

**MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA
APRIL 3, 2001
(9:00 A.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
Marc Jacalone, District 3, Vice Chair
Nicholas Meiszer, District 1
John Reardon, District 2
James E. Bryant, District 5
Ben W. Adams, Jr., County Administrator
Isabelle Lopez, Assistant County Attorney
Yvonne King, Deputy Clerk

Also present were: Cheryl Strickland, Clerk of Courts

(04/03/01 - 1 - 9:00 a.m.)
CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Kohnke.

(04/03/01 - 1 - 9:00 a.m.)
The Invocation was given by Kohnke. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jacalone.

(04/03/01 - 1 - 9:00 a.m.)
ROLL CALL

The roll was called by the Deputy Clerk.

(04/03/01 - 1 - 9:00 a.m.)
PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

(04/03/01 - 1 - 9:01 a.m.)
ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO WORKSHOP AGENDA

Halstead requested that Item #2 (Update from the West Augustine CRA) be pulled from the agenda and postponed to a later date. No future date was set.

(04/03/01 - 1 - 9:01 a.m.)
APPROVAL OF WORKSHOP AGENDA

Motion by Reardon, seconded by Jacalone, carried 5/0, to approve the Workshop Agenda, as amended.

(04/03/01 - 1 - 9:01 a.m.)
UPDATE FROM THE WEST AUGUSTINE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

This item was removed from the agenda.

The workshop recessed at 9:01 a.m. and reconvened at 5:17 p.m. with Kohnke, Jacalone, Meiszer, Bryant, Adams, Bosanko, and Lenora Newsome, Deputy Clerk, in attendance. Reardon was absent.

(04/03/01- 2 - 5:17 p.m.)
COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

Commissioner Bryant:

No report.

(5:17 p.m.)
Commissioner Kohnke:

Kohnke mentioned that the Round Table sent her a letter asking that the Board conduct their meetings by Roberts Rules of Order. She stated that the Board does conduct their meetings according to the rules of the Board and in the rules of the Board are a modified form of Roberts Rules of Order. She stated that she will write them a letter back informing them of the rules that the Board follows. She relayed that if any of the Commissioners don't like the rules, they can request to amend them. Discussion followed on following rules, and amending rules.

Kohnke reminded the Board of the invitation to the Audubon thing this weekend.

(5:30 p.m.)
Commissioner Jacalone:

No report.

(5:30 p.m.)
Commissioner Meiszer:

Meiszer spoke on the letter from George Flint concerning House Bill 949 and Senate Bill 2062 which deals with Eminent Domain issues for the counties that are not under the PSC, but have their own regulatory bodies for water and sewer. He asked if the Board wanted to follow the recommendation that a resolution be prepared to object to these bills or at least a letter. Meiszer suggested for the Board to direct Zebrowsky to write a letter at the Board's direction expressing their opposition to that House Bill and Senate Rule. Jacalone mentioned that he talked to Mike Twomey in Tallahassee and Twomey had brought it to their attention and Jacalone did not ever see the Board getting into the arena of obtaining utilities via eminent domain. He did not think it would apply to the Board.

(5:32 p.m.) Burnett spoke on a bill that will go to the House tomorrow that is sponsored by the Billboard Industry and it will significantly reduce the power that the County has to regulate billboards. He stated that there has been compromises proposed. Kohnke asked Adams to get with Zebrowky about talking to King about the Board supporting his compromise bills.

(04/03/01 - 2 - 5:34 p.m.)
COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Bosanko relayed that Lopez, pursuant to the Board's direction, filed a lawsuit against the City of St. Augustine Beach, regarding an annexation enclave.

Bosanko recommended the Board appoint one of the Commissioners to work with the County Attorney's Office to come up with some proposals for the Board to look at on the Board rules. Bryant agreed to work with the County Attorney's Office on the rules.

Jacalone questioned the lawsuit that Lopez filed against the City of St. Augustine Beach; Bosanko explained.

(04/03/01 - 3 - 5:36 p.m.)
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Adams reminded the Board of the Joint BCC/School Board meeting on April 26, 2001 at 9:00 a.m. at the Orange Street School facility.

(04/03/01 - 3 - 5:37 p.m.)
CLERK OF COURT'S REPORT

No report.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the workshop adjourned at 5:37 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