

**MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA
AUGUST 21, 2012
(2:00 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.

Present: J. Ken Bryan, District 5, Chair
Jay Morris, District 4, Vice Chair
Cyndi Stevenson, District 1
Ron Sanchez, District 2
Michael Wanchick, County Administrator
Patrick McCormack, County Attorney
Erica Moore, Assistant County Attorney
Natasha Lirette, Deputy Clerk

Proof of publication of a special public meeting to hold a private meeting was received, having been published in *The St. Augustine Record* on August 14, 2012.

(08/21/12 - 1 - 2:00 p.m.)

1. 2:00 P.M. - CLOSED SESSION - THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL HOLD A SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2012, BEGINNING AT 2:00 P.M., IN THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION COMPLEX LOCATED AT 500 SAN SEBASTIAN VIEW, ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE COUNTY AUDITORIUM. THE PURPOSE OF THE SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING WILL BE TO ANNOUNCE AND TO HOLD A 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 ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA ET AL. V. ELIZABETH DUDEK, ET AL., CASE NO. 2012-CA-1328. ST. JOHNS COUNTY IS A PARTY TO THAT LAWSUIT. THE SPECIAL PRIVATE ATTORNEY-CLIENT MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE BCC EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM ADJACENT TO THE AUDITORIUM

(08/21/12 - 1 - 2:00 p.m.)

CALL TO ORDER OF SPECIAL MEETING BY CHAIR

The special meeting was called to order by Bryan at 2:00 p.m.

Patrick McCormack, County Attorney, informed the Board that he needed advice concerning the case of Alachua County, Florida Et Al., v. Elizabeth Dudek, Et Al. Case No. 2012-CA-1328. He stated that Florida Statute 286.011 allowed the Board to hold a private meeting in order to provide that advice.

(08/21/12 - 1 - 2:00 p.m.)

COUNTY ATTORNEY ANNOUNCES THE PRIVATE ATTORNEY/CLIENT MEETING WILL COMMENCE AT 2:00 P.M.

McCormack announced that the meeting would take place in the Executive Conference Room and would commence at 2:00 p.m.

(08/21/12 - 2 - 2:01 p.m.)

CHAIR ANNOUNCES THE CLOSED ATTORNEY/CLIENT MEETING IN THE BOARD'S EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM

Bryan announced that the meeting would commence at 2:00 p.m. and would take place in the Executive Conference Room. He stated the meeting was estimated to last approximately one hour.

(08/21/12 - 2 - 2:01 p.m.)

CHAIR ANNOUNCES SPECIFIC NAMES OF PERSONS ATTENDING THE MEETING

Bryan announced that those who would be in attendance at the meeting were Commissioners Ken Bryan, Jay Morris, Cyndi Stevenson, Ron Sanchez; County Administrator, Michael Wanchick; County Attorney, Patrick McCormack; Assistant County Attorney Erica Moore; and Court Reporter, Cathy Upchurch.

The meeting attendees moved to the Executive Conference Room for the closed client/attorney session at 2:01 p.m.

(08/21/12 - 2 - 2:44 p.m.)

AT CONCLUSION OF MEETING THE CHAIR WILL RECONVENE THE SPECIAL MEETING AND ANNOUNCE TERMINATION OF THE CLOSED ATTORNEY/CLIENT SETTLEMENT MEETING

The special meeting reconvened and the closed attorney/client meeting adjourned at 2:44 p.m.

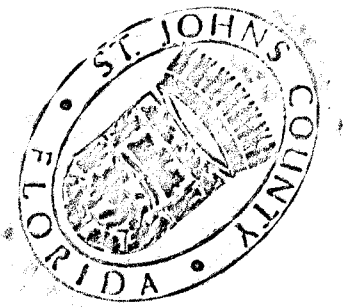
McCormack stated there were three counts filed in the case and he recommended, in the interest of St. Johns County, not to continue with the counts. He recommended that the Board authorize the County Attorney's office to actively litigate the case.

Morris and Bryan commented in favor of the recommendation.

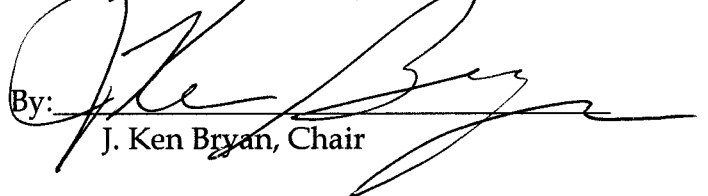
(2:47 p.m.) Motion by Sanchez, seconded by Stevenson, carried 4/0, to authorize the County Attorney's office to actively litigate the Alachua County, Florida Et Al., v. Elizabeth Dudek, Et Al. Case No. 2012-CA-1328.

The special meeting adjourned at 2:47 p.m.


Approved October 2, 2012



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: 
J. Ken Bryan, Chair

ATTEST: CHERYL STRICKLAND, CLERK

By: 
Deputy Clerk