

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
NOVEMBER 7, 2000  
(1:30 P.M.)**

Proceedings of a special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, began and held in the Auditorium at the County Administration Building, #4020 Lewis Speedway (County Road 16-A) and U.S. 1 North, St. Augustine, Florida.

Present were:           James Bryant, District 5, Chair  
                          Mary Kohnke, District 4, Vice Chair  
                          Pal Howell, District 1  
                          Marc Jacalone, District 3  
                          David Halstead, Assistant County Administrator  
                          Daniel Bosanko, Deputy County Attorney  
                          Yvonne King, Deputy Clerk

John Reardon, District 2, was absent.

(11/07/00 - 1 - 1:36 p.m.)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Bryant.

(11/07/00 - 1 - 1:36 p.m.)

The Invocation was given by Jacalone. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bryant.

(11/07/00 - 1 - 1:37 a.m.)

ROLL CALL

The roll was called by the Deputy Clerk. Commissioner Reardon was absent from the meeting; he was serving on the Canvassing Board at the Supervisor of Elections Office.

(11/07/00 - 1 - 1:38 p.m.)

PRESENTATION OF A PROCLAMATION TO DECLARE NOVEMBER 9, 2000 AS A DAY OF DECISION TO HOSPICE

Kohnke, on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, presented a proclamation to Ingrid Guyer, Susan Stansel, and Shelly Whiteman declaring November 9, 2000 as a Day of Decision to Hospice.

(11/07/00 - 1 - 1:43 p.m.)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Harry Maxwell, 3333 Cedar Glen Way, said he appeared before the Housing Finance Authority approximately three years ago with a request to borrow funds to refinance and repair Maxwell Manor Apartments located at 28 N. Whitney Street. He said he was denied several times. Maxwell said he adhered to all the laws when making the request. Maxwell then requested the Board combine the Housing Finance Authority and St. Johns County Housing Advisory Committee as one board. (1:52 p.m.) ***It was the consensus of the Board to continue this item until the end of the agenda.*** (See page 3.)

(11/07/00 - 1 - 1:55 p.m.)

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO CONSENT AGENDA

There were no additions nor deletions to the Consent Agenda.

(11/07/00 - 2 - 1:55 p.m.)

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

**Motion by Jacalone, seconded by Kohnke, carried 4/0 with Reardon absent, to approve the Consent Agenda, as follows:**

1. Approval of **Resolution No. 2000-170** to set a public hearing for November 28, 2000 at 1:30 p.m. to consider a petition to vacate certain drainage and utility easements in Crescent Cove Subdivision

**RESOLUTION NO. 2000-170**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, STATE OF FLORIDA, SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR NOVEMBER 28, 2000 AT 1:30 P.M. TO CONSIDER A PETITION TO VACATE CERTAIN DRAINAGE AND UTILITY EASEMENTS IN CRESCENT COVE SUBDIVISION**

2. Approval of **Resolution No. 2000-171** to set a public hearing for November 14, 2000 regarding vacating a portion of Alta Vista Road

**RESOLUTION NO. 2000-171**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, STATE OF FLORIDA, SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR NOVEMBER 14, 2000 REGARDING VACATING A PORTION OF ALTA VISTA ROAD**

(11/07/00 - 2 - 1:56 p.m.)

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

Bryant requested to add Item #2a, Discussion of Maxwell Manor Apartments/Housing Finance Authority.

(11/07/00 - 2 - 1:56 p.m.)

APPROVAL OF SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

**Motion by Kohnke, seconded by Jacalone, carried 4/0 with Reardon absent, to approve the Special Meeting Agenda, as amended.**

(11/07/00 - 2 - 1:56 p.m.)

1. CONSIDER CONSTRUCTION OF SIDEWALK AND CROSSWALKS AT THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX

Greg Kennedy, Traffic and Transportation Manager, explained the proposed plan for pedestrian crosswalks from the Courthouse Administrative Complex to the north side of Lewis Speedway to the other county offices. (2:00 p.m.) **Motion by Jacalone, seconded by Kohnke, carried 4/0 with Reardon absent, to direct the Traffic and Transportation Section to move forward on this project.**

(11/07/00 - 2 - 2:00 p.m.)

2. DISCUSSION OF A COUNTYWIDE BALD EAGLE HABITAT MANAGEMENT PLAN

Bishop explained the proposed County-wide Bald Eagle Habitat Management Plan; said it will be placed in the Land Development Code. Discussion followed regarding the restrictions in the primary and secondary zones.

(2:22 p.m.) Bryant left the meeting.

(2:22 p.m.) Tony Steffer, 5203 Friar Tuck Court, Tampa, an eagle researcher, commented on the purpose of a primary zone, the restriction of all activities in the primary zone, and noise as disturbance to eagles. (2:32 p.m.) Glenn Layton, 517 Fresh Pond Road, Ponte Vedra Beach, President of North Florida Builders, commented on his experience of building homes in the secondary zone; driveways and sidewalks not being able to be poured during the non nesting period; interior construction only being allowed with doors and windows in the closed position; and the definition of "dried in." (2:38 p.m.) John Metcalf, 1104 Mill Creek Drive, urged the Board not to adopt the proposed management plan. (2:40 p.m.) Matt Dinkins, 24 Cathedral Place #409, Environmental Services, Inc., read a letter into the record from Rhodes Robinson, Vice President and Technical Director of Environmental Services, Inc., requesting certain matters be considered prior to the adoption of the management plan. Dinkins then commented on "dried in." (2:46 p.m.) Linda Conner Kane, 50 North Laura Street, Jacksonville, expressed some concerns with the way the proposed management plan is presently written. (2:57 p.m.) Dave Tillis, 410 Tradewind Lane, St. Joe Company, commented in opposition to the Bald Eagle Management Plan. (3:00 p.m.) Roger Van Ghent, 4005 Moultrie Foreside Blvd., on behalf of the St. Johns County Audubon Society, commented on the primary zone, landscaping be prohibited (use of power tools); loud noises being minimized; certification of the abandonment of the nest be done by U.S. Fish and Wildlife as well as the County. (3:10 p.m.) Daniel Davis, 103 Century 21 Drive, St. Johns Builders Council, commented in opposition to the proposed eagle management plan. Discussion followed on the proposed plan. (1.0280) ***It was the consensus of the Board for this item to be placed on a future workshop agenda.***

(1.0320) James Sisco, County Attorney, entered the meeting.

(11/07/00 - 3 - 1.0325)

2a. DISCUSSION OF MAXWELL MANOR APARTMENTS/HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY

Harry Maxwell, 3333 Cedar Glen Way, further informed the Board of his request to the Housing Finance Authority for a loan. Maxwell submitted a copy of Attorney General Opinion 00-14, addressing the Housing Finance Authority's request for an Attorney General Opinion pertaining to the legality of refinancing Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell's apartment complex. Maxwell submitted other documents regarding this issue. Discussion followed regarding the authority of the Housing Finance Authority. Kohnke requested to place on a future workshop a discussion on the Housing Finance Authority, to which the Board agreed.

(11/07/00 - 3 - 1.0917)

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Jacalone:

None.

(1.0918)

Commissioner Howell:

None.

(1.0918)

Commissioner Kohnke:

None.

(11/07/00 - 4 - 1.0922)

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

None.

(11/07/00 - 4 - 1.0924)

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None.

(11/07/00 - 4 - 1.0925)

CLERK OF COURT'S REPORT

None.

**(1.0928) Motion by Jacalone, seconded by Howell, carried 3/0 with Bryant and Reardon absent, to adjourn the meeting.** There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Approved December 12, 2000

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mary F. Kohnke, Chair

ATTEST: CHERYL STRICKLAND, CLERK

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk