



Minutes of Meeting
Board of County Commissioners
St. Johns County, Florida
Special Meeting
County Administration Building
500 San Sebastian View
St. Augustine, Florida 32084
October 31, 2023 - 9:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Whitehurst called the special 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: David Migut, County Attorney
Saundra Hutto, Deputy Clerk

ROLL CALL

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

INVOCATION

Pastor Matt McCloghry, Colonial Church, gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Todd Diaz, Corporal, United States Marine Corps Veteran, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

There were none.

APPROVAL OF SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

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

Yea: Arnold, Dean, Whitehurst, Alaimo, Joseph

Nay: None

Whitehurst expressed his gratitude to the staff involved in the recruitment process.

1. Overview of the County Administrator Recruitment Process. GovHR Consultants, Vice President James Dinneen and Senior Vice President Joan Walko, provided an overview of the County Administrator recruitment process. Migut provided further information on altering the interview times as needed.

2. Board to Conduct Interviews. Four finalists will be interviewed by the Board of County Commissioners in the following order: Joy Andrews, Sarah Campbell, James Doar, and James Harriott.

The Board posed questions to Joy Andrews. Andrews expressed her gratitude to the Board.

The Board posed questions to Sarah Campbell. Campbell posed a question to the Board and the Board responded on the success of the County.

Whitehurst recessed the special meeting at 10:41 a.m. and reconvened at 11:40 a.m.

The Board posed questions to James Doar. Doar expressed his gratitude to the Board.

The Board posed questions to James Harriott. Harriott posed a question and expressed his gratitude to the Board. The Board members outlined their expectations for the county administrator.

3. Board Discussion.

Dinneen provided information on the next steps for the interview process.

Discussion ensued on the candidates.

Motion by Joseph to hire Sarah Campbell as the County Administrator. The motion failed for lack of second.

Public Comment: Judy Spiegel, Carol Anderson, Beth Tate, Doris Taylor, Ann-Marie Evans, and Ed Slavin provided public comment.

The Board members expressed their position on the proposed candidates.

Motion by Dean, seconded by Arnold, carried 4/1, via roll call vote, with Joseph dissenting, to hire Joy Andrews as County Administrator.

Yea: Dean, Arnold, Whitehurst, Alaimo

Nay: Joseph

Motion by Alaimo, seconded by Dean, carried 4/1, via roll call vote, with Joseph dissenting, to proceed with Commissioner Christian Whitehurst and County Attorney David Migut to enter into a contract negotiations with Joy Andrews.

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

Public Comment: Ed Slavin provided public comment.

Discussion ensued on the contract process, with Migut providing information on the contract process regarding the Sunshine Law.

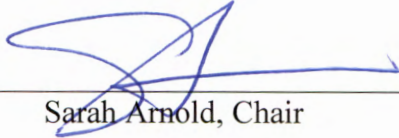
Dinneen suggested bringing Joy Andrews before the Board to congratulate her on being selected for the county administrator position. Whitehurst announced that Joy Andrews had been selected as the next county administrator. Andrews accepted the position and expressed her gratitude for being selected.

With there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 1:34 p.m.

Approved November 21, 2023

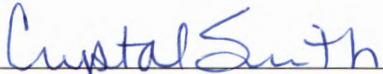
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _____


Sarah Arnold, Chair

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

By: _____


Deputy Clerk

