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**MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA
JULY 20, 2005
(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: Bruce A. Maguire, District 4, Chairman
 James E. Bryant, District 5, Vice Chairman
 Karen R. Stern, District 2
 Ben Rich, District 3
 Ben W. Adams, Jr., County Administrator
 Dan Bosanko, County Attorney
 Terry Bulla, Deputy Clerk

Also present: Ted Zebrowski, Assistant County Administrator
 Scott Clem, Assistant County Administrator
 Doug Timms, Director Office of Management & Budget
 Cheryl Strickland, Clerk of Court

Absent: Cyndi Stevenson, District 1

[\(07/20/05 - 1 - 9:07 a.m.\)](#)

Chair Maguire called the meeting to order.

(9:08 a.m.) Clerk of Court, Cheryl Strickland, reviewed the budget figures and explained that she had presented two budgets, County Courts & Finance. She reported there was no change for the County Courts budget, and for Finance there was an 8.6% increase, which included a new position. There were no questions.

(9:11 a.m.) The E-911 Communications Fund was reviewed and there were no questions. This item was deferred until the Sheriff's budget presentation.

(9:13 a.m.) The Property Appraiser's budget was reviewed. Timms said there was an issue because they had not submitted a revised budget to the State for certain rental expenses related to expanded space. He said they still had to submit a revised budget to his office. Adams said they would tie that issue in with the Cornerstone purchase.

(9:16 a.m.) The Supervisor of Elections' budget was reviewed and Timms said there were no changes.

(9:17 a.m.) The Tax Collector's budget was reviewed and there were no questions.

(9:18 a.m.) The Southeast Annex Construction Fund was reviewed, and Timms stated it was located at the Southeast Library site. There were no questions.

(9:18 a.m.) The Board of County Commissioners' budget was reviewed. There were no questions.

(9:19 a.m.) The County Attorney Budget was reviewed by Dan Bosanko, who said they were not asking for any new attorneys, but they were asking for a part-time office

person to assist with scanning records into the data bank. He said they were also asking for money for an intern from one of the local law schools. Maguire asked about funding for the retirement fund. Bosanko said he planned to retire in about 15 months. He said they might need money in this year's budget for overlap during the transition. He noted that such funding was not included in the current budget but could be adjusted at a later date.

(9:21 a.m.) The Legal Aid Fund was reviewed by Bosanko, and he said there were some issues with Jacksonville Area Legal Aid office (JALA). He said this was the first year they had an actual legal aid office within the County, and it had been a great success. He stated there was funding in next year's budget to continue the program in the same amount as that for last year, but there were some issues. (9:23 a.m.) Megan Wall, Director of JALA, requested \$8,000 for capital/non-recurring expenses, and explained that they were behind in that amount due to the budgeting process and because of the start up process. She stated they had not billed adequately in the early months and had gotten behind \$8,000 in what was appropriated even though it had been allotted. Bosanko explained that the amount would be up for approval at the next BCC meeting for payment during the current year and was already budgeted, and they needed approval for the release of the payment that was not made. Timms said they had projected the full contract amount and the \$8,000 was included. Discussion ensued regarding the billing system and how it should be handled. Wall introduced the second issue regarding the Jacksonville Area Legal Aid, the mother organization to SJC Legal Aid. She explained that they supplemented the local program by \$3,000 to \$4,000 per month, and had just lost \$700,000 as a result the Governor's veto for that program. She explained that the SJC office had been sheltered and had not taken the hits that the Jacksonville office had. She said they were requesting that the SJC Legal Aid office be funded by the SJC Board of County Commissioners, separate from that of the Jacksonville Legal Aid budget, to as much extent as possible, to avoid the potential cutbacks the other office had suffered. She said the actual cost of running the office was \$36,000 more than what was allotted. (9:32 a.m.) Timms said the General Fund was already contributing \$182,015, over 70% of the budget. He said it was originally intended to be self-funding but had not been realized. He noted the revenue was being spread out over time and they had to subsidize more than planned. He said they were recommending \$41,525 for the FY 06 budget. (9:35 a.m.) Rich questioned the point at which they were projecting a point when they would become self-supporting. Timms said they thought the revenues would improve each year, but currently there was no evidence to that end for the short term. (9:35 a.m.) Stern questioned which bill the Governor's veto was for. Well said it was a \$5,000,000 appropriation for Legal Services in the State of Florida. She said it was part of the source of their previous funding. Stern suggested they should address the legislative issues with the State. (9:37 a.m.) Maguire said he did not believe it was the County's responsibility to pick up funding items that the State had started. He asked if they should underwrite offices or underwrite services. He also questioned the stream of funding and the fact that we might lose money. (9:39 a.m.) Bosanko said they had not addressed that issue and since they had not developed the contract for next year and they would look at the issue. (9:41 a.m.) Timms said they needed consensus on whether to include the \$41,000. Maguire said he did not support it. Bryant said he did not see anyone else coming forward to support the issue, and it would be a continuous struggle. (9:42 a.m.) Stern stated she felt like it was a service that should be provided and she agreed with Bryant that it was unlikely that anyone else would come forward to provide support. She said they needed to pursue the issue at the State level. Bryant said there were services that were incumbent upon the County to provide, and they needed to make a decision on a yearly basis. He said if they lost support, it would come back to the local Bar for funding, so they should support it but put it under a high level of scrutiny to ensure the

services are rendered and in a cost efficient manner, and that they are not just subsidizing another county.

(9:45 a.m.) Adams reviewed the County Administration budget. He said the major endeavor was for the design of the new County Administration Building.

(9:46 a.m.) The Court Services items were reviewed and there were no questions.

(9:47 a.m.) The Human Resources budget was reviewed. Adams said they were adding a Training Officer. He noted that Karen Van Volkinburg would be retiring, so there would be some overlapping of salaries during this calendar year.

(9:48 a.m.) Timms presented the Worker Compensation Insurance Fund. He said there had been a 40% increase, which would be adequate. He said the fund was in good financial health.

(9:49 a.m.) Timms presented the Health Insurance Fund budget, and stated there was a significant increase but it involved a significant employee contribution for family and dependents at 1%. He said there was some savings in prescriptions. He said it actually reflected a 2.3% increase. He noted the employee contribution was an issue but was not reflected in the current budget. (9:51 a.m.) Bryant asked if there was a breakdown on a cost per employee basis to see if the growth rate was related to the number of employees or if it was the rising cost of healthcare. Timms said there were 94 new employees resulting in an increase of \$564,000, and with an overall increase of \$1.9 million. He reported that prescription was the highest area of insurance increase. Bryant said emphasis should be placed on the wellness program to help reduce reliance on prescription drugs.

(9:53 a.m.) The Information Systems budget was discussed. There were 4 new positions proposed. There were no comments.

(9:54 a.m.) The Intergovernmental and Public Relations budget was discussed, and there were no questions.

(9:54 a.m.) Ted Zebrowsky, Assistant County Administrator, presented the Economic Development budget, and he explained the budget items as they related to new ordinance and businesses within the County. There were no questions.

(9:56 a.m.) The Office of Management & Budget's budget was presented by Timms and he said they were holding the line on that item. There were no questions.

(9:56 a.m.) The Purchasing budget was discussed by Adams, who said they were asking for a full-time position, and the numbers would change from 5.5 to 6.0. There were no questions.

(9:57 a.m.) The Risk Management budget was discussed, and Timms said they were trying to be more aggressive in the area of controlling insurance costs. Adams said the additional costs were primarily for safety and wellness. Maguire said they would receive benefits in other areas. (9:59 a.m.) Rich asked if there were measurable criteria to measure the success of such a venture. Adams said they were conscious of that and hoped to be able to provide such data. Zebrowsky said an example of payback was the reduction in the workers comp complaints. Adams noted that a lot of emphasis had been placed on safety and the results had been good.

(9:59 a.m.) The Construction Services budget was discussed by Adams, who said new positions had been added due to the continued growth. There were no questions.

(10:00 a.m.) The Facilities Maintenance budget was discussed and there were no comments.

(10:01 a.m.) The Detention Facilities Lighting Fund was discussed, and Timms said it was largely complete. There were no other comments.

(10:02 a.m.) The GE Capital Debt Service Fund was discussed, and Timms said it was connected to the Detention Facility financing. He said it should all be locked in.

(10:03 a.m.) The Judicial Center Maintenance budget was discussed, and Timms said Constitutional Officers stated they would need more space before the Cornerstone Complex expansion was completed. (10:04 a.m.) Mary Ann Blount explained that space was needed in the Ponte Vedra area, and the Cornerstone property would not be closed until the end of September, and they were about 2.5 years out for having more available space. She said there was some space available, at a cost of about \$250,000 per year for an interim fix until the Cornerstone property was available. She said the needs differed for the various Constitutional Officers, and overcrowding issues occurred at different times of the year for each division. (10:05 a.m.) Stern said certain times were more difficult than other times, and the current location of the current annex was bad as far as ingress, egress and parking. She asked if they would know more in September about the status of Cornerstone. Blount said if they were unable to close with Cornerstone, they might have to request an amendment to the contract to extend the closing dates, if they had not secured their property. Stern expressed concern for the cost of the temporary facility and asked if they could look at trying to lower the projected cost. Blount said their requirements for space was very specific and the Ponte Vedra rates were high. She said she was waiting for direction from the Board before they proceeded with looking for what was available. Stern said there was an urgent immediate need for space. The consensus was that they needed to hear from the Constitutional Officers. (10:11 a.m.) Maguire confirmed that rental space was high up there and the market was strong for rental space. He said Blount needed to talk with each Constitutional Officer and find out what their space needs were, and then return to the Board.

(10:13 a.m.) Health & Human Services Center Maintenance Budget was discussed, and Bryant asked if they were getting ahead of the curve on bringing the building up to speed. (10:14 a.m.) Gene Burns, Director of Maintenance, said they were at the end of the work on the HVAC system and the costs of maintaining the building should decrease dramatically for the next fiscal year.

(10:14 a.m.) Medical Examiner budget was discussed, and Timms said they had received a new agreement for reimbursement from Flagler and Putnam counties. He said it was reflected in the current budget and it would be more favorable to us, reflecting the growth in population.

(10:15 a.m.) The Agriculture & Home Economics budget was discussed, and Timms said they had a new director who had requested a step up in activities and grounds use. He said they were expecting some good things out of the request.

(10:16 a.m.) The Planning/Land Development budget was discussed, and there were no comments.

(10:17 a.m.) The Zoning budget was discussed and there were no comments or questions.

(10:17 a.m.) The Development Review budget was discussed, and Timms said the .17 FTE reflected the Permit Center staff for the first quarter getting ready for the new Permit Center.

(10:18 a.m.) The Code Enforcement budget was reviewed and there were no questions or comments.

(10:18 a.m.) The Housing Abatement Fund was reviewed and there were no questions or comments.

(10:19 a.m.) The Animal Control budget was reviewed, and Maguire said two new positions were proposed and the budget almost was doubled. Adams said it reflected the Stratton Road facility and also a building on SR 208. He said the sheer volume of animals was requiring more staff and equipment. (10:20 a.m.) Paul Sturdivant, Animal Control Supervisor, responded to questions regarding the budget. He said the cost of the vehicles was expensive because of the animal transport boxes. Timms said the largest expense was for renovations to the Bakersville office. Sturdivant said they had outgrown their space and the majority of the cost was for the new space provided by the County. Timms explained the trucks were in the capital outlay budget portion.

(10:24 a.m.) The Building Services Fund was explained by Timms, who said they were experiencing high levels of revenue due to the high degree of services provided. He said they anticipated about a 30% reduction of fees. He said there could be a change pending the results of a study currently underway, which would be concluded in September. There were no questions or comments.

(10:25 a.m.) The Pre-Construction Services budget was reviewed and there were no questions or comments.

(10:25 a.m.) The Housing/Community Services budget was reviewed, and Timms explained the non-recurring item. There were no questions or comments.

(10:26 a.m.) The World Commerce Center DRI Fund was reviewed and Timms said this fund was reserved for low-income workers in the World Commerce Center area. There were no questions or comments.

The meeting recessed at 10:27 a.m. and reconvened at 10:38 a.m.

(10: 38 a.m.) The CRA Funds were reviewed. There were no questions or comments.

(10:39 a.m.) The 04 Flagler Estates Bond Debt Service Fund was reviewed and there were no questions or comments.

(10: 39 a.m.) The State Housing Initiatives Partnership Fund was discussed and there were no questions or comments.

(10:39 a.m.) The Independent Agencies and Physical Environment item was discussed and there were no questions or comments.

(10:39 a.m.) The Veterans Services item was reviewed and there were no questions or comments.

(10: 40 a.m.) The Historic CRA budget was reviewed and there were no questions or comments.

(10:40 a.m.) The Recreation Programs & Facilities budget was reviewed and there were no questions or comments.

(10:41 a.m.) The Florida Boating Improvement Fund was reviewed, and Timms stated that revenues were derived from Boat Registration fees to support and improve local boating facilities.

(10:41 a.m.) The Northwest Tower Fund was reviewed and there were no questions or comments.

(10:41 a.m.) The Davis Park Fund was reviewed and there were no questions or comments.

(10:42 a.m.) The Park Projects Fund was reviewed and there were no questions or comments.

(10:42 a.m.) The Beach Re-Nourishment Project Fund was reviewed and there were no questions or comments.

(10:42 a.m.) The Landscaping Fund was reviewed and there were no questions or comments.

(10:42 a.m.) The Tree Bank Fund was reviewed and there were no questions or comments.

(10:42 a.m.) The Library Services budget was reviewed, and Adams said there was an issue with the Library Branch in Hastings in that the air conditioning system had failed and was barely operable. Mike Rubin said the repair amount would be around \$75,000 maximum. He explained that there was a huge amount of heat gain in the building, and they needed relief, as the conditions were intolerable. He said Gene Burns had looked at the building and had recommended an increase in the size of the air conditioning units. He said they could add awnings or a film could be affixed to the windows for immediate relief, but an engineer needed to be sent out to make a study and recommendation for a long time fix. Rubin said they would come back to the Board with a recommendation. (10:46 a.m.) Mary Jane Little said rent on the building was \$4,000 per month until payout and then the amount would be \$100 a year. Adams said they could not build a library for that amount. He said many homes were going up in that area, and it would behoove them to fix the system as soon as possible. Stern said the lease was through 2007 and it would be a small price to pay for a new library and the awnings should be permanent in addition to a new system. Adams said it would be a general fund reserve expenditure and not a budget item. Bosanko said they would have a special item added to the agenda at the next meeting to deal with that issue and to deal with the various options. Maguire asked that under the lease who was responsible for maintenance. Bosanko said the lease was not clear as to whether the system was considered as maintenance or improvement. Little added that there was a request for 4.5 new positions, which were being spread around the various County library facilities at Hastings, Ponte Vedra, Bartram Trail and at the Southeast Branch in the Technical Services area.

(10:52 a.m.) The Law Library Fund was reviewed and there were no questions or comments.

(10:52 a.m.) The Florida License Plate Fund was reviewed and there were no questions or comments.

(10:52 a.m.) The Library Expansion Fund was reviewed and there were no questions or comments.

(10:53 a.m.) The Geographic Information Systems budget was reviewed, and Blount stated they were asking for replacement of the plotter, which would double their print capacity. She explained that the old plotter had many repairs made to it, and they needed a new one. Maguire said they relied heavily on GIS and he would support the request. Blount said they also had a request for a Laser Jet Color printer and had been repaired heavily, and it needed to be replaced. She said a new position had also been requested for the last quarter of the fiscal year. (10:55 a.m.) Timms said it was not reflected in the budget but had been added. *The consensus of the board was in agreement to allow the items to be added back in.*

(10:56 a.m.) The Transportation Trust Fund was reviewed, and there were no comments or questions.

(10:57 a.m.) The Sidewalk Mitigation Fund was reviewed and there were no questions or comments.

(10:57 a.m.) The Northwest Road Project Fund was reviewed and there were no questions or comments.

(10:57 a.m.) The North Holmes Boulevard Fund was reviewed and there were no questions or comments.

(10:57 a.m.) The Transportation Debt Service Fund was reviewed and there were no questions or comments.

(10:57 a.m.) The 03 Bond Transportation Improvements Fund was reviewed and there were no questions or comments.

(10:57 a.m.) The 03 Transportation Improvement Debt Service Fund was reviewed and there were no questions or comments.

(10:57 a.m.) The Fire District Fund was reviewed, and Chief Bobby Hall stated they had several vehicle requests. He said the Chief's vehicle was not capable of being a command vehicle, and the other vehicle was for a half-ton pickup that had 110,000 miles and needed to be replaced. Adams said they had to look at emergency departments a little differently, and he would support Chief Hall's recommendation to put the \$31,000 back into the budget. *The consensus of the board was for the amount to be included in the budget.*

(11:00 a.m.) The Administration & Fire Protection & Control budget was reviewed. Adams said this was an opportunity to increase efficiency and training for lifeguard services. He explained that the Medical Director would oversee lifeguard training and water rescue facilities, and it would be a lot more efficient. He noted that it would not require more funding. Chief Hall reviewed requests for placing other items back into the budget including \$11,000 for a Life Pack 12 Trainer and to upgrade two of the paramedic engines to ALS capabilities next year which would require the addition of two more Life Pack 12 units to increase the level of care to the other areas of the County. There was consensus by the Board that they be included.

(11:05 a.m.) The Sheriff's Office budget was reviewed. Joel Bolante, Director of Operations, presented the budget and stated that Sheriff Shoar had sent his apologies for his inability to attend the meeting.

(11:05 a.m.) Law Enforcement Operations was reviewed. Stern asked that a position for the Weed and Seed program for West Augustine be included in this budget for the time when it was needed. Bolante said the funding was not included in the budget, but that Shoar was very committed to the Weed and Seed project and efforts would continue in that area. (11:08 a.m.) Bolante said the helicopter issue was still pending due to the ongoing investigation, a lot of things were still undetermined at that point, and there was nothing in the proposed budget at that time reflecting that issue. Regarding Catastrophic Medical Care Coverage for the correctional facility, he said the cost was not reflected in this budget. Timms said they were recommending that it be included because they could run into a catastrophic case. Bosanko recommended that they follow Timms advice, as it was a high liability area and the County would have to pay for it. He said it was a major medical policy. Rich asked if it covered pre-existing conditions. Maguire said that was exactly what it was for. Bosanko said it did not and if the person was in our custody the County had to pay for it. Maguire said the consensus was to put the requested funds in the budget. (11:13 a.m.) Timms discussed Crime Stoppers of Northeast Florida, and they were asking for the board for \$1,500 to \$2,500. He recommended they discuss it with Sheriff Shoar for a grant approval from the Crime Prevention Fund. (11:15 a.m.) Stern asked Adams to look at the Weed & Seed program issue.

(11:15 a.m.) The Correction Division budget was reviewed and there were no questions or comments.

(11:15 a.m.) The Bailiff Operations budget was reviewed and there were no questions or comments.

(11:15 a.m.) The Special Programs, the Law Enforcement Trust Fund and The Crimes Prevention Trust Fund were discussed and there were no questions or comments.

(11:16 a.m.) The E-911 Communications Fund, the Communication Surcharge Fund and the Driver's Safety Education Fund were reviewed and there were no questions or comments.

(11: 16 a.m.) The Health Department Fund was reviewed and there were no questions or comments.

(11:17 a.m.) The Social Services budget was reviewed, and Gloria Benischeck, Director of Social Services and Ellen Walden, who was in charge of the Health & Human Services independent agencies discussed budget requests. Maguire noted a \$250,000 increase.

(11:19 a.m.) The Independent Agencies budget was reviewed. Maguire noted the Youth Crisis Center was requesting \$30,000. Tom Patania, President of the Youth Crisis Center and Tammy Byerly, a licensed counselor with the Center, asked for continued funding of the program. Patania explained their statutory role in SJC, and said they were required to serve a certain category of at risk kids and to work with the schools and families to provide needed services to that population. He said withdrawing funding would cause those services to cease in the County as it provided for approximately 40% of the budget. Timms said it had become an issue because it appeared to be a duplication of service. (11:22 a.m.) Maria Colavito addressed the issue of duplication of services. She said there was confusion regarding the proposal, which appeared to be a duplication of services. She noted that taken on face value, it appeared to be a duplication of services because based on the application there was no clear distinction made. She noted, however, that it was up to the Board to address the question. (11:25 a.m.) Maguire asked for an explanation on how the services were

different. Patania recommended they look at the proposal again based on the statutory role and the work with the schools, which was much more than other services. He said they were addressing behavioral problems in the schools. He noted they had not had an opportunity to explain their role to the Advisory Council. (11:28 a.m.) Stern said this was a service that was really needed and recommended it be reviewed.

(11:31 a.m.) The Transit System Capital Project Fund was reviewed and there were no questions or comments.

(11:31 a.m.) The Choose Life Fund was reviewed and there were no questions or comments.

(11:31 a.m.) The Mental Health Fund was reviewed and there were no questions or comments.

(11:32 a.m.) The Alcohol & Drug Abuse Trust Fund was reviewed and there were no questions or comments.

(11:32 a.m.) The Community Based Care Fund was reviewed and there were no questions or comments.

(11:32 a.m.) Bryant stated some of the line items would need to be revisited, particularly as it related to the Hastings clinic. He said the provider of services there was down to one position and there were three medical offices to support.

(11:33 a.m.) The Utility Authority Fund was reviewed and there were no questions or comments.

(11:33 a.m.) The Sewer Construction Fund was reviewed and there were no questions or comments.

(11:33 a.m.) The Ponte Vedra MSD Sewer Debt Services Fund was reviewed and there were no questions or comments.

(11:33 a.m.) The Beach Services Fund was reviewed and it was noted that this area was being transferred to the Fire District. Adams stated there would be a workshop to address that issue at a later date.

(11:33 a.m.) The County Pier Fund was reviewed and there were no questions or comments.

(11:33 a.m.) The Galimore Memorial Center Fund was reviewed and there were no questions or comments.

(11:33 a.m.) The Tourist Development Tax Fund was reviewed and Timms said they wanted to reallocate funds based on a decision from the Tourist Development Council. Glenn Hastings, Director of the Tourist Development Council, said they were reconciling the budget to reflect the Marketing Plan. He said the budget amount would not change, but line items would change. Timms said they had no problem with the request. (11:39 a.m.) Bryant asked about the Ordinance allocating the fund. Hastings responded it was still solid and they were in pretty good shape.

(11:36 a.m.) The Amphitheater Fund was discussed and there were no comments or questions.

(11:37 a.m.) The Convention Center Fund was discussed and there were no questions or comments.

(11:37 a.m.) The Impact Fee Fund was discussed. Ed Paucek, 970 Irma Way said the County was in the beginning stages of collecting the Impact Fees and noted the problems experienced in Lee County. He cautioned that Lee County had to appoint a special magistrate to sort out who would get paid and for what. He said if St. Johns County had to reimburse the people who had paid impact fees, they needed to develop a plan to find out who should receive funds before it became a quagmire. He asked if there was a softening across the board regarding impact fees. (11:42 a.m.) Rich asked if they should engage in a dialogue because the group that Paucek represented was suing them. Bosanko said he was encouraging the County to look for a reasonable solution, but suggested that today's meeting might not be the appropriate time, because all the parties who needed to be involved in the discussions were not present and staff was not prepared for such a discussion. (11:43 a.m.) Stern said there was an agenda item for the next meeting regarding that very issue, and she was strongly urging adoption. Bryant said he would support Stern to make it a legislative priority.

(11:45 a.m.) The Special District Funds were reviewed and there were no questions or comments.

(11:45 a.m.) The Solid Waste Fund was reviewed, and Adams said the \$5.00 fee had been affixed to pick up the debris from the results of the hurricanes to compensate for the approximately \$1.7 million expended. He said FEMA would reimburse most of it but the fund was currently depleted. He reported it would bring about \$600,000 in needed revenues per year. Timms said it would go to the Reserve Fund, which was currently depleted. (11:48 a.m.) Maguire asked about glass recycling. Adams said there was no market for glass recycling based on their research. Maguire said he had asked for a presentation on their findings to be presented at a future meeting. Adams said they wanted to tell the public what they were doing on the recycling effort. (11:51 a.m.) Bryant commented about the Transfer Station and the opportunity for recycling. They discussed the recycling problem and the increase in the amount of trash being generated. Stern said they still had glass drop off sites. Adams said they needed to look at whether it was still worth it.

(11:54 a.m.) The Utility Services Fund was reviewed and there were no questions or comments.

(11:54 a.m.) The Golf Course Fund was reviewed and there were no questions or comments.

(11:54 a.m.) The Refunded Jail Debt Service was reviewed and there were no questions or comments.

(11:54 a.m.) The Refunded Courthouse Debt Service Fund was reviewed and there were no questions or comments.

(11:54 a.m.) The 04 Sales Tax Bonds Projects Fund was reviewed and there were no questions or comments.

(11:54 a.m.) The 04 Sales Tax Bonds Debt Service Fund was reviewed and there were no questions or comments.

(11:54 a.m.) The Commercial Paper Debt Service Fund was reviewed and there were no questions or comments.

(11:54 a.m.) The 05 Revenue Sharing Projects Fund was reviewed and there were no questions or comments.

(11:55 a.m.) The 05 Revenue Sharing Debt Service Fund was reviewed and there were no questions or comments.

(11:55 a.m.) The Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) FY 2006-1010 was reviewed and Adams stated there was discussion of a reduction in the General Fund Reserve or millage from 4.93 to 4.90 and would reduce the reserves by almost \$500,000 and the average homeowner's tax bill by about \$5. Maguire stated he did not want to support a reduction in the millage rate. Adams said that staff agreed with that.

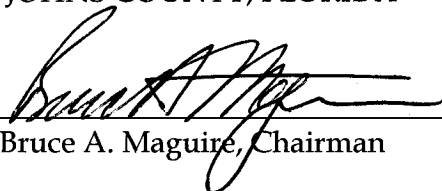
(11:56 a.m.) The Real Estate Appraisal was reviewed and Bosanko said that a real estate appraisal issue related to the St. Johns Service Company could not be decided upon because the advertising for that meeting was not worded to allow a decision to be made on that day. He said it would have to be added as a special item on an upcoming agenda.

(11:57 a.m.) Stern said she had read an editorial in the *Florida Times Union* stating that CNN and *Money Magazine* had been quoted as saying Ponte Vedra Beach was the best place to live in Florida.

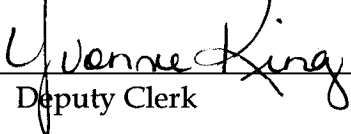
(11:58 a.m.) Motion By Bryant, second by Maguire, carried 4/0 with Stevenson absent.

Approved August 23, 2005

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: 
Bruce A. Maguire, Chairman

ATTEST: CHERYL STRICKLAND, CLERK

By: 
Deputy Clerk

