

**MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA
DECEMBER 5, 2003
(12:00 P.M.)**

Proceedings of an emergency 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: Karen Stern, District 2, Chair
 Bruce Maguire, District 4, Vice Chair
 Nicholas Meiszer, District 1
 Marc Jacalone, District 3
 Ben W. Adams, Jr., County Administrator
 Jim Sisco, Assistant County Attorney
 Lenora Newsome, Deputy Clerk

(12/05/03 - 1 - 12:08 p.m.)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Stern.

(12/05/03 - 1 - 12:08 p.m.)

ROLL CALL

Stern stated that four Commissioners were present with Bryant being absent.

(12/05/03 - 1 - 12:08 p.m.)

APPROVAL OF EMERGENCY MEETING AGENDA

Motion by Jacalone, to approve the Emergency Meeting Agenda. He withdrew the motion. Meiszer requested to add the discussion of Alpine Grove Park as Item 1A. **Motion by Jacalone, seconded by Maguire, carried 4/0 with Bryant absent, to approve the Agenda as amended.**

(12/05/03 - 1 - 12:10 p.m.)

1. PUBLIC HEARING - AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF ST. JOHNS, STATE OF FLORIDA, AMENDING ST. JOHNS COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 2003-91 WHICH IS THE ORDINANCE THAT REIMPOSED, EXTENDED AND RELEVIED THE COUNTY SIX (6) CENT LOCAL OPTION GAS TAX. ST. JOHNS COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 2003-91 PROVIDED THAT THE COUNTY'S RELEVIED, EXTENDED AND REIMPOSED GAS TAX WOULD EXPIRE ON AUGUST 31, 2033. SECTION 336.021 (4)(5), FLORIDA STATUTES, REQUIRES THAT LOCAL OPTION GAS TAXES EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31ST OF A YEAR. ST. JOHNS COUNTY IS SCHEDULED TO CLOSE A \$30,000,000 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT REVENUE BOND ISSUE ON DECEMBER 8, 2003 WHICH RELIES ON THE COUNTY'S PORTION OF THE REIMPOSED, EXTENDED AND RELEVIED SIX (6) CENT LOCAL OPTION GAS TAX THAT WAS ESTABLISHED BY ST. JOHNS COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 2003-91. THIS ORDINANCE DECLARES THAT AN EMERGENCY EXISTS AND THAT THE IMMEDIATE ENACTMENT OF THIS ORDINANCE IS NECESSARY; IT WAIVES NOTICE; IT MAKES FINDINGS; AND IT CHANGES THE EXPIRATION DATE OF THE SIX (6) CENT LOCAL OPTION GAS TAX THAT WAS REIMPOSED, EXTENDED AND RELEVIED BY

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2003-91 FROM AUGUST 31, 2033 TO DECEMBER 31, 2032

Sisco explained that he had to draft an emergency ordinance to correct the date listed on the original Ordinance. The date listed was August 31, 2033 and should have been December 31, 2032. He requested a motion be made to adopt the new Ordinance. **Motion by Jacalone, seconded by Maguire, carried 4/0 with Bryant absent, to enact Ordinance No. 2003-104.**

ORDINANCE NO. 2003-104

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(12/05/03 - 2 - 12:12 p.m.)


1A. ALPINE GROVE PARK

Ted Zebrowsky, Intergovernmental Relations, spoke on the Board passing a Legislative Priority List, back in October, and one of the issues was a grant that the County had applied for. He stated that they found out yesterday that the Recreation Department had applied for a grant for the Bennett Property and it was not on the list. He stated that they were trying to fix a bridge for the northwest part of the County and asked that the Board agree to adding that to the list. (12:13 p.m.) **Motion by Meiszer, seconded by Jacalone, carried 4/0 with Bryant absent, to add to the list of projects for consideration by the Delegation, the funding for Alpine Grove Park.**

Motion by Jacalone, seconded by Maguire, carried 4/0 with Bryant absent, to adjourn the meeting. With there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 12:14 p.m.

Approved _____ January 6 _____, 2004

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: 
Karen R. Stern, Chair

ATTEST: CHERYL STRICKLAND, CLERK

By: 
Deputy Clerk