

**MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA
OCTOBER 11, 2016
9:00 A.M.**

Proceedings of an emergency meeting of the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) of St. Johns County, Florida, held in the San Sebastian Conference Room at the County Administration Building, 500 San Sebastian View, St. Augustine, Florida.

Proof of notice of an emergency meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, was received, having been noticed through distribution of a communication plan on October 9, 2016, by the St. Johns County Communications Division, which included media, website and social media postings.

Present: Jeb Smith, District 2, Chair
 Jay Morris, District 4
 Rachael L. Bennett, District 5
 Michael Wanchick, County Administrator
 Patrick McCormack, County Attorney
 Bonnie A. Putman, Deputy Clerk

Also present: Rebecca Lavie, Assistant County Attorney; Regina Ross, Deputy County Attorney; Paul Waldron, Commissioner Elect District 3; Darrell Locklear, Assistant County Administrator; Sarah Hand, Communications Specialist; Melissa Glasgow, Director of Economic Development; Michael Ryan, Director of Communications; Jesse Dunn, Office of Management and Budget; Chief Carl Shank, Fire Rescue; Joy Andrews, Assistant County Administrator; Neal Shinkre, Public Works Director; Irving Kass, Tourist Development Council; Richard Goldman, President/CEO St. Augustine, Ponte Vedra & The Beaches Visitors and Convention Bureau

(10/11/16 - 1 - 9:11 a.m.)
CALL TO ORDER

Smith called the meeting to order.

(10/11/16 - 1 - 9:11 a.m.)
ROLL CALL

The clerk called the roll: Smith, Morris and Bennett were present, with McClure and Johns absent.

(10/11/16 - 1 - 9:11 a.m.)
INVOCATION

Locklear gave the invocation.

(10/11/16 - 1 - 9:12 a.m.)
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

(10/11/16 - 2 - 9:13 a.m.)

EXTENSION OF THE LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY

McCormack stated that by state law, the duration for a local state of emergency was limited to seven days. He requested the Board approve an extension of the local state of emergency.

(9:15 a.m.) Wanchick reported that there were no storm-related fatalities and that most damage was due to flooding. He stated that many residents and businesses were dealing with dramatic impacts to their homes and structures, specifically those in North Vilano, Summerhaven, Hastings, low-lying neighborhoods, downtown St. Augustine and other areas along the St. Johns River. He indicated that the County had gone through the planning process, from disaster preparedness to recovery, and that although the County hotline was still open, he encouraged residents to call specific departments. He announced that the SR 206 bridge would remain closed for 3-4 days, according to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT); there was a boil water notice in effect and debris on the beaches and in the water; beach clean-up would be handled by the State; many traffic signals and regulatory signs were down; therefore, there were many potentially dangerous areas. He thanked County staff and residents, stating that the emergency plan had served the County well. He recommended an extension of the emergency proclamation.

(9:20 a.m.) Bennett questioned the benefits of the emergency proclamation to those residents, specifically in Vilano, who experienced dramatic impacts to their homes. Discussion ensued on provisions at the local, state and federal level, including the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

(9:22 a.m.) Locklear indicated that there was a packet of information available to residents to assist them in the next steps in the recovery process, stating that the provisions at the local level would only provide temporary protection, including a four-foot retaining wall and beach compatible sand, which would not provide permanent protection. He added that County Staff was working on a current list of contacts and information and to contact the County hotline for more information.

(9:24 a.m.) McCormack read the emergency proclamation.

(10/11/16 - 2 - 9:27 a.m.)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rebecca Mott, Salvation Army, 1425 Old Dixie Highway, spoke on services being provided to County residents, including the distribution of meals, water, bleach, and cleaning kits.

(9:29 a.m.) **Motion by Bennett, seconded by Morris, carried 3/0, with Johns and McClure absent, to approve Emergency Proclamation 2016-03.**

EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION NO. 2016-3

**A PROCLAMATION EXTENDING THE DECLARATION
OF A STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY AS PROVIDED
BY CHAPTER 252, PART I, FLORIDA STATUTES AND
BY ST. JOHNS COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 94-25**

(10/11/16 - 3 - 9:29 a.m.)
ADJOURN

With there being no further business to come before the Board, Smith adjourned the meeting at 9:29 a.m.

Approved _____ December 6 _____, 2016

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _____
James K. Johns, Chair

ATTEST: HUNTER S. CONRAD, CLERK

By: Sam Halterman
Deputy Clerk

