

**MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA
JULY 10, 2012
(9:00 A.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 a special meeting of the BCC to hold a workshop on the Fiscal Year 2013 Recommended Budget was received, having been published in *The St. Augustine Record* on June 26, 2012.

Present: Mark Miner, District 3, Chair
Jay Morris, District 4, Vice Chair
Cyndi Stevenson, District 1
Ron Sanchez, District 2
J. Ken Bryan, District 5
Michael Wanchick, County Administrator
Patrick McCormack, County Attorney
Sindy Wiseman, Deputy Clerk

(07/10/12 - 1 - 9:00 a.m.)
CALL TO ORDER

Miner called the meeting to order.

(07/10/12 - 1 - 9:00 a.m.)
ROLL CALL

The Clerk called roll call and all members were present.

(07/10/12 - 1 - 9:01 a.m.)
INVOCATION

Jerry Cameron gave the invocation.

(07/10/12 - 1 - 9:03 a.m.)
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Sanchez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

(07/10/12 - 1 - 9:04 a.m.)
PUBLIC COMMENT

Greg White, 905 W. Pearl St., thanked the Board for supporting the CRA and the Weed and Seed Program. He thanked Sanchez for helping resolve a construction issue with a resident; Bryan for getting the infrastructure program running; and requested continued support with the Weed and Seed Program.

(07/10/12 - 1 - 9:08 a.m.)
APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Bryan, seconded by Sanchez, carried 5/0, to approve the Special Meeting Consent Agenda, as submitted.

1. Approval of the Cash Requirement Report
2. Minutes:
 - BCC Regular Meeting 06/19/12

(07/10/12 - 2 - 9:08 a.m.)

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

(07/10/12 - 2 - 9:08 a.m.)

APPROVAL OF SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

Motion by Sanchez, seconded by Bryan, carried 5/0, to approve the Special Meeting Agenda, as submitted.

(07/10/12 - 2 - 9:08 a.m.)

1. FISCAL YEAR 2013 RECOMMENDED BUDGET PRESENTATION AND WORKSHOP – THE ANNUAL COUNTY BUDGET PROCESS REQUIRES A NUMBER OF STEPS, RANGING FROM ITS PREPARATION THROUGH ITS ADOPTION. FLORIDA STATUTES (F.S. 129.03(3)) AND TRUTH IN MILLAGE (TRIM) LEGISLATION SPECIFY THAT A TENTATIVE BALANCED COUNTY BUDGET MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. AT THIS POINT IN TIME, THE FY 2013 RECOMMENDED COUNTY BUDGET HAS BEEN BALANCED WITH EXPENDITURES AND ADEQUATE RESERVES WITHIN EACH FUND EQUAL TO PROJECTED FUND REVENUES. COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BELIEVES THE RECOMMENDED COUNTY BUDGET REPRESENTS A FUNDING LEVEL THAT CAN REASONABLY ASSURE THE ACHIEVEMENT OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY'S OPERATIONAL NEEDS WHILE MINIMIZING THE TAX IMPACT ON ITS CITIZENRY. THE TENTATIVE COUNTY MILLAGE RATES ARE REQUIRED TO BE SET DURING THE BCC MEETING ON JULY 17, 2012. FOR PRACTICAL PURPOSES, ONCE THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATES ARE SET, THEY CAN STILL BE DECREASED BY THE COMMISSION BUT NOT INCREASED

Doug Timms, Director of Management and Budget, gave the presentation on the Recommended County Budget, *Exhibit A*. He outlined the budget process and stated the date to set the tentative millage rate for FY 2013 was July 17, 2012. He reviewed portions of the 2012 FY budget. Timms outlined the Board's budget guidelines or FY 2013, *Exhibit B*. He said they continued to address the County's efficiency by cutting expenses. There were some increases in employee healthcare and a mandated State Medicaid increase of over \$700,000 a year. Timms stated that with property values decreasing 2.4%, and no millage rate increase, the average county property tax bill should decrease. He said the General Fund Reserves were stabilized. The only millage rate change recommended was to shift .1 mill from the Transportation Trust Fund to the General Fund to help address General Fund operating expenses. Timms stated \$858,000 was moved from the unused 2009 Sales Tax Project Fund to Debt Service. Timms said that healthcare expenditure escalation continued to be a problem. Timms restated the upcoming hearing dates of July 17, 2012, to set millage rates with no net increase, and September 4, 2012, and September 18, 2012, at 5:30 p.m. were set for public hearings on the County Budget.

Order of Budget Workshop Items
All Funds County Budget Summary
General Fund Budget Summary
County Personnel Summary
FY 2013 Personnel Request Summary
FY 2013 Vehicle Request Summary
FY 2013 Computer Hardware/Software Request Summary
FY 2013 Capital Outlay Request Summary
Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) FY 2013-2017

Order of Budget Workshop Items (continued)

Sheriff's Office
 Law Enforcement Operations
 Bailiff Operations
 Corrections Division
 Special Programs
Other Constitutional Officers
Court Services
General Fund - General Government
General Fund - Public Safety
General Fund - Physical Environment
General Fund - Health & Human Services
General Fund - Economic Environment
General Fund - Culture & Recreation
General Fund - Non-Operational
Health Department Fund
Building Services Fund
Law Enforcement Trust Fund
State Housing Initiatives Partnership Fund
Mental Health Fund
Transportation Trust Fund
Beach Services Fund
County Pier Fund
Tourist Development Tax Fund
Tree Bank Fund
Alcohol & Drug Abuse Trust Fund
Communications Surcharge Fund
Florida Boating Improvement Fund
Impact Fee Funds
E-911 Communications Fund
Fire District Fund
Special Districts Funds
Northwest Tower Fund
Court Innovation Fund
Crimes Prevention Trust Fund
Court Technology Trust Fund
Legal Aid Fund
Law Library Fund
Choose Life License Plate Fund
Sidewalk Mitigation Fund
CRA Funds
World Commerce Center DRI Fund
Driver's Safety Education Fund
Summerhaven MSTU Fund
Court Facilities Trust Fund
Juvenile Alternative Programs Fund
Community Based Care Fund

County Cultural Events Fund
Debt Service Funds
Northwest Road Project Fund
Park Construction Projects Fund
Beach Re-Nourishment Fund
Interoperable Radio Towers
Interoperable Radio System
09 Sales Tax Bonds Projects Fund
06 Bond Transportation Improvements Fund
Transit System Capital Project Fund
SR 207 CIG Dev. Agreement Projects Fund
06 Sales Tax Bonds Projects Fund
HHS Facility
Trane Equipment Lease
Solid Waste Fund
Utility Services Fund
Convention Center Fund
Golf Course Fund
Ponte Vedra Utility Services Fund
Worker Compensation Insurance Fund
Health Insurance Fund
FSA Fund
OPEB Trust Fund

McCormick clarified that neither St. Johns County nor The Florida Association of Counties was a party to a legal retirement case Timms mentioned. He said that depending on the outcome of the case, at the State level, it could affect the County's budget.

Morris commented on the excellent job Timms' staff had done by cutting the budget almost 23%.

Bryan concurred with Morris and stated that surrounding counties were envious of our county.

Stevenson stated she appreciated all the hard work from County staff with all the budget cuts. She commended Administration on reducing the budget.

Sanchez commented on what Morris said. He thanked Timms and his staff for a job well done.

Miner concurred with the other commissioners. He thanked the 1,149 employees for their sacrifices. He also thanked the volunteers for their hard work.

Miner said that he was proud of his decision to raise the taxes that supported the police and fire departments. He said he would do it all over again.

(07/10/12 - 4 - 9:46 a.m.)

2. OTHER BUSINESS AS NECESSARY

There was none.

(07/10/12 - 4 - 9:46 a.m.)

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

(07/10/12 -5- 9:46 a.m.)

Commissioner Sanchez:

Commissioner Sanchez had no report.

(07/10/12 -5- 9:47 a.m.)

Commissioner Bryan:

Bryan commended the staff for securing two free jet skis for Rescue. Bryan attended the St. Johns Round Table meeting on risk management. He asked for a consensus from the Board to ask Administration to bring Sarah Taylor before the Board to make a presentation.

(07/10/12/-5- 9:48 a.m.)

Commissioner Stevenson:

Stevenson said she also attended the Round Table and whole heartedly supported the Risk Management department. She commented on Deputy Ochkie losing his son and sent sympathy to the family. Stevenson wanted to make a formal request to the Water Management District, that if they chose to surplus property they would come back in this board room to explain to the community what was going on with that project.

(07/10/12/-5- 9:51 a.m.)

Commissioner Morris:

Commissioner Morris had no report.

(07/10/12/-5- 9:51 a.m.)

Commissioner Miner:

Miner spoke about the 4th of July holiday. He asked the Board if they had an objection to Jerry Cameron doing his Patrick Henry presentation in honor of Independence Day.

(07/10/12 - 5- 9:52 a.m.)

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Wanchick stated that our best days were ahead of us.

(07/10/12 - 5 - 9:52 a.m.)

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

No report.

(07/10/12 - 5 - 9:53 a.m.)

CLERK OF COURT'S REPORT

No report.

With there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:53 a.m.

REPORTS:

1. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Check Register, Check Number 484088, totaling \$4.76 (06/13/12)
2. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Check Register, Check Numbers 484089-484119, totaling \$70,086.04 (06/14/12)
3. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Check Register, Check Numbers 484120-484311, totaling \$3,104,512.73 (06/19/12)

4. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Voucher Register, Voucher Numbers 9723-9778, totaling \$621,557.86 (06/19/12)
5. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Check Register, Check Numbers 484312-484322, totaling \$11,557 (06/20/12)
6. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Voucher Register, Voucher Numbers 9779-9787, totaling \$10,303.18 (06/20/12)


CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter dated June 25, 2012, to Liz Cloud, Program Administrator, Department of State, filing St. Johns County Ordinance No. 2012-16



Approved August 7, 2012

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: 
Mark P. Miner, Chair

ATTEST: CHERYL STRICKLAND, CLERK

By: 
Deputy Clerk