

**MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA
NOVEMBER 21, 2006
(9:00 A.M.)**

Proceedings of a special reorganizational meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, held in the auditorium at the County Administration Building, 4020 Lewis Speedway (County Road 16-A) and US 1 North, St. Augustine, Florida.

Present were: James E. Bryant, District 5, Chairman
Cyndi Stevenson, District 1, Vice Chair
Ben Rich, District 3
Bruce A. Maguire, District 4
Ben W. Adams, Jr., County Administrator
Patrick McCormack, County Attorney
Terry Bulla, Deputy Clerk

Absent was: Karen R. Stern, District 2

Also Present: Cheryl Strickland, Clerk of Courts
David Shoar, St. Johns County Sheriff

(11/21/06 - 1 - 9:10 a.m.)

Chairman Bryant called the meeting to order.

(11/21/06 - 1 - 9:10 a.m.)

ROLL CALL

Bryant announced that all commissioners were present except Commissioner Stern.

(11/21/06 - 1 - 9:11 a.m.)

The invocation was given by Bryant, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Maguire.

(9:11 a.m.) Maguire made comments and offered congratulations to the new commissioners.

(11/21/06 - 1 - 9:13 a.m.)

1. MOTION TO APPROVE THE PUBLIC OFFICIAL BONDS FOR COMMISSIONER RON SANCHEZ AND COMMISSIONER THOMAS G. MANUEL

Motion by Rich, seconded by Maguire, carried 4/0 with Stern absent, to approve the public official bonds for Commissioner Ron Sanchez and Commissioner Thomas G. Manuel.

(9:14 a.m.) Roger Van Ghent, 4005 Moultrie Foreside Boulevard, encouraged the new board to follow recommendations he read into the record.

(9:18 a.m.) Meeting recessed briefly and resumed at 9:29 a.m.

(11/21/06 - 1 - 9:29 a.m.)

2. OATHS OF OFFICE FOR THE NEW COMMISSIONERS BY THE HONORABLE JOHN M. ALEXANDER, ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY:

Commissioner Ron Sanchez, District 2
Commissioner Thomas G. Manuel, District 4

Judge Alexander gave the oath, which was taken by both gentlemen. He congratulated them on their new positions.

(11/21/06 - 2 - 9:31 a.m.)

3. REVIEW OF NOMINATING PROCEDURES FOR ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR BY THE COUNTY ATTORNEY

Bryant reviewed the nominating procedures.

(11/21/06 - 2 - 9:32 a.m.)

4. ELECTION OF THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Stevenson, failed 2/3 by a roll call vote, to appoint Stevenson as Chairman.

Roll call vote:

Stevenson	aye
Sanchez	nay
Rich	nay
Manuel	nay
Bryant	aye

The motion failed 2/3.

Motion by Manual, seconded by Sanchez, carried 4/1 by a roll call vote, to appoint Rich as Chairman.

Roll call vote:

Sanchez	aye
Rich	aye
Manuel	aye
Bryant	nay
Stevenson	aye

The motion carried 4/1.

Motion by Stevenson, seconded by Bryant to appoint Manual as Chairman. Manual withdrew his nomination and Stevenson accepted the withdrawal.

(11/21/06 - 2 - 9:34 a.m.)

5. ELECTION OF THE VICE-CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Sanchez nominated Manuel, seconded by Rich, carried 5/0, for Manual as Vice Chair.

Rich advised that Commissioners should present requests to him for committee appointments at the next regular BCC meeting.

Manuel voiced appreciation to the residents of St. Johns County and his wife and family for their support.

(11/21/06 - 3 - 9:37 a.m.)

6. PRESENTATION OF RECOGNITION AWARDS TO THE PAST CHAIR JAMES E. BRYANT AND PAST VICE-CHAIR CYNDI STEVENSON

Clocks were presented to Bryant and Stevenson. Bryant made comments and thanked Stevenson for her vice-chair service.

Rich thanked the public for their support and attendance.

McCormack said he would like to individually brief new Commissioners regarding State laws.

Adams welcomed the new commissioners on behalf of staff.

Locklear welcomed new members and said staff would be available to the Board.

(11/21/06 - 3 - 9:41 a.m.)

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Stevenson, second by Manual, carried 5/0, to adjourn the meeting.

With there being no further business to come before the Board, the special meeting adjourned at 9:42 a.m.

Approved December 28, 2006

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: Ben Rich
Ben Rich, Chairman

ATTEST: CHERYL STRICKLAND, CLERK

By: Cheryl Strickland
Deputy Clerk