

**MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA
AUGUST 5, 2014
9:00 A.M.**

Proceedings of a regular 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: John H. Morris, District 4, Chair
Rachael Bennett, District 5, Vice Chair
Cyndi Stevenson, District 1
Ron Sanchez, District 2
William A. McClure, District 3
Michael Wanchick, County Administrator
Patrick McCormack, County Attorney
Sindy Wiseman, Deputy Clerk

(08/05/14 - 1 - 9:00 a.m.)
CALL TO ORDER

Morris called the meeting to order.

(08/05/14 - 1 - 9:01 a.m.)
ROLL CALL

The clerk called the roll: all board members were present, with Stevenson absent. Also present were Jerry Cameron, Darrell Locklear, Rebecca Lavie, Palo Soria, and Regina Ross.

(08/05/14 - 1 - 9:02 a.m.)
INVOCATION

Dr. Ronnie Warren, Christ Redeemer Church, gave the invocation.

(08/05/14 - 1 - 9:02 a.m.)
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Morris led the Pledge of Allegiance.

(08/05/14 - 1 - 9:03 a.m.)
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING AUGUST 5, 2014, AS UNITED WAY APPRECIATION DAY

Sanchez invited Melissa Nelson, Executive Director, United Way, and David Toner, Board President, to the podium. Sanchez presented the proclamation to Nelson. Toner thanked the County and the citizens for their support and played a video showing the services of the United Way.

(08/05/14 - 1 - 9:15 a.m.)
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING AUGUST 5, 2014, AS FIRST COAST TECHNICAL COLLEGE DAY

Morris noted that the First Coast Technical College (FCTC) had been here for 50 years. He said he attended the opening of the Volkswagen dealership and was impressed with

the wonderful job the culinary arts students did on the food for the reception. He said he wanted to recognize the positive economic benefit that FCTC had in the area and noted the new compressed natural gas (CNG) program at the college. Sandra Rayburn Fortner, President of FCTC, spoke about all of the opportunities and new programs available at FCTC.

(08/05/14 - 2 - 9:22 a.m.)

PROCLAMATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION AWARDED TO ST. JOHNS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF, FROM FIRST LIGHT MARITIME SOCIETY

Bennett presented to Morris, a proclamation from the First Light Maritime Society, awarded to St. Johns County Commissioners and Staff, for assistance in the land purchase negotiations.

(08/05/14 - 2 - 9:25 a.m.)

ACCEPTANCE OF PROCLAMATIONS

Motion by Sanchez, seconded by McClure, carried 4/0, with Stevenson absent, to accept the proclamations.

(08/05/14 - 2 - 9:26 a.m.)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Andrew Witt, Executive Director of the St. Johns Cultural Council, 15 Old Mission Avenue, spoke about the art show in the rotunda, representing the United Way.

(9:27 a.m.) James Stewart, 1864 Inlet Cove, Fleming Island, on behalf of Jeff Capanelli, a disabled veteran, spoke about the portion of the Land Development Code (LDC) prohibiting sign walkers. He requested the commission remove that portion of the code and said it was unconstitutional and anti-small business.

(9:28 a.m.) Bill Rosenstock, 57 White Court, spoke in support of Capanelli and pointed out Breck, a young man on St. Augustine Beach that pulled signs with his bicycle, *Exhibit A*. He requested that the portion of the LDC be removed, that prohibits walking signs. Morris asked Wanchick to have staff look in to it.

(9:31 a.m.) Merrill Roland, 6281 Old Dixie Drive, also spoke in support of removing the portion of the LDC that prohibits walking signs. He mentioned the signs that said free speech area, around the bathrooms at the pier park, and requested that they be removed.

(9:34 a.m.) Beth Slough, 341 West Adelaide Drive, thanked the commissioners for partnering with the school district to support the children. Bennett noted a complaint received by a constituent, related to the school district, and commended the school for responding immediately to that complaint.

(9:36 a.m.) BJ Kalaidi, 8 Newcomb Street, commented on Consent Item 11. She asked how the residents would benefit from the compressed natural gas savings, and asked if the residential garbage rates would be decreased as of October 1, 2014. She spoke about the deer crossing sign on Mizel Road, and thanked the commissioners for making sure it was replaced.

(08/05/14 - 3 - 9:39 a.m.)
DELETIONS TO CONSENT AGENDA

McClure requested pulling Item 3 from the Consent Agenda, and placing it on the Regular Agenda as Item 5. He also requested pulling Item 9 from the Consent Agenda, and placing it on the Regular Agenda as Item 6. McCormack requested pulling Item 7 from the agenda.

(08/05/14 - 3 - 9:40 a.m.)
APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by McClure, seconded by Sanchez, carried 4/0, with Stevenson absent, to approve the Consent Agenda, as amended.

1. Approval of the Cash Requirement Report
2. Minutes:
July 15, 2014 - BCC Regular Meeting

(Pulled and placed on the Regular Agenda as Item 5.)

3. Motion to adopt a resolution approving the terms and authorizing the county administrator, or designee, to execute an Amendment to the Lease Agreement, for space with SMA Behavioral Health Services, Inc., to provide mental health services
4. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2014-199**, accepting an Easement for Utilities for water and sewer service to the residents along the private right-of-way, of Windantide Road

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-199

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING AN EASEMENT FOR UTILITIES FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICE TO RESIDENTS ALONG THE PRIVATE RIGHT-OF-WAY, OF WINDANTIDE ROAD IN SOUTHERN ST. JOHNS COUNTY

5. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2014-200**, approving the final plat for Palencia North, Phase II, B

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-200

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING A PLAT FOR PALENCIA, NORTH, PHASE II, B

6. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2014-201**, authorizing the Sheriff of St. Johns County, Florida, or designee, to submit an application seeking funding assistance, through the Florida Department of Law Enforcement Federal Fiscal Year 2014, Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-201

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE SHERIFF, OR DESIGNEE, TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION SEEKING FUNDING ASSISTANCE, THROUGH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2014, EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG), STATE SOLICIATION

(This Item was pulled, to be scheduled to a date uncertain.)

7. Motion to declare miscellaneous vehicles as surplus; and authorize the County Administrator, or his designee, to dispose of same, in accordance with the Purchasing Policy 308, and Florida Statute 274
8. Motion to approve the transfer of \$33,430 from General Fund Reserves to the Beach Fund; and to appropriate this revenue to the City of St. Augustine Beach - Beach Patrol department

(Pulled and placed on the Regular Agenda as Item 6.)

9. Motion to adopt a resolution authorizing \$135,000 expenditure from the Durbin Crossing DRI affordable housing proceeds and \$100,000 SHIP proceeds, for the SJHP acquisition of the Masters Drive apartment complex, to assure long term housing affordability; and to authorize a transfer of \$135,000 from Durbin Crossing DRI, General Fund Reserves
10. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2014-202**, approving the terms and conditions of the Non-Exclusive Franchise Agreements, for Commercial/Industrial Solid Waste, between St. Johns County, Florida, and eleven independent Contractors; and authorizing the County Administrator, or designee, to execute each one of the Non-Exclusive Franchise Agreements, on behalf of the County

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-202

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE TERMS, PROVISIONS, CONDITIONS, AND REQUIREMENTS OF A NON-EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT, OF A COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL SOLID WASTE, BETWEEN ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND ELEVEN NON-EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE HAULERS; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, OR DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE EACH NON-EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT FOR COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL SOLID WASTE, ON BEHALF OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY

11. Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2014-203**, authorizing the County Administrator, or his designee, to execute the first amendment, to the Amended and Restated Franchise Agreement, for the collection and transportation of residential waste, between St. Johns County and Republic Services of Florida, LP; accepting the terms of the agreements; providing for severability; and providing an effective date

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-203

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE THE FIRST AMENDMENT, TO AMENDED AND RESTATED FRANCHISE AGREEMENT, FOR THE COLLECTION AND TRANSPORTATION OF RESIDENTIAL WASTE, ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY, WITH REPUBLIC SERVICES OF FLORIDA, LIMITED PARTNERSHIP; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

12. Proofs:
- a. Proof: Request for Proposals, RFP No. 14-51, A1A Wayfinding Signs, published June 25, 2014, and July 2, 2014, in *The St. Augustine Record*
 - b. Proof: Request for Bids, BID No. 14-99, Shores Unit 1 Tank Demolition, published June 25, 2014, and July 2, 2014, in *The St. Augustine Record*
 - c. Proof: Request for Bids, BID No. 14-100, Artificial Reef Development, published July 5, 2014, and July 12, 2014, in *The St. Augustine Record*
 - d. Proof: Notice of Meeting, Intergovernmental meeting rescheduled to July 16, 2014, published July 12, 2014, in *The St. Augustine Record*
 - e. Proof: Notice of Meeting, For FY 2015 Budget – Special Workshop, July 29, 2014, published July 15, 2014, in *The St. Augustine Record*

(08/05/14 - 5 - 9:40 a.m.)

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO REGULAR AGENDA

Morris requested that Item 4 be removed from the agenda, and rescheduled to a date uncertain.

(08/05/14 - 5 - 9:41 a.m.)

APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

Motion by Bennett, seconded by Sanchez, carried 4/0, with Stevenson absent, to approve the Regular Agenda, as amended.

(08/05/14 - 5 - 9:41 a.m.)

A1. UPDATE ON THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION (VA) SECURING A RELOCATED FACILITY

Cameron spoke about finding an alternate space for the Veterans Administration (VA), until they could find a permanent space. He said that last week Construction Services identified a narrow window of opportunity, *to build a space for the VA, and continuing their existing lease agreement.* Bennett asked if the VA had any input on the idea. Cameron said they were not optimistic but did not rule it out. Bennett clarified that this would be a renewal of an existing lease at a new location. Cameron confirmed that was correct. Sanchez said he would do whatever necessary to help find a solution. McClure asked about the new building and the cost involved. Cameron said the cost of the facility would be approximately \$5,000,000 and noted where the building would be.

(9:54 a.m.) Wanchick spoke in support of building the facility for the VA.

(9:57 a.m.) Bill Dudley, St. Johns County Veterans Council, spoke in support of the new Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC) and said the veterans were in support and anxious to be a part of the new facility.

(10:01 a.m.) Bill McCormick, 9224 July Lane, spoke in support of moving the VA facility in conjunction with the Health and Human Services (HHS) building.

(10:02 a.m.) John Reardon, 3562 CR 214, commended the county administration for diligently working to resolve the VA issue, and asked if a priority letter had been drafted by the commissioners. Wanchick responded that numerous letters had been sent. Cameron said Senator Rubio and Congressman Desantis' offices were also in support of the facility. Reardon said he felt the new building was the solution.

(10:05 a.m.) Discussion ensued on the details of the offer.

(10:09 a.m.) Motion by Sanchez, seconded by Morris, carried 4/0, to amend the regular agenda to add Item A1.

(10:09 a.m.) Motion by Sanchez, seconded by Morris, carried 4/0, with Stevenson absent, to proceed with the proposed offer presented by staff, and stress to the VA that the window of opportunity was limited and a decision needed to be made; and authorize the county administrator to send a letter to our representatives for their support.

(10:10 a.m.) Bennett asked if the Board needed to authorize the county administrator to negotiate on behalf of the County with the VA.

(10:11 a.m.) Amended motion by Sanchez, seconded by Morris, carried 4/0, with Stevenson absent, to authorize the County Administrator to negotiate on behalf of the County with the VA.

(10:11 a.m.) McCormack reiterated that just because you served in the military does not entitle you to veteran's benefits.

(11:10 a.m.) Subsequently.

Wanchick said staff had a proposed motion for the Board that would put the County in the maximum position to move forward, in the event that the VA responded in favor of the offer from the commission. He said the funds would be taken from the reserves for a short period of time and be rolled into the financial package with the HHS building.

(11:10 a.m.) Wanchick suggested the motion to read: *Motion to authorize the transfer for up to \$5.2 million from the general fund reserves, for the construction of additional space for the VA Clinic adjacent to the Health and Human Service building currently under construction; and award change order No. 7 to Elkins Construction, Inc., Bid No. 4-14, up to the same amount.*

(11:11 a.m.) McClure offered a change to include language: pending the VA's formal acceptance and Wanchick said that it was not necessary because it was implied in his presentation, and nothing would be done if the offer was not accepted and a contract was signed. McCormack clarified that the motion was to authorize the transfer and authorize the award of the change order, it did not force it.

(11:11 a.m.) Motion by Sanchez, seconded by Bennett, to authorize the transfer for up to \$5.2 million from the general fund reserves, for the construction of additional space for the VA Clinic adjacent to the Health and Human Service building currently under construction; and award change order No. 7 to Elkins Construction, Inc., Bid No. 4-14 up to the same amount.

(11:11 a.m.) McClure clarified that the County's offer was an option to the VA and would not impede any other offers or negotiations.

(11:15 a.m.) **Motion carried 4/0, with Stevenson absent.**

(11:15 a.m.) *The meeting moved to Commissioners Reports.*

(08/05/14 - 7 - 10:13 a.m.)

1. OVERVIEW AND RECOGNITION OF PARTICIPANTS IN THE COUNTY'S SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Wanchick spoke about the internship program. He introduced, from the School Board, Jeffery Stoddard and Kathy Mignerey. Mignerey spoke about the internship program and said the program had 101 summer interns, and 31 different businesses participating.

(10:16 a.m.) Andrew Ames, Public Works, gave a PowerPoint presentation of the accomplishments of William Beiswenger, Jamie Lee, and Carter Holt, interned with the Public Works department.

(10:19 a.m.) Larry Miller, Utility Department, reviewed Christian Breault and Devin Bostic's experiences with the Utility Department.

(10:22 a.m.) Breault spoke about the responsibilities of the Utility Department and his personal experience working there. He gave a PowerPoint presentation, showing a site map that he created, spoke about tasks he performed, and about his personal goals.

(10:26 a.m.) McCormack spoke about Alice Morris, who interned with the County Attorney's office. He noted some of her accomplishments while interning.

(10:29 a.m.) Michael Ryan, St. Johns County Government Television, spoke about Connor Blay and Alexandra Cunniff who interned with GTV and showed a video of their accomplishments.

The Meeting recessed at 10:35 a.m. and reconvened at 10:46 a.m.

(08/05/14 - 7 - 10:46 a.m.)

2. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, PART 328, DEFINITION OF WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES. ON APRIL 21, 2014, THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) AND THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS (CORPS), JOINTLY RELEASED A PROPOSED RULE AMENDMENT TO THE DEFINITION OF "WATERS OF THE U.S." UNDER THE CLEAN WATER ACT (CWA). THIS IS A BRIEFING ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT AND THE POTENTIAL IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNTY

Jan Brewer, Environmental Division Manager, noted a correction to the cover sheet to include: *(approval of Resolution)* in front of authorize the chair. She gave the PowerPoint presentation. She said the recommendation was for the County to send letters to the Federal Congressional Representatives, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the Army Corps of Engineers (CORPS), expressing the concerns, and she asked that they not adopt the new proposed definition, until the concerns had been addressed.

(10:52 a.m.) Morris said the letter addressing the concerns, should be as strict. Bennett talked about the length of time it would take to get approval from the CORPS, and voiced her concerns with the definition, that included other waters. She said the definition would claim every body of water that was not uplands, as CORPS jurisdiction.

(10:55 a.m.) McClure said the proposed legislation was in the House of Representatives and the Senate and suggested adding: *to support the Federal Legislation in the representative's bills.*

(10:56 a.m.) **Motion by Bennett, seconded by Sanchez, for approval of Resolution No. 2014-204, authorizing the county chair, to send letters to the St. Johns County Federal Congressional Representatives, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, on behalf of the County; requesting that the Rule Amendment to the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 328, Definition of Waters of the United States, be postponed and revised, to address concerns raised by State and local government stakeholders.**

(10:57 a.m.) McClure requested additional language: *and further support the proposed legislation which would oppose it.*

(10:57 a.m.) McCormack suggested to the Board to *put the proposed language in the resolution and the letter.* He also said the resolution said *passed and enacted and should say passed and adopted* and asked the makers of the motion to accept the changes.

(10:57 a.m.) **Motion carried 4/0, with Stevenson absent, with the suggested language changes.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-204

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY CHAIR TO SEND LETTERS TO THE ST. JOHNS COUNTY FEDERAL CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVES, THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, AND THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY, REQUESTING THAT THE RULE AMENDMENT TO THE CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, PART 328, DEFINITION OF WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES, BE POSTPONED UNTIL CONCERNS RAISED BY THE STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT STAKEHOLDERS ARE ADDRESSED; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

(08/05/14 - 8 - 10:58 a.m.)

3. CONSIDER APPOINTMENTS TO THE SOUTH ANASTASIA DESIGN REVIEW BOARD

Melissa Lundquist, Assistant to the Board of County Commissioners, gave the presentation.

(10:59 a.m.) **Motion by McClure, seconded by Bennett, carried 4/0, with Stevenson absent, to reappoint Dixon Walker to the South Anastasia Design Review Board, for a full term scheduled to expire August 5, 2018.**

(11:00 a.m.) **Motion by McClure, seconded by Bennett, carried 4/0, with Stevenson absent, to appoint William McCormick to the South Anastasia Design Review Board, for a full term scheduled to expire August 5, 2018.**

(08/05/14 - 9 - 9:40 a.m.)

4. CONSIDER APPOINTMENTS TO THE TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

(08/05/14 - 9 - 11:00 a.m.) (Formerly Consent Item 3, subsequently renumbered as Item 4.)

5. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO LEASE AGREEMENT FOR SPACE WITH SMA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES, INC., TO PROVIDE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

McClure requested the item be moved to the regular agenda, to get clarification on the lease agreement, which he received.

(11:01 a.m.) Motion by McClure, seconded by Bennett, carried 4/0, with Stevenson absent, to adopt Resolution No. 2014-205, approving the terms; and authorizing the county administrator, or designee, to execute an Amendment to the Lease Agreement for space with SMA Behavioral Services, Inc., to provide mental health services.

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-205

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE TERMS; AND AUTHROIZING THE COUNTY AMINISTRATOR, OR DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO LEASE AGREEMENT FOR SPACE WITH SMA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES, INC., TO PROVIDE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

(08/05/14 - 9 - 11:02 a.m.) (formerly Consent Item 9, subsequently renumbered as Item 5.)

6. PROPOSAL TO AUTHORIZE \$135,000 EXPENDITURE FROM THE DURBIN CROSSING DRI AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROCEEDS AND \$100,000 SHIP PROCEEDS, FOR THE SJHP ACQUISITION OF THE MASTERS DRIVE APARTMENT COMPLEX, TO ASSURE LONG TERM HOUSING AFFORDABILITY; AND TO AUTHORIZE A TRANSFER OF \$135,000 FROM DURBIN CROSSING DRI GENERAL FUND RESERVES

McClure asked for clarification on how the funds from the Durbin Crossing DRI were spent. Benjamin Coney, Manager of St. Johns County Housing and Community Development, said the DRI funds had specific uses, and this one was liberal enough to use toward the down payment, closing costs, and principal buy down, of the 8 unit property. McClure asked if the County would receive any benefits from the profits of the rentals and Coney explained that the County was a funding agent and the Housing Partnership would own, operate, and manage the property for a 20 year term. Coney said that if the property was purchased and then sold, the County would recapture its funds.

(11:10 a.m.) Motion by McClure, seconded by Bennett, carried 4/0, with Stevenson absent, to adopt Resolution No. 2014-206, authorizing \$135,000 expenditure from the Durbin Crossing DRI affordable housing proceeds and \$100,000 SHIP proceeds, for the St. Johns Housing Partnership acquisition of the Masters Drive apartment complex, to assure long term housing affordability; and to authorize a transfer of \$135,000 from Durbin Crossing DRI, General Fund Reserves

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-206

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE FROM THE DURBIN CROSSING DRI AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND SHIP PROCEEDS, FOR THE SHIP ACQUISITION OF THE MASTERS DRIVE APARTMENT COMPLEX, TO ASSURE LONG TERM AFFORDABILITY; AND TO AUTHORIZE A TRANSFER OF \$135,000 FROM DURBIN CROSSING DRI, GENERAL FUND RESERVES

(11:10 a.m.) *The meeting moved to item A1.*

(08/05/14 - 10 - 11:15 a.m.)
COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner McClure:

McClure talked about some public concerns, with the intersection at U.S. 1 & Ray Road, for student crossing, and requested the other commissioner's thoughts about putting a traffic light at that intersection. Wanchick said that intersection was a State Road, and he would have Florida Department of Transportation look into it. McClure inquired about the bicycle lane on International Golf Parkway. Locklear explained that with the widening of the road, it was at the limit, without having to move drainage, wetland impacts, and right-of-way acquisitions, which would make the bicycle lane not cost feasible. Discussion ensued on the widening project. McClure inquired whether the upcoming project with the Crescent Beach parking lot would also take care of resurfacing the beach ramp. Wanchick said, if it was County property it would be taken care of.

(11:21 a.m.) Commissioner Sanchez:

Sanchez commented that, if any member of the public had questions on the rumors about the County being wasteful or the debt the County was in, to please call someone in the County and get accurate information. He reminded everyone to get out and vote, and said early voting started August 15, 2014, and Election Day was August 26, 2014.

(11:22 a.m.) Commissioner Bennett:

Bennett congratulated Staff on the magnificent job they did on the Homeless Summit that was held July 18, 2014. Wanchick noted that Home Again St. Johns had requested the County Commission to waive some of the construction fees, of approximately \$22,000, to allow them to move forward with their permitting application.

(11:25 a.m.) McClure said he would like to see this put on an agenda for discussion. Wanchick said this was time sensitive and needed immediate action. Discussion ensued.

(11:28 a.m.) BJ Kalaidi, 8 Newcomb Street, voiced her concern of the last minute approvals, without the opportunity for public participation.

(11:30 a.m.) Bill McCormick, 9224 July Lane, spoke in support of approving the motion to waive the fees.

(11:31 a.m.) Wanchick clarified that the project would still go through the standard process, this was just to forgive appropriate fees as they go through the process. Discussion ensued on the project.

(11:35 a.m.) Motion by Bennett, seconded by Sanchez, to forgive up to \$22,000 in permitting fees to Home Again St. Johns, having a public purpose.

(11:35 a.m.) McCormack requested that the motion include language that *this pertained to the permitting fees only and shall not reflect, in any manner, the determination of any quasi-judicial hearing that may be applicable to this property.*

(11:36 a.m.) The makers of the motion accepted the additional language, motion carried 4/0, with Stevenson absent.

(11:37 a.m.) Bennett received a newsletter from St. Johns County Legal Aid that said Rebecca Lavie would be participating in the pro-bono honor roll for the first half of 2015. Bennett said she attended the Environmental Permitting Seminar, hosted by the Florida Chamber Foundation, which over 800 people attended.

Commissioner Morris:

(11:40 a.m.) Morris noted that he had written some articles, on the accomplishments of St. Johns County, and said, over the last 3 ½ years, the unemployment rate had almost been cut in half. He said the New York Times listed St. Johns County as the number one place to live in Florida, and said the County was the number five job creator in the nation. He encouraged everyone to look at the article.

(11:41 a.m.) Wanchick commented on the article and reflected on the accomplishments of the County. Bennett suggested for Wanchick to put it on the website, making it available to everyone.

(08/05/14 - 11 - 11:44 a.m.)

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Wanchick said that the Florida Association of Counties asked that there be Staff and elected officials on a Federal Emergency Management Agency working group. He suggested that Bennett be the County's representative; and *consensus was given to recognize Bennett as the County's representative.* Wanchick commented that it was nice to have the School Board, the Community College, and United Way at the County Commission meeting.

(08/05/14 - 11 - 11:46 a.m.)

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

McCormick wanted to let the listening public know, that comments made by the public are considered even when no action was taken at that time. He concurred with Wanchick that it was refreshing to have the School Board and volunteers at the meeting; and commented on the quality of the candidates that apply for the numerous appointments.

(08/05/14 - 11 - 11:47 a.m.)

CLERK OF COURT'S REPORT

No report.

With there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:47 a.m.

REPORTS:

1. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Check Register, Check Nos. 509753-509955, totaling \$716,566.31 and Voucher Register, Voucher Nos. 17410-17477, totaling \$1,594,674.25 (07/08/14)
2. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Check Register, Check Nos. 509956-509971, totaling \$59,431.81 (07/10/14)
3. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Check Register, Check Nos. 509972-509975, totaling \$162,553.54 (07/10/14)
4. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Check Register, Check Nos. 509976-510129, totaling \$1,924,446.68 and Voucher Register, Voucher Nos. 17478-17516, totaling \$374,050.81 (07/11/14)
5. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Check Register, Check Nos. 510130-510132, totaling \$2,662.00 and Voucher Register, Voucher Nos. 17517-17529, totaling \$15,072.00 (07/11/14)
6. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Check Register, Check Nos. 510133-510366, totaling \$2,067,689.05 and Voucher Register, Voucher Nos. 17530-17597, totaling \$2,557,636.67 (07/22/14)
7. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Check Register, Check Nos. 510367-510428, totaling \$35,159.55 and Voucher Register, Voucher Nos. 17598-17679, totaling \$51,740.16 (07/23/14)
8. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Check Register, Check Nos. 510429-510452, totaling \$84,697.19 (07/24/14)
9. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Check Register, Check Nos. 510453-510457, totaling \$92,316.52 (07/25/14)
10. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Check Register, Check Nos. 510458-510667, totaling \$1,852,773.15 and Voucher Register, Voucher Nos. 17680-17737, totaling \$245,038.90 (07/29/14)
11. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Voucher Register, Voucher Nos. 17738, totaling \$639.00 (07/29/14)

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was none.

Approved _____ August 19 _____, 2014

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _____
John H. Morris, Chair

ATTEST: CHERYL STRICKLAND, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk