administration Building
500 San Sebastian View
St. Augustine, Florida 32084
August 1, 2023 - 9:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

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

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: Joy Andrews, Interim County Administrator

Staff Present: David Migut, County Attorney
Brad Bradley, Deputy County Administrator Chief of Staff
Colin Groff, Interim Assistant County Administrator
Sarah Taylor, Assistant County Administrator
Lex Taylor, Deputy County Attorney
Christina Valliere, Senior Assistant County Attorney
Artricia K. Allen, Deputy Clerk

ROLL CALL

The clerk called the roll. Commissioners Whitehurst, Arnold, Alaimo, Dean, and Joseph were present.

INVOCATION

Pastor Will Wold, First United Methodist Church St. Augustine, gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Joe Giammanco, Lieutenant Commander United States Coast Guard Retired, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING ST. JOHNS HOUSING PARTNERSHIP'S 25 YEARS OF SERVICE

Dean presented the proclamation to Bill Lazar, St. Johns Housing Partnership Executive Director, who spoke on the importance of the St. Johns Housing Partnership. Shayna Keller, Assistant to the Board of County Commissioners, read the proclamation.

ACCEPTANCE OF PROCLAMATION

Motion by Arnold, seconded by Alaimo, carried 5/0, to accept the proclamation.

Yea: Arnold, Alaimo, Whitehurst, Dean, Joseph

Nay: None

PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATE

Tara Wildes, Director of General Services Division, St. Johns County Sheriff's Office, reported on back-to-school traffic and the inaugural job fair hosted at the St. Johns County jail. Additional comments were provided by Joseph recognizing Officer Mers who assisted a constituent during severe weather.

Scott Bullard, St. Johns County Fire Rescue Chief, reported on the Emergency Medical Services billing department and the year-to-date collection rates.

CLERK OF COURT'S REPORT

Julio Cruz, Chief Operations Officer, reported that the St. Johns County Clerk of the Circuit Court and County Comptroller's Office would be hosting a Passport Saturday event on August 12, 2023, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Richard O. Watson Judicial Center.

DELETIONS TO THE CONSENT AGENDA

Joseph requested that Consent Agenda Items 3, 15, and 27 be moved to the regular agenda. Migut requested that Consent Agenda Item 2 be pulled.

Motion by Dean, seconded by Joseph, carried 5/0, to move Consent Agenda Item 2 to the next scheduled Board of County Commissioners meeting on August 15, 2023.

Whitehurst requested that Consent Agenda Item 27 be moved to the Regular Agenda as Item 1a. Consent Agenda Item 3 was moved to Regular Agenda Item 9 and Consent Agenda Item 15 was moved to Regular Agenda Item 10.

Public Comment: Judy Spiegel (Exhibit A) provided public comment.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

Yea: Whitehurst, Dean, Arnold, Alaimo, Joseph

Nay: None

1. Motion to approve the Cash Requirement Report
2. Motion to adopt the final plat for Arbors at Lightsey Crossing, Phase 3

Consent Agenda Item 2 was continued to August 15, 2023.

3. Motion to adopt a resolution approving the transfer of \$166,870, in park impact fee credits, from the Marshall Creek Planned Unit Development to the Ravenswood Village Workforce Housing Development, finding the request consistent with Florida Statute

Consent Agenda Item 3 was pulled and added to the Regular Agenda as Item 9.

4. Motion to approve the Secession School Concurrency Proportionate Share Mitigation Agreement (CONSCA 2023-03)
5. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2023-264**, accepting an Easement for Utilities, Bill of Sale, Final Release of Lien, and Warranty associated with the water and sewer systems to serve Silverleaf Parcel, 29B-2, located off State Road 16
6. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2023-265**, accepting a Bill of Sale, Final Release of Lien, and Warranty associated with the water and sewer systems to serve Whisper Creek, Phase 11, Unit B, formerly known as Trailmark, Phase 11B, located off Pacetti Road
7. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2023-266**, accepting a Bill of Sale, Final Release of Lien, and Warranty associated with the water and sewer systems to serve Garrison Subdivision, located off US 1 North
8. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2023-267**, accepting a Bill of Sale, Final Release of Lien, and Warranty associated with the water and sewer systems to serve The Arbors at Lightsey Crossing, Phases 1 and 2, located off State Road 207
9. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2023-268**, accepting a Bill of Sale, Final Release of Lien, and Warranty associated with the water system to serve The Trailmark East, Parcel 1, Amenity Center
10. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2023-269**, accepting a Bill of Sale, Schedule of Values, Final Release of Lien, and Warranty associated with the water, reuse, and sewer systems to serve Silver Landing, Phase 2B, also known as Silverleaf, Parcel 29A-2B, located off Silverleaf Parkway
11. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2023-270**, accepting an Easement for Utilities associated with the water and sewer systems to serve Trailmark East, Parcel Phase 1, located off Pacetti Road

12. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2023-271**, accepting an Easement for Utilities associated with the water system to serve Baptist Primary Care at Parkway Village, located off International Golf Parkway
13. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2023-272**, accepting an Easement for Utilities associated with the water and reuse systems to serve Whataburger - Parkway Village, located off International Golf Parkway
14. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2023-273**, accepting two Temporary Construction Easements and a Grant of Easement from property owners to St. Johns County for drainage improvements, along Lewis Speedway and Old Lewis Speedway
15. Motion to adopt a resolution approving the terms of and authorizing the county administrator, or designee, to execute a Purchase and Sale Agreement for the acquisition of approximately 46 acres of land, located off A1A South, for conservation, approving a transfer of Land Acquisition Management Program reserves up to \$225,000, for the purchase of the property and accepting a donation of the contiguous 2.8 acres

Consent Agenda Item 15 was pulled and added to the Regular Agenda as Item 10.

16. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2023-274**, approving the State of Florida Department of Transportation's donation of a pond site near the intersection of State Road 207 and Coquina Crossing Drive
17. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2023-275**, approving the terms, conditions, provisions, and requirements of an Amendment to the Construction Agreement between St. Johns County and the Florida Department of Transportation; and authorizing the county administrator, or designee, to execute the agreement, on behalf of the County, in substantially the same form and format as attached hereto
18. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2023-276**, authorizing the county administrator, or designee, to engage St. Johns County Sheriff's Office public service deputies for traffic control at the intersection of County Road 210 and Cumberland Park Drive
19. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2023-277**, approving and authorizing the county administrator, or designee, to execute and deliver an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Jacksonville and St. Johns County, Florida, as authorized by Section 163.01, Florida Statutes, regarding maintenance of Race Track Road
20. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2023-278**, approving the terms, provisions, conditions, and requirements of a Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Atlantic Beach, Clay County Utility Authority, City of Gainesville, City of Jacksonville Beach, Jacksonville Electric Authority (JEA), City of Neptune Beach, Town of Orange Park, and St. Johns County to assess groundwater resource sustainability in Northeast Florida; and authorizing the county administrator, or his designee, to execute, on behalf of St. Johns County, any documents associated with this project not to exceed the cost of \$124,657

21. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2023-279**, authorizing the county administrator, or designee, to execute a Consent to Assignment Agreement, in substantially the same form and format as attached hereto, providing for an assignment of Master Contract 22-GSA-COU-16244, to First Coast Mulch Industries OPCO, LLC, dba First Coast Mulch
22. Motion to declare the attachments as surplus and authorize the county administrator, or his designee, to dispose of same in accordance with the Purchasing Policy 17.1 and Florida Statute 274
23. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2023-280**, authorizing the county administrator, or designee, to execute and submit grant applications, on behalf of the County, to various state and federal agencies for those grants and grant programs identified herein for calendar year 2023; and waiving section 203.3 (Grant Application Policy), allowing for the submission of grant applications for those grants and grant programs identified herein, without being presented to the Board of County Commissioners for approval prior to submission
24. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2023-281**, approving the terms, conditions, and requirements of a grant agreement with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, in the amount of \$100,000, through the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Grant, authorizing the county administrator, or designee, to execute the grant agreement, on behalf of the County, and recognizing and appropriating with the Fiscal Year 2023 Solid Waste Fund
25. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2023-282**, approving the terms, conditions, and requirements of Amendment No. 0005 to the Homelessness Unified Contract between St. Johns County and Flagler Hospital, the CoC Lead Agency; and authorizing the county administrator, or designee, to execute the amendment substantially in the same form and format as attached on behalf of the County; and recognizing and appropriating the grant in the amount of \$176,482 into the General Fund Social Services Department for Fiscal Year 2023
26. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2023-283**, authorizing the county administrator, or designee, to execute an agreement substantially in the same form as the attached, Economic Development Grant Agreement with KeHE Distributors, LLC, and the developer of traffic control measures on behalf of St. Johns County
27. Motion to allocate \$500,000 of Category 1 Reserve funds (1144-59920) to Contractual Services (1144-53120) and to allocate an additional \$500,000 of Category 4 Reserve funds (1148-59920) to Special Events (1148-54801) to be expended for the support of the upcoming September 2023 Sing Out Loud event

Consent Agenda Item 27 was pulled and added to the Regular Agenda as Item 1a.

28. Motion to approve minutes: July 18, 2023, BCC Regular

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE REGULAR AGENDA

There were none.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

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

Yea: Arnold, Alaimo, Whitehurst, Dean, Joseph

Nay: None

1a. Allocation of Funds for September 2023 Sing Out Loud Event

Formerly Consent Agenda Item 27.

Tera Meeks, Director of Tourism and Cultural Development, presented the details of the funding request. Discussion ensued on the allocation of funds for advertising.

Public Comment: There was none.

Motion by Dean, seconded by Arnold, carried 4/1, with Joseph dissenting, to allocate \$500,000 of Category 1 Reserve funds (1144-59920) to Contractual Services (1144-53120) and to allocate an additional \$500,000 of Category 4 Reserve funds (1148-59920) to Special Events (1148-54801) to be expended for the support of the upcoming September 2023 Sing Out Loud event.

Yea: Arnold, Dean, Whitehurst, Alaimo

Nay: Joseph

1. Waiver of Time Limits, pursuant to Section 9.04.05.C regarding previous applications CPA(SS) 2021-14 and PUD 2021-16, to allow a rezoning application to Workforce Housing (WH). On October 18, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners denied CPA(SS) 2021-14, Mills Place, and companion application PUD 2021-16, Mills Place Planned Unit Development (PUD), with a 4/0 vote. The applicant requested to submit a new application for this property. Land Development Code Section 9.04.05.B states: Re-Application After Denial of Rezoning. Whenever the Board of County Commissioners has denied an application for the rezoning of land, no further application shall be filed for the same rezoning category of any part, or all of the same land for a period of one year from the date of such action. In the event that two or more applications for the same rezoning for any part or all of the same land has been denied, no further application shall be filed for the same rezoning category of any part or all of the same land for a period of two years from the date of such action denying the last application filed. Section 9.04.04.C. allows for a waiver of the above time limits and states: The time limits in Sections 9.04.05.A. and 9.04.05.B. above may be waived by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Board of County Commissioners when such action is deemed necessary to prevent injustice or to facilitate proper development of the County

Douglas N. Burnett, Attorney, St. Johns Law Group, representing the applicant, presented the details of the request, via PowerPoint.

Public Comment: Judy Spiegel (Exhibit A), Chuck Labanowski, and B.J. Kalaidi provided public comment.

Burnett addressed the workforce housing location and discussion ensued on rezoning to support Residential-B and the applicant waiting the time limit.

Motion by Dean, seconded by Arnold, carried 3/2, with Whitehurst and Joseph dissenting, to approve the waiver of time limits pursuant to Land Development Code Section 9.04.04.C.

Yea: Dean, Arnold, Alaimo

Nay: Whitehurst, Joseph

2. Public Hearing - CDD AMD 2023-01, Entrada CDD. Petition to amend the Entrada Community Development District (CDD) to add approximately 131.99 acres to the District

Katie Buchanan, Esq., KutakRock, LLP, 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. 2023-27, CDD AMD 2023-01, expanding the Entrada CDD boundaries based upon findings of fact.

Yea: Alaimo, Dean, Whitehurst, Arnold, Joseph

Nay: None

3. Public Hearing - REZ 2023-03, Elkton Center. REZ 2023-03, Elkton Center, a request to rezone approximately 0.76 acres of land from Commercial General (CG) and Residential Single Family (RS-3) to Commercial Rural (CR), located at 4855 State Road 207. This request was heard by the Planning and Zoning Agency at their regularly scheduled public hearing on Thursday, June 15, 2023, and voted to recommend approval by a vote of 6-0. There was no public comment

The Board disclosed ex parte communication.

Karen Taylor, Planner, presented the details of the request, via PowerPoint.

Public Comment: There was none.

Motion by Arnold, seconded by Dean, carried 5/0, to enact Ordinance No. 2023-28, approving REZ 2023-03, Elkton Center, based on four findings of fact, as provided in the staff report.

Yea: Arnold, Dean, Whitehurst, Alaimo, Joseph

Nay: None

4. Public Hearing - NZVAR 2023-09, at 285 Puebla Road. Request for a Non-Zoning Variance through Section 3.03.07, of the Land Development Code to allow the FBC R322.2.1, Design Flood Elevation (Minimum requirement of 1 foot plus Base Flood Elevation) to be reduced 2.4 inches to eliminate the requirement of flood vents within a habitable area of the first floor of a substantially improved residential property within a Special Flood Hazard Area AE, specifically located at 285 Puebla Road

The Board disclosed ex parte communication.

Richard Bennet, Owner, presented the details of the request, via PowerPoint.

Public Comment: Vicki Hudnall provided public comment.

Bennet provided rebuttal comments on flood vents and finished space. Christine Vallerie, Senior Assistant County Attorney, discussed the merits of the proposed variance and if the proposed variance would set a precedence. Sara Perez, St. Johns County Floodplain Manager, provided details on flood insurance premiums.

Motion by Alaimo, seconded by Dean, carried 5/0, to deny NZVAR 2023-09, at 285 Puebla Road, request for a Non-Zoning Variance through Section 3.03.07 of the Land Development Code to allow the FBC R322.2.1 Design Flood Elevation (Minimum requirement of 1 foot plus Base Flood Elevation) to be reduced 2.4 inches to eliminate the requirement of flood vents within a habitable area of the first floor of a substantially improved residential property within a Special Flood Hazard Area AE, based on six findings, as listed in the staff report.

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

5. First Reading of Proposed Amendments to St. Johns County Ordinance No. 2009-43, the St. Johns County Prohibited Holiday Activity Ordinance for Sexual Offenders and Sexual Predators. At its regular meeting on June 20, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners authorized the Office of the County Attorney to prepare the proposed amendments to the St. Johns County Prohibited Holiday Activity Ordinance for Sexual Offenders and Sexual Predators, Ordinance No. 2009-43. The ordinance seeks to reduce the risk of harm to children of the community by limiting the opportunity for sexual offenders and sexual predators to be in contact with unsuspecting children. The proposed amendments to the ordinance (attached to this item) would include additional prohibitions on participation in holiday activities by sexual offenders and sexual predators and would remove a requirement regarding signage that may be subject to constitutional challenge under the First Amendment

Bradley Bulthuis, Senior Assistant County Attorney, presented the details of the proposed amendments, via PowerPoint.

Public Comment: Judy Spiegel and Chuck Labanowski provided public comment.

Bulthuis explained the exception that would prohibit sexual offenders from having events or practices that involved the attendance of non-familial children.

6. **Second Reading of Floating Structures Ordinance.** At its June 20, 2023, regular meeting, the Board of County Commissioners heard the first reading of a proposed ordinance to prohibit floating structures in the water of the County. Since the June 20, 2023, regular meeting, several local and state agencies reached out to provide feedback regarding the proposed ordinance. The attached proposed ordinance will prohibit the anchoring, mooring or otherwise affixing of floating structures upon or to, waters of the County within the incorporated and unincorporated areas of the County unless a municipality opts out or adopts an ordinance in conflict, and allow for direct removal of floating structures in violation of the ordinance. Floating structures found to be in violation of the ordinance will have a notice placed upon them to notify the owner(s) that the floating structure is in violation of this ordinance and that they have twenty-one calendar days from the date of the posting to remove the floating structure, except when there is an impending tropical system, in which case an owner(s) shall be given twenty-four hours from the date and time of the posting of the notice to remove the floating structure. Any law enforcement officer or code enforcement officer acting within his/her jurisdiction can enforce this ordinance

Jalisa Ferguson, Assistant County Attorney, presented the details of the request, via PowerPoint. Discussion ensued on the floating structure timeline and definition, providing safety to the residents, and on environmental impacts.

Public Comment: Jackie Dews, William Fisher, Peggy Cook, Jen Lomberk, and Lisa McGreevy provided public comment. Discussion ensued on open water business licensing and agency jurisdiction.

Ferguson stated that a floating restaurant would be considered a floating structure, and just because something was registered as a vessel, did not preclude it from being deemed a floating structure.

Motion by Alaimo, seconded by Dean, carried 5/0, to enact Ordinance No. 2023-29, prohibiting floating structures.

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

7. **Fiscal Year 2024 Recommended Budget and Proposed Millage Rates.** The annual County budget process requires a number of steps, ranging from its preparation through adoption, per Florida Statutes (F.S. 129.03(3) and F.S. 200.065, Truth in Millage requirements). The Truth in Millage (TRIM) process informs taxpayers and the public about the legislative process by which local taxing authorities determine ad valorem (property) taxes. On July 18, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners received the Fiscal Year 2024 Recommended Budget, balanced with expenditures and adequate reserves within each County fund equal to projected fund revenues. County Administration's Recommended Budget represents a funding level that can reasonably assure the achievement of St. Johns County's operational needs while minimizing the tax impact on its citizenry. An electronic version (in pdf format) of the workbook may be found on the County's website at: www.sjcfl.us/OMB. Following the development and presentation of a Recommended

Budget, the County is obligated to provide certain information concerning that budget to the Property Appraiser. This information includes 1) The Fiscal Year 2023 adopted millage rates; 2) The Fiscal Year 2024 proposed millage rates; 3) The Fiscal Year 2024 calculated rolled-back rates; and 4) The date, time, and meeting place of the tentative budget hearing. This information is placed on Department of Revenue DR-420 forms provided to the Property Appraiser. Those forms provide the basis for the "TRIM" notice mailed by the Property Appraiser to property owners in St. Johns County. The Board of County Commissioners will need to approve proposed Millage rates (see the attached sheet) for the County's TRIM mailing, and approve September 5, 2023, at 5:01 p.m. in the County Auditorium as the date, time, and place of the first public hearing for the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Budget. For practical purposes, once the proposed Millage rates are set, they can still be decreased but not increased

Jesse Dunn, Director, Office of Management and Budget, presented the details of the recommended budget and proposed millage rates, via PowerPoint. Discussion ensued on the employee seven percent inflationary adjustment (plus micro-adjustments) and on the non-establishment of a millage rate for the Ponte Vedra Beach Dune and Beach Restoration Municipal Service Taxing Unit. Alaimo and Debra Gibson, St. Johns County Library Services Director, provided additional comments on library activity and staffing to accommodate the proposed new hours.

Dunn requested Board consensus to incorporate the following items into the Fiscal Year 2024 budget: 1) Seven percent employee inflationary rate; 2) Addition of 18 firefighter positions toward the National Fire Protection Association standards; 3) Land Acquisition and Management Program (non-recurring funding); and 4) Reinstate library branch hours to Fiscal Year 2008 levels, utilizing Option B. Consensus was given.

Public Comment: Jen Lomberk provided public comment.

Motion by Dean, seconded Arnold, carried 5/0, to approve the proposed millage rates for Fiscal Year 2024.

Yea: Dean, Arnold, Whitehurst, Alaimo, Joseph

Nay: None

Motion by Whitehurst, seconded by Alaimo, carried 5/0, to authorize the completion and execution of the Fiscal Year 2024 form DR-420's by the county administrator with the approved proposed millage rates and the establishment of September 5, 2023, at 5:01 p.m. in the County Auditorium as the first public hearing for the adoption of the St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Fiscal Year 2024 Budget.

Yea: Whitehurst, Alaimo, Arnold, Dean, Joseph

Nay: None

8. Interim County Administrator Employment Agreement. For the Board's review and consideration is an Employment Agreement for the Interim County Administrator. A copy of the proposed agreement is attached

David Migut, County Attorney, presented the details of the agreement, via PowerPoint.

Public Comment: B.J. Kalaidi provided public comment. Dean stated that Colin Groff had been promoted to Interim Assistant County Administrator and Neal Shinkre to Interim Utility Director. Discussion ensued on the proposed contract.

Motion by Arnold, seconded by Alaimo, carried 5/0, to approve the employment agreement between St. Johns County, and Junyao [Joy] Andrews.

Yea: Arnold, Alaimo, Whitehurst, Dean, Joseph

Nay: None

9. Transfer of Funds for Ravenswood Village Workforce Housing

Formerly Consent Agenda Item 3.

Joseph explained why she requested that the consent item be pulled to the regular agenda. Beth Breeding, Silverfield Cranford Commercial Realty, Inc., addressed the commissioner's concern regarding the loss of park and recreation impact fee credits. Vallerie provided additional comments on the Florida Impact Fee Statute.

Public Comment: B.J. Kalaidi provided public comment.

Breeding stated that 43.6 percent of the funds were paid to the Community Development District and that the residents of Palencia would benefit.

Motion by Dean, seconded by Arnold, carried 4/1, with Joseph dissenting, to adopt Resolution No. 2023-284, approving the transfer of \$166,870, in park impact fee credits, from the Marshall Creek Planned Unit Development to the Ravenswood Village Workforce Housing Development, finding the request consistent with Florida Statute.

Yea: Dean, Arnold, Whitehurst, Alaimo

Nay: Joseph

10. Land Acquisition Management Programs (LAMP) Purchase and Sale Agreement

Formerly Consent Agenda Item 15.

Corey Bowens, Director of Land Management Systems, presented the details of the request. Discussion ensued on the use and purpose of LAMP properties, including the use of wetland mitigation credits, and on program funding. Brad Bradley, Deputy County Administrator Chief of Staff, provided additional comments on mitigation credits.

Public Comment: Jen Lomberk and Judy Spiegel provided public comment.

Motion by Dean, seconded by Joseph, carried 5/0, to adopt Resolution No. 2023-285, approving the terms of and authorizing the county administrator, or designee, to execute a Purchase and Sale Agreement for the acquisition of approximately 46 acres of land, located

off A1A South, for conservation, approving a transfer of Land Acquisition Management Program reserves up to \$225,000, for the purchase of the property and accepting a donation of the contiguous 2.8 acres.

Yea: Dean, Joseph, Whitehurst, Arnold, Alaimo

Nay: None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chuck Labanowski, Sherry Badger, and Judy Spiegel provided public comment.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Joseph

Jospeh spoke about the Land Development Code regarding tree protections and regulations, and on the Anastasia State Park funding project to build a new Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) playground, via PowerPoint.

Commissioner Arnold

No report.

Commissioner Dean

Dean referenced a draft letter regarding the Orangedale to Mickler Trail Corridor (Exhibit A). *He requested that the chairman of the Board sign the letter.* Discussion ensued on the addition of trees to the walkway.

Public Comment: There was none.

Motion by Dean, seconded by Alaimo, carried 5/0, for a letter to be drafted, on behalf of Representative Cyndi Stevenson, signed by the Chairman, to recommend that the Florida Greenways and Trails Council adopt the Orangedale to Mickler Trail Corridor and include it in their Greenways and Trails 2024-2028 Priority Map recommendations; the corridor would begin at the new First Coast Expressway Bridge and would proceed east over I-95 to US 1 before aligning with the existing trail corridors in Nocatee and then expanding further east to connect with the coast; and the letter be sent to Mr. Jim Couillard, Chairman of the Florida Greenways and Trails Council.

Yea: Dean, Alaimo, Whitehurst, Arnold, Joseph

Nay: None

Commissioner Alaimo

Alaimo reported on the Habitat for Humanity State Health Insuranc Program funds (SHIP). *He requested Board consensus to have a staff briefing on the possibility of having the Housing*

Finance Agency managing a portion of State Health Insurance Program funds, or at least make recommendations to the Board. Consensus was given.

Commissioner Whitehurst

Whitehurst stated that the Zora Neale Hurston house was purchased by a private buyer.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Colin Groff, Interim Assistant County Administrator, introduced himself to the Board of County Commissioners and the community.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Migut reported on ~~the~~ House Bill 949; Operation of a Golf Cart, and the existing golf cart ordinance. *He requested Board consensus to authorize the County Attorney's Office to proceed with revisions to Ordinance No. 2018-42, regarding golf carts, to assure compliance with House Bill 949, which goes into effect on October 1, 2023. Consensus was given.* In addition, he recognized Senior Assistant County Attorney Christine Valliere who passed the Voluntary Board Certification Program by the Florida Bar Association.

With there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

REPORTS:

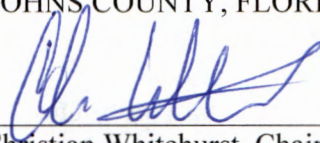
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2. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Check Register, Check Nos. 614104-614162, totaling \$36,144.25 and Voucher Register, Voucher Nos. 74051-74257, totaling \$157,927.39 (07/19/2023)
3. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Check Register, Check Nos. 614163-614332, totaling \$2,738,190.90 and Voucher Register, Voucher Nos. 74258-74329, totaling \$687,997.77 (07/24/2023)
4. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Check Register, Check Nos. 614333-614350, totaling \$626,175 (07/25/2023)
5. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Check Register, Check Nos. 614351-614363, totaling \$63,322.67 and Voucher Register, Voucher No. 74330, totaling \$455.11 (07/27/2023)
6. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Voucher Register, Voucher Nos. 74331-74332, totaling \$8,552.40 (07/27/2023)
7. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Check Register, Check Nos. 614364-614563, totaling \$4,001,598.03 and Voucher Register, Voucher Nos. 74333-74439, totaling \$2,340,527.95 (07/31/2023)

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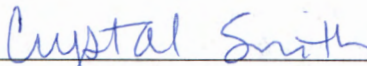
There was none.

Approved August 15, 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

