

**MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA
MAY 15, 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
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
Daniel Bosanko, Deputy County Attorney
Lenora Newsome, Deputy Clerk

Also present: Cheryl Strickland, Clerk of Courts

(05/15/01 - 1 - 1:35 p.m.)

**PRESENTATION OF THE NORTH-SOUTH CORRIDOR STUDY RECOMMENDED
ALTERNATIVES & IMPLEMENTATION PLAN BY AYRES ASSOCIATES**

Nick Perpich, Project Engineer, reviewed this item, stating that the State has designated this road as 2209. He stated that there is a public meeting scheduled for May 31 at Switzerland Point Middle School from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

(1:37 p.m.) David Kemp, 9440 Phillips Hwy., Jacksonville, Ayres Associates, spoke, with the assistance of visual display, on Ayres being involved with the North-South Corridor, gave a study history, purpose of the study, potential North-South Corridor traffic volumes, potential North-South Corridor lineage, recommended alternative features, functional classification, recommended typical section, access management requirements, and corridor alternatives according to segments. Discussion followed on the bypass, limits on where to go with the Corridor, having a discussion with DOT, why SR 16 is not preferable for the bypass, the agreement that was precipitated during the Northwest Sector Plan, proposed alignments following existing roadways, using existing rights-of-way, re-examining the use of SR 16 and the biggest expense being in the Central Segment. Kemp spoke on the North Segment, Link N1 and Link N2. Kemp continued with recommended alignment as one picture, implementation plan, construction segments, funding and construction schedule, and proposed 2 laning instead of all 4 lanes, until needed. Jacalone requested for the Board to direct Adams to initiate some kind of a request from DOT that the Board be relieved of the obligations that were contained in the agreement. Kohnke stated that she was hesitant to back off totally from the agreement, and go forward at a slower pace. She spoke on having a few more years for this project, re-examining SR 16, and the P and E Study for Bartram Park Phase 1. Feldt spoke on working it out with DOT to get the interchange closer to Russell Sampson Road. Feldt remarked on the SR 16 co-location issue. Kemp spoke on the Northwest Sector Plan. Bryant spoke on the Long Range Traffic Concurrency Program. Feldt stated that he would investigate what Bryant is talking about. Kohnke requested for Staff to get back with the Board on, if they can juggle segments, what are the repercussions if they use SR 16, if money is hidden somewhere in the pot that they aren't sure of, and then go on. Bosanko left the meeting.

The meeting recessed at 2:47 p.m. and reconvened at 2:57 p.m.

(05/15/01 - 2 - 2:57 p.m.)

STATUS REPORT ON THE ST. JOHNS COUNTY CHILDREN'S COMMISSION

Allen MacDonald, Finance Director, entered the meeting. Lauren Abell, 5484 Fifth Street, St. Johns County Children's Commission, Chairman, gave a brief update on the Children's Commission and stated that they plan to give one annually. She stated that the two things that they are focusing on are, the First Coast Health.Org. Database, and to resurrect a luncheon for all the agencies in the County that serve children. She asked for the Board to approve their Bylaws, and mentioned the Summit on Children's Issues in October. Kohnke asked her to review the issues that she distributed on the St. Johns County Children's Commission, St. Johns County Children's Plan Status Report. George Moon, representing District 5, spoke on schools and businesses working together to get students to have good attendance and less tardies. Abell stated that they are doing very well overall and that Katy Arnold, new Americas Promise Fellow, will be going to a grant writing workshop. Discussion followed on the Bylaws, changing the School Board/BCC joint meeting scheduled on July 18, so the Board can attend the Children's Summit scheduled for that same date. Moon re-enforced Abell's comments on the Information Referral Database.

(05/15/01 - 2 - 3:15 p.m.)

REPORT ON THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OPINION RELATING TO THE DELEGATION OF POWERS BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO THE CLERK OF COURTS REGARDING PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE PAYMENT OF COUNTY BILLS

MacDonald reviewed this item, explaining the current procedure on paying bills. He requested for the Board to change the policy as it's being done right now. Cheryl Strickland, Clerk of Court, clarified what MacDonald was explaining to the Board. Discussion followed on where and when the check registers were listed, the proposed way of handling the check register, only providing backup for the check register if requested, and establishing a policy on, if the register is pulled, it would be added to the end of the day and then the backup would be provided. Joe Vonasek, Budget and Management, spoke on the Board not being able to approve the check register at a workshop meeting and there being a chance that the Board could not approve it every week. Meiszer spoke on not having workshop meetings. Adams mentioned that he would check it out. Kohnke replied that MacDonald can work it out with Meiszer, he will advertise it, he will make sure everything is fine and to start next week.

(3:29 p.m.) **Motion by Reardon, seconded by Jacalone, carried 5/0, to adjourn the meeting.**
The meeting thereupon adjourned at 3:29 p.m.

Approved : June 12, 2001

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _____
Marc Jacalone, Chair

ATTEST: CHERYL STRICKLAND, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk