

**MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA
MARCH 20, 2001
(1:30 P.M.)**

Proceedings of a workshop 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: Mary Kohnke, District 4, Chair
Nicholas Meiszer, District 1
John Reardon, District 2
James E. Bryant, District 5
David Halstead, Assistant County Administrator
Doug Burnett, Assistant County Attorney
Judy Hamilton, Deputy Clerk

Also present: Cheryl Strickland, Clerk of Courts

Commissioner Marc Jacalone, District 3, entered the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

(03/20/01 - 1 - 1:36 p.m.)
CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kohnke.

(03/20/01 - 1 - 1:36 p.m.)
PRESENTATION FROM COUNTY STAFF AND A MANUFACTURER'S REPRESENTATIVE REGARDING A VACUUM WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEM FOR UTILITIES

Bill Young, Director of County Utilities, addressed the Board, advising them Staff has been investigating alternative wastewater collection systems for certain application within the County's service area. This presentation included information on a vacuum wastewater collection system, which in some cases can provide a cost-effective and less disruptive mode of collection, and may provide solutions for problematic areas throughout the County.

Young introduced Neal Shinkre, the new Utility Professional Engineer. (1:37 p.m.) Shinkre and Tom Evans, of Tom Evans Environmental, Inc., Lakeland, made a presentation to the Board, with visual display, of Vacuum Wastewater Collection as a Viable and Cost-Effective Technology. Discussion was held on the number of houses to a pump, workability with other plants, and maintenance problems. Other concerns and questions of the Board were answered by Evans and Staff. Benefits and Advantages of this vacuum system were also discussed. Evans stated this was not a new system and there is a definitive cost difference. Avoidance of having to cut streets and driveways; wood chips used for odor control; and, review of Florida systems under current design and permitting were also discussed. (2:35 p.m.) Jacalone entered the meeting. (2:45 p.m.) *Staff was directed to pursue finding out about the vacuum system, including visitation of existing vacuum wastewater collection systems.*

The meeting recessed at 2:47 p.m. and reconvened at 2:58 p.m.

(03/20/01 - 2 - 2:59 p.m.)

REPORT ON ST. JOHNS COUNTY'S FISCAL YEAR 2002-2006 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM (CIP) REQUESTS

Doug Timms, Office of Management and Budget, made a presentation to the Board of the CIP, with visual display. Timms introduced new staff members, Marcella Bridier and Dawn Cardenas. Discussion was held on the FY 2002-2006 Capital Project Requests.

An overview of the 2002 CIP was made: the Capital Project Process, Total CIP Requests; Project Requests by Fund; Project List Format; General Fund Requests; Transportation Fund Requests; Fire District Fund Requests; TDT Fund Requests; Impact Fee Fund Requests; Solid Waste Fund Requests; Utility Services Fund Requests; FBIT-Boating Improvement Fund Requests; Other Fund Requests; Grant Funded Requests; Future Funding Requests; Future Funding Concerns; Funding Alternatives. Questions from the Board were then answered.

Further discussion ensued on various aspects of the CIP, including the CIP Ranking Committee. (3:42 p.m.) Placement of the budget and CIP on the Internet was also reviewed.

The workshop was adjourned at 3:44 p.m.

Approved: April 17, 2001

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _____
Mary F. Kohnke, Chair

ATTEST: CHERYL STRICKLAND, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk