



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 15, 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

Staff Present: Joy Andrews, Interim County Administrator
David Migut, County Attorney
Brad Bradley, Deputy County Administrator Chief of Staff
Colin Groff, Interim Assistant County Administrator
Lex Taylor, Deputy County Attorney
Saundra Hutto, Deputy Clerk

ROLL CALL

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

INVOCATION

Brandon Hicks, Pastor at Anchor Faith Church, gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Larry Mull, Petty Officer First Class, United States Navy, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATE

Scott Beaver, St. Johns County Sheriff's Office Patrol Division Director, reported on the commencement of the 2023-2024 school year and traffic units reducing the number of automobile crashes and related deaths.

Scott Bullard, St. Johns County Fire Rescue Chief, spoke on the increased heat advisories and the importance of staying hydrated.

CLERK OF COURT REPORT

No report.

DELETIONS TO THE CONSENT AGENDA

Groff requested that Consent Agenda Item 18 be continued for reconsideration at the next Board of County Commissioners' meeting.

Public Comment: There was none.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

Yea: Arnold, Dean, Whitehurst, Alaimo, Joseph

Nay: None

1. Motion to approve the Cash Requirement Report
2. Motion to authorize the transfer of \$100,000 from the Clerk of Court Reserve, in order to cover additional jury trial expenses within the Clerk of Circuit Court and Comptroller's Office for Fiscal Year 2023
3. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2023-286**, approving the final plat for Arbors at Lightsey Crossing, Phase 3
4. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2023-287**, approving the final plat for Rivertown Ravines, Phase 1
5. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2023-288**, approving the final plat for Rivertown Bluffs, Phase 2
6. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2023-289**, approving the final plat for Rivertown Main Street, Phase Four
7. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2023-290**, authorizing the notice required by Section 336.10, F.S., for a Public Hearing on September 19, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., or at a date and time as soon thereafter as possible, to hear a request for the vacation of a portion of Osceola Street right-of-way (VACROA 2023-02, Moody Family Unopened Alley Vacation)
8. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2023-291**, accepting an Easement for Utilities, Bill of Sale, Final Release of Lien, and Warranty, associated with the water and sewer systems to serve Epic Outparcel No. 1

9. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2023-292**, accepting a Partial Assignment of Easement along Usina Road Extension
10. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2023-293**, accepting four Temporary Construction Easements and a Grant of Easement, for property required for the County Road 210 widening project from Cimarrone Boulevard to Greenbriar Road
11. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2023-294**, accepting a Corrective Quitclaim Deed from the School Board of St. Johns County, Florida, to St. Johns County, for a portion of the right-of-way of Osceola Elementary Road
12. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2023-295**, approving and authorizing the chair of the Board, on behalf of the County, to execute a Special Warranty Deed and Bill of Sale, transferring assets related to an abandoned residential utility system in Fruit Cove to St. Johns County
13. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2023-296**, accepting a donation of property, located on West King Street, from the City of St. Augustine, currently utilized by the County for drainage and Community Redevelopment Agency Improvements
14. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2023-297**, approving and authorizing the county administrator, or designee, to execute and deliver, on behalf of the County, the Amendment to Traffic Signal Maintenance and Compensation Agreement between the County and Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), in substantially the same form as attached hereto; authorizing the county administrator, or designee, to execute any and all subsequent amendments to, Exhibit A to the agreement, for the duration of the term of the agreement without further authorization of the Board of County Commissioners.
15. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2023-298**, approving and authorizing the county administrator, or designee, to execute and deliver, on behalf of the County, the First Amendment to the Agreement for Landscape Maintenance of Certain County Road Rights-of-way, between the County and Silverleaf Master Owners Association, LLC, in substantially the same form as attached hereto
16. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2023-299**, authorizing the county administrator, or designee, to execute and issue a Franchise Agreement to Five Talent Services, LLC, d/b/a Mobicdumps of Jacksonville; G7 Holdings, Inc., d/b/a GarbageMan.com; and John's Dumpster Rentals, LLC, for the collection and transportation of construction and demolition debris solid waste in unincorporated St. Johns County, in substantially the same form as the Non-Exclusive Construction and Demolition Debris Solid Waste Franchise Agreements attached hereto
17. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2023-300**, authorizing the county administrator, or designee, to execute and issue a Franchise Agreement to Five Talent Services, LLC, d/b/a Mobicdumps of Jacksonville for the collection and transportation of commercial/industrial solid waste in unincorporated St. Johns County, in substantially the same form as the Non-

Exclusive Commercial/Industrial Solid Waste Collection Franchise Agreement attached hereto

18. Motion to adopt a resolution approving the terms, provisions, conditions, and requirements of the first amendment to the amended and restated agreement between St. Johns County, Florida, and White Ford's Timber, LLC, for the provision of utility service and refund of water, wastewater and reclaimed water unit connection fees; and authorizing the assistant county administrator, to execute the agreement on behalf of St. Johns County; providing for an effective date

Consent Agenda Item 18 was pulled.

19. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2023-301**, authorizing the county administrator, or designee, to execute a contract, in substantially the same form and format as attached with the St. Johns Cultural Council, Inc., for performance of the specified services, at the annual price based upon the budgeted amount of the Arts Cultural and Heritage category of Tourist Development Tax (TDT).
20. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2023-302**, approving the terms, provisions, conditions, and requirements of a Master Service Agreement with Spring Care, Inc., d.b.a. Spring Health, for expanded Employee Assistance Program services effective January 1, 2024; and authorizing the county administrator, or designee, to execute the agreement in substantially the same form and format as attached hereto, as well as any subsequent amendments to the agreement that are administrative in nature, and do not change or modify any material terms of the agreement, on behalf of the County
21. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2023-303**, accepting the donation of the house located at 5480 Atlantic View and authorizing its relocation at Joel A. "Bubba" Williams Windswept Acres Park, and authorizing the county administrator to negotiate and execute agreements necessary to effectuate the donation and relocation
22. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2023-304**, recognizing and appropriating an additional \$12,000 from the State of Florida Division of Emergency Management Urban Search and Rescue Sustainment grant, and authorizing the county administrator, or designee, to execute and submit the 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
23. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2023-305**, recognizing unanticipated revenue (associated with additional events and sales) in the amount of \$6,411,398, and appropriating such funds to the Cultural Events Department's Fiscal Year 2023 expenditure budget
24. Motion to approve minutes: August 1, 2023, BCC Regular
25. Proofs:
 - a. Proof: Requisition of Bids, Bid No. 23-65, Renovation of Bird Island Park Boardwalk, published on May 26, 2023, and June 2, 2023, in *The St. Augustine Record*.

- b. Proof: Notice of Hearing, to consider final adoption of the preliminary schedules of rates, fees, and charges for St. Johns County Utilities, Water and Wastewater Services, published on June 8, 2023, in *The St. Augustine Record*.
- c. Proof: Requisition of Bids, Bid No. 23-75, South Ponte Vedra Park Dune Restoration – FEMA Project, published on June 20, 2023, and June 27, 2023, in *The St. Augustine Record*.
- d. Proof: Notice of a Special Public Meeting to consider the existing professional services agreement between Hunter S. Conrad and St. Johns County, Florida, published on June 29, 2023, in *The St. Augustine Record*.

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: Dean, Arnold, Whitehurst, Alaimo, Joseph

Nay: None

1. Presentation of St. Johns County's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. The County's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) requires acceptance from the Board of County Commissioners. The Report is prepared by the Clerk and Comptroller's Office. As a final step, the Board should accept the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 ACFR as audited by MSL, P.A., the County's auditing firm. The ACFR and Statements of Auditing Standards (SAS) 114 letter is available on the Clerk's website, which can be accessed from the County's webpage, at the following link: https://stjohnsclerk.com/comprehensive_annual_financial_report/. The Board will now have the opportunity for further discussion with the auditors. The County has once again received an unmodified opinion on the fair presentation of its financial statements

Brandon J. Patty, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, introduced Joel Knopp, Shareholder with MSL Governmental Practice Group, who presented the details of the report, via PowerPoint, and answered questions regarding management recommendations and fund balances.

Public Comment: Howard McGaffney and David Williams provided public comment.

Whitehurst provided further information on the upcoming capital improvement projects and funding, with additional comments from Dean on the audit that was completed.

Motion by Dean, seconded by Joseph, carried 5/0, to accept the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022, as presented by the Clerk of Court and Comptroller's Office and the County's independent auditors, MSL, P.A.

Yea: Dean, Joseph, Arnold, Whitehurst, Alaimo

Nay: None

2. Presentation by Hastings Main Street, Inc., regarding the Fiscal Year (FY) 23-24 Florida Main Street Program Application. The Florida Main Street Program solicits communities annually to submit applications for Florida Main Street Program designations. Currently, there are 57 such programs in Florida, whose purpose is to improve economic development within the context of historic preservation. The benefits of attaining designation contribute to increased professional technical assistance and training for participating communities, guidance for national best practices for community development, and advantageous grant scoring considerations for future funding. The focus of national and state Main Street programs is to: a) create jobs through revitalizing districts attracting new industry and strengthening services and retail job markets; b) save tax dollars through revitalization and strengthening of the area's tax base, while also protecting existing investments; c) preserve the community's historic resources for an economically healthy downtown and preservation of the community's heritage; and d) build community pride by providing a public space for members from all areas of the community to come together, create new partnerships, and celebrate their downtown. Hastings Main Street, Inc., is submitting an application to the Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources, to be recognized as a Florida Main Street community. The Main Street Program application requires the support of the local government in the form of a resolution.

Sallie O'Hara, Program Manager for Hastings Main Street, and Jenna Dennis, Chair for Hastings Main Street, presented the details of the request, via PowerPoint.

Public Comment: William Fisher and Sasha Martin provided public comment.

The Board members expressed their support for the application.

Motion by Arnold, seconded by Joseph, carried 5/0, to adopt Resolution No. 2023-306, supporting Hastings Main Street, Inc., in its application to participate in the Florida Main Street Program.

Yea: Arnold, Joseph, Whitehurst, Alaimo, Dean

Nay: None

3. Public Hearing - MAJMOD 2023-07, New Twin Creeks (Parcel 8). Request for a Major Modification to the Twin Creeks Planned Unit Development (Ordinance No. 2015-52, as amended) to modify the Unified Signage Plan, allowing the sign provisions of the Activity Center use area to apply to Parcel 8, which is designated as an Office/Retail use area. This request was heard by the Planning and Zoning Agency at its regularly scheduled public meeting on Thursday, July 20, 2023, and was recommended for approval, with a vote of 5-0

There was no ex parte communication.

Tony Robbins, AICP Prosser, Inc., representing the applicant, presented the details of the request, via PowerPoint.

Public Comment: There was none.

Whitehurst suggested that legal provide an update on the obligations of the developer for Twin Creeks. Migut provided an update on the developer's obligations.

Motion by Dean, seconded by Alaimo, carried 5/0, to enact Ordinance No. 2023-30, approving MAJMOD 2023-07, New Twin Creeks PUD (Parcel 8), based on six findings of fact, as provided within the staff report.

Yea: Dean, Alaimo, Whitehurst, Arnold, Joseph

Nay: None

4. Public Hearing - MAJMOD 2023-08, Cumberland Industrial Park. Request for a Major Modification to the Cumberland Industrial Park Planned Unit Development (Ordinance No. 1994-32, as amended) to add permitted and special uses to Parcel A and Parcel B (Lots 2 and 4), to include maximum square footage allowances within each parcel, and to provide a revised Master Development Plan Text and Map, specifically located at 1301 and 1405 County Road 210 West. The Planning and Zoning Agency heard this request during its regularly scheduled public meeting on July 20, 2023, and recommended approval, with a vote of 5-0. Agency members discussed the road, entrances, and lot connections

The Board disclosed ex parte communication.

Lindsay Haga, AICP, Senior Planner for England-Thims and Miller, Inc., representing the applicant, presented the details of the request, via PowerPoint.

Public Comment: Chuck Labanowski (Exhibit A) provided public comment.

Joseph questioned the timing of completion of the road. Ellen Avery Smith, Esq., Rogers Towers, PA, responded on the completion of the project and the uses of Parcel A. Haga provided further information on the timing of the project, completion of Parcel B, and buffers.

Motion by Dean, seconded by Alaimo, carried 5/0, to enact Ordinance No. 2023-31, approving MAJMOD 2023-08, Cumberland Industrial Park, based upon six findings of fact, as provided in the staff report.

Yea: Dean, Alaimo, Whitehurst, Arnold, Joseph

Nay: None

5. Public Hearing - VACROA 2023-01, Naples St. Johns County Easement Vacation - Public Hearing to vacate an access and utility easement in the Vilano Oaks Subdivision. The applicant requested the vacation of a currently unimproved 55-foot-wide Access and Utility Easement over Lot 3 in the Vilano Oaks Subdivision; located at 4360 Palm Street, between Palm Street and Windjammer Lane. In exchange, the applicant has offered to convey the west 15 feet of Lot 3 in the Vilano Oaks Subdivision to the County, which can be used for any appropriate public use, including pedestrian access. Based on staff's review thus far, no party will be unreasonably affected by the requested vacation.

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

Public Comment: There was none.

Motion by Dean, seconded by Joseph, carried 5/0, to adopt Resolution No. 2023-307, approving VACROA 2023-01, Naples St. Johns County Easement Vacation, a petition to vacate an access and utility easement in the Vilano Oaks Subdivision.

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

Motion by Dean, seconded by Joseph, carried 5/0, to approve acceptance by Quit Claim Deed of the west fifteen feet of Lot 3, Vilano Oaks, according to the map or plat thereof, as recorded in Map Book 40, Pages 102 through 105, of the public records of St. Johns County, Florida.

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

6. Public Hearing - NZVAR 2022-13, 820 East Aiken Street. Non-Zoning Variance to Section 6.04.07.A.1 of the Land Development Code, to allow for the construction of an access for a single-family home, meeting the County's easement standard in lieu of the County's local roadway standard, within an unopened County right-of-way

There was no ex parte communication.

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

Public Comment: Sherry Badger provided public comment.

Motion by Alaimo, seconded by Dean, carried 5/0, to approve NZVAR 2022-13, 820 East Aiken Street, request for a Non-Zoning Variance to Section 6.04.07.A.1 of the Land Development Code, to allow for the construction of an access for a single-family home, meeting the County's easement standard in lieu of the County's local roadway standard, within an unopened County right-of-way, based on six findings and subject to four conditions, as listed in the staff report.

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

7. Public Hearing - NZVAR 2022-14, 821 East Aiken Street. Request for a Non-Zoning Variance to Section 6.04.07.A.1 of the Land Development Code, to allow for the construction of an access for a single-family home, meeting the County's easement standard in lieu of the County's local roadway standard, within an unopened County right-of-way

Discussion occurred with Regular Agenda Item 6.

Motion by Alaimo, seconded by Dean, carried 5/0, to approve NZVAR 2022-14, 821 East Aiken Street, request for a Non-Zoning Variance to Section 6.04.07.A.1 of the Land Development Code to allow for the construction of an access for a single-family home, meeting the County’s easement standard in lieu of the County’s local roadway standard, within an unopened County right-of-way, based on six findings and subject to four conditions, as listed in the staff report.

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

8. Public Hearing - REZ 2023-05, Strickland Oil Brothers. Request to rezone approximately .86 acres of land from Open Rural (OR) to Commercial Intensive (CI), located at 980 South Holmes Boulevard. The Planning and Zoning Agency heard this request during its regularly scheduled public meeting on June 15, 2023, and recommended approval, with a vote of 6 to 0

There was no ex parte communication.

Evan Futch, Avid Group, representing the applicant, presented the details of the request, via PowerPoint, and responded to concerns regarding the Live Local Act and affordable housing.

Public Comment: Howard McGaffney provided public comment.

Motion by Alaimo, seconded by Dean, carried 5/0, to enact Ordinance No. 2023-32, approving REZ 2023-05, Strickland Oil Brothers, based on four findings of fact, with the addition of the waiver from the Live Local Act, as provided in the staff report.

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

9. Public Hearing - REZ 2023-09, Devito's 6248 Costanero Road. Request to rezone 0.23 acres of land from Commercial Neighborhood (CN) to Residential Manufactured/Mobile Home or Single Family [RMH(S)], located specifically at 6248 Costanero Road. This request was heard by the Planning and Zoning Agency (PZA) at its regularly scheduled public meeting on Thursday, July 20, 2023. The PZA recommended approval, with a vote of 5-0

There was no ex parte communication.

Nancy Devito, owner, 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. 2023-33, approving REZ 2023-09, Devito's 6248 Costanero Road, based on four findings of fact, as provided in the staff report.

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

10. Public Hearing - REZ 2023-08, St. Johns County State Road 207 Water Reclamation Facility. Request to rezone approximately 143 acres of land from Open Rural (OR) and Commercial Highway Tourist (CHT) to Public Service (PS) to allow for the construction of a Water Reclamation Facility. The Planning and Zoning Agency (PZA) heard this request during its regularly scheduled public meeting on July 20, 2023. The item was recommended for approval, with a vote of 5 to 0

There was no ex parte communication.

Gordon Smith, St. Johns County Utility Department Assistant Director, presented the details of the request, via PowerPoint.

Public Comment: Howard McGaffney, provided public comment.

Discussion ensued on how many houses the facility would serve currently and in the future.

Motion by Alaimo, seconded by Dean, carried 5/0, to enact Ordinance No. 2023-34, approving REZ 2023-08, St. Johns County State Road 207 Water Reclamation Facility, based on four findings of fact, as provided in the staff report.

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

11. Public Hearing - (1) Adoption of an Ordinance to amend Land Development Code (LDC) Section 3.07.14.D and Section 3.07.14.D.1 to remove South Anastasia Design Review Board and replace with Design Review Board. (2) Request to combine the Mid-Anastasia Design Review Board (MADRB) and the South Anastasia Design Review Board (SADRB). This is a request to create the Anastasia Island Design Review Board (AIDRB) through the combination of the South Anastasia Design Review Board (SADRB) and Mid-Anastasia Design Review Board (MADRB). Both Overlay Districts and their specific design regulations in the Land Development Code will not be affected (LDC 3.07 and 3.08). The purpose of combining these Design Review Boards (DRBs) is to maximize qualified volunteer membership so that quorum requirements will be regularly met, leading to more efficient use of volunteers' time and processing of applications for land projects located on Anastasia Island. This request is based on the model currently utilized by the Palm Valley Overlay District, the administration of which is managed by the same body that manages the Ponte Vedra Overlay District (PVARC) and the North Coastal Design Review Board, who manages the North Coastal and Vilano Beach Town Center Overlays. This combination action requires the adoption of a Resolution and related by-laws, as well as a Code change for LDC Section 3.07.14.D

Sloane Stephens, Planner with St. Johns County Growth Management, presented the details of the request, via PowerPoint.

Discussion ensued on keeping the Board's separate and only calling meetings when an application was available for review, and how the voting process would proceed if the Boards were combined. Mike Roberson, Director Growth Management, referenced a schedule of regular meetings (Exhibit A), and commented on not changing the districts, keeping Board members, and the regulations staying the same.

Public Comment: Judy Spiegel provided public comment.

Motion by Dean, seconded by Joseph, carried 5/0, to deny the proposed ordinance and to retain the two separate entities and to direct staff to prepare what is needed to provide that the MADRB and SADRБ would meet upon the request of the applicant.

Yea: Dean, Joseph, Alaimo, Whitehurst, Arnold

Nay: None

12. First Reading of Proposed Amendments to St. Johns County Ordinance No. 2009-36, the St. Johns County Ordinance which prohibits the presence of registered sexual offenders and sexual predators within 300 feet of specified locations designed for children. At its regular meeting on January 17, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners authorized the Office of the County Attorney to prepare proposed amendments to St. Johns County Ordinance No. 2009-36, which prohibits the presence of registered sexual offenders and sexual predators within 300 feet of specified locations designed for children. The proposed amendments to the ordinance would include clarifying the notice requirement and to update references to Florida Statutes

Jalisa Ferguson, Assistant County Attorney, presented the details of the proposed amendments, via PowerPoint.

Public Comment: Howard McGaffney provided public comment.

Ferguson responded to the public comment on revising the ordinance and the concerns regarding amenity centers. Whitehurst requested *Board consensus to update the presence of registered sexual offenders and sexual predators from being present, loitering, or prowling within 300 feet, to 1,000 feet, of specified locations that are primarily designed for use by, or are primarily used by, children in St. Johns County; and adding amenity centers to the Safety Zones, as noted in the ordinance. Consensus was given.*

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sherry Badger, Nicole Crosby (Exhibit A), and Brandon Prevatt provided public comment.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Alaimo

Alaimo spoke on the Passport Saturday event that occurred at the Clerk's Office this past Saturday. *He also requested that staff look at parking options at Tortuga Park, for the Board's consideration; consensus was given.*

Commissioner Dean

Dean gave an update on the various ongoing beach renourishment projects throughout the county.

Commissioner Joseph

Joseph explained that funding for the project to rebuild Fort Mose was lacking approximately \$500,000. She suggested that the Board look at the possibility of contributing \$200,000 from tourist tax funds to the project. *The Board requested a staff briefing on the opportunities at Fort Mose.*

Commissioner Arnold

Arnold thanked the commissioners for their support on the Hasting Main Street initiative and Public Works for completing the sidewalks on Pearl Street. She reported that she had been working with the Flagler Estates CRA Steering Committee on a request for the Postal Service to add Flagler Estates to the 32145 zip code. *She asked for consensus to direct staff to prepare a resolution for Board approval to add Flagler Estates to the 32145 zip code; **consensus was given.***

Commissioner Whitehurst

Whitehurst commented on the Northeast Florida Regional Council's *Return on Investment Report*, highlighting the County's return on investment from its membership on the Council.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Andrews stated that she had four items for the Board's consideration/consensus:

- Board consensus was sought for the County to provide a letter of support for the Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) grant application to the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) for the widening of State Road 16 from International Golf Parkway to I-95, as well as a letter to the United States Secretary of Transportation in support of the FDOT project.

Subsequently, public comment was heard, and a motion made: Chuck Labanowski provided public comment.

Motion by Dean, seconded by Arnold, carried 5/0, to approve that the County provide a letter of support for FDOT and its grant application to the USDOT for the widening of State Road 16 from International Golf Parkway to I-95. Pending Board approval, the County will submit a letter to FDOT supporting the project and pledging a match contribution of up to 20%, which equates to \$21.4 million, per availability of the funds' appropriation at the time of annual budget adoption, which is the 20% of the total project cost, based on the June 2023 estimate of \$107,000,000. The County will also submit a letter to the US Secretary of Transportation in support of the FDOT project and commit up to \$21.4 million in matching funds, per availability of the funds at the time of budget adoption.

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

- *Confirmation to reclassify Joseph “Mac” McDermott from manager to director of the Veterans’ Affairs Office was requested; confirmation was given.*
- The application review schedule for the Ponte Vedra Resort Planned Unit Development were clarified. The review dates are as follows:
 - Ponte Vedra ARC on September 6, at the Marriott
 - Ponte Verda Zoning and Adjustment Board on September 11
 - Planning and Zoning Agency on September 21 at 10 am (time certain)
 - Board of County Commissioners, tentatively November 7
- Andrews reported that an infrastructure delivery team had been put together for the purpose of finding opportunities for the method and approach for the delivery of critical infrastructure projects. *She asked that the Board place a standing infrastructure discussion item on the agenda at the beginning of each month; consensus was given.*

COUNTY ATTORNEY’S REPORT

Migut asked the Board to clarify its position on the Tortuga Park and FDOT items.

With there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:21 a.m.

REPORTS:

1. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Check Register, Check Nos. 614564-614567, totaling \$1,591.75 (08/01/2023)
2. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Check Register, Check Nos. 614568-614585, totaling \$29,562.61 and Voucher Register, Voucher Nos. 74440-74469, totaling \$63,063.65 (08/02/2023)
3. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Check Register, Check No. 614586, totaling \$417 (08/02/2023)
4. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Check Register, Check Nos. 614587-614749, totaling \$1,355,608.35 and Voucher Register, Voucher Nos. 74470-74570, totaling \$4,296,529.27 (08/07/2023)
5. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Check Register, Check Nos. 614750-614761, totaling \$10,510.07 and Voucher Register, Voucher Nos. 74571-74575, totaling \$8,600 (08/09/2023)
6. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Check Register, Check Nos. 614762-614765, totaling \$1,682.89 and Voucher Register, Voucher No. 74576, totaling \$455.11 (08/10/2023)
7. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Voucher Register, Voucher Nos. 74577-74578, totaling \$8,571.72 (08/10/2023)
8. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Check Register, Check Nos. 614766-614919, totaling \$926,669.67 and Voucher Register, Voucher Nos. 74579-74655, totaling \$1,736,297.83 (08/14/2023)

CORRESPONDENCE:

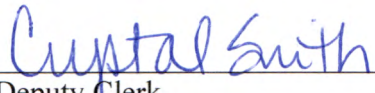
There was none.

Approved September 5, 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

