

**MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA
MARCH 17, 2009
(1:30 P.M.)**

Proceedings of a special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, held in the auditorium at the County Administration Building, 500 San Sebastian View, St. Augustine, Florida.

Proof of publication of the notice of the Special Public and Special Private Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was received, having been published in *The St. Augustine Record* on March 10, 2009.

Present were: Cyndi Stevenson, District 1, Chair
 Ron Sanchez, District 2, Vice Chair
 Mark P. Miner, District 3
 Phillip Mays, District 4
 Ken Bryan, District 5
 Michael D. Wanchick, County Administrator
 Patrick McCormack, County Attorney
 Terry Bulla, Deputy Clerk

(03/17/09 - 1 - 1:29 p.m.)

1. CLOSED SESSION - THE PURPOSE OF THE SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING WILL BE TO ANNOUNCE AND TO HOLD A SPECIAL PRIVATE ATTORNEY-CLIENT MEETING. THE SPECIAL PRIVATE ATTORNEY-CLIENT MEETING WILL BE HELD IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 286.011(8), FLORIDA STATUTES, AND WILL BE CONFINED TO SETTLEMENT NEGOTIATIONS AND LITIGATION EXPENSE STRATEGY PERTAINING TO THE LAWSUIT BETWEEN SIGNATURE ENTERTAINMENT LLC V. ST. JOHNS COUNTY, CASE NO. CA08-378

(1:29 p.m.) Stevenson called the meeting to order and announced that all five commissioners were present.

(1:29 p.m.) McCormack announced the commencement of the Private Attorney/Client Meeting at 1:30 p.m. and informed the Board that he needed advice concerning the case of Signature Entertainment LLC v. St. Johns County, Case No. CA 08-378. He stated that Florida Statute 286.011 allowed the Board to hold a private meeting in order to provide that advice.

(1:29 p.m.) Stevenson announced the commencement of the Closed Client/Attorney Meeting in the BCC Conference Room located behind the dais in the Auditorium and stated it should last approximately 45 minutes.

(1:30 p.m.) Stevenson announced those who would be in attendance included: Commissioners Cyndi Stevenson, Ron Sanchez, Mark P. Miner, Phillip Mays and Ken Bryan, County Administrator, Michael Wanchick, County Attorney, Patrick McCormack, Attorney, Susan S. Erdelyi and Court Reporter, Janet Beeson.

The meeting attendees move to the BCC Conference Room for the Closed Session at 1:30 p.m.

The Private Attorney/Client Meeting reconvened at 2:55 p.m.

McCormack asked for direction for counsel. Sanchez made a recommendation to turn down the option to make a payment in the amount requested and to renew the Board's request for discovery documents. Miner said they should accept the offer and move on. Bryan said they had a good position, and agreed they should defend it.

McCormack asked if there was a motion.

(2:27 p.m.) Motion by Sanchez, seconded by Bryan, carried 4/1 with Miner in dissent, to refuse the request for settlement and renew the Board's request for discovery documents.

(2:28 p.m.) The Board returned to the previously opened BCC Regular Meeting.

Approved April 7, 2009

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: Cyndi Stevenson
Cyndi Stevenson, Chair

ATTEST: CHERYL STRICKLAND, CLERK

By: Uenne King
Deputy Clerk

