

**Nassau County Board of County Commissioners
Special Session, January 3, 2019. 9:00 a.m.
Commission Chambers, 96135 Nassau Place, Yulee, Florida**

Call to Order, Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Commissioners:

Present: Chairman Justin Taylor, Commissioners Daniel B. Leeper, Aaron C. Bell, Pat Edwards, and Thomas R. Ford.

Other Officials Present: Michael S. Mullin, Interim County Manager/County Attorney.

Staff Present: Megan Diehl, Interim Office of Management and Budget Director; Taco Pope, Director of Planning and Economic Opportunity; and representing the Clerk's office Brenda Linville and Peggy Snyder, Deputy Clerks.

Official Agenda Summary:

Audience Input - Non Agenda Items:

None.

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None.

ADDITIONAL MEETING:

SS190103 - 6:29:57 (Tab A) Continuation of Special Meeting from 9:00 a.m. (following the Legislative Delegation Meeting at 4:00 p.m.) for Presentation and Recommendation from Stephanie Kopelousos, regarding the County Manager position.

Discussion: Stephanie Kopelousos, Clay County Manager, provided a brief history behind Nassau County's search for a County Manager and the assistance provided by the Florida Association of County Managers (FACM). She explained that she, as President of FACM, had met with the County Commissioners and compiled the qualities that Nassau County was looking for in a County Manager. Following review of the 26 applications received, she found that the Interim

County Manager, Michael Mullin, already exceeded the qualifications during his brief tenure. Her recommendation was that the best candidate for the job was already sitting in that position. Secondly, she emphasized the importance regarding longer term planning and having a succession plan in place.

The Board members expressed their appreciation to Ms. Kopelousos for making the drive to provide her recommendations. They all agreed that Mr. Mullin has done a great job as Interim County Manager. It was noted that the dual role of County Attorney and County Manager would require a succession plan.

Motion: Approve to retain Michael Mullin in the position of County Manager and seek an avenue to negotiate his contract which should include a succession plan.

Maker: Commissioner Edwards

Second: Commissioner Leeper

Action: Aye: Commissioners Leeper, Bell, Edwards, Ford, and Taylor

Follow Up: Interim County Manager/County Attorney, Human Resources

Noted: Mr. Mullin recommended using John F. Dickinson, attorney with Constangy Brooks, Smith and Prophete LLP, as part of the negotiating team and to draft a succession plan.

NEW BUSINESS:

SS190103 - 9:02:07 (Tab B) Discussion of the proposed amendment submitted by Nabors, Giblin & Nickerson, P.A., regarding House Bill 1075 (HB 1075), as it relates to the East Nassau Community Planning Area (ENCPA) Stewardship District and authorize submittal to the Legislative Delegation.

Discussion: Mr. Mullin reviewed the proposed amendment intended to strengthen HB 1075. He explained that the reason for adding this language is due to the many times this Board has requested a joint meeting with the Board of Supervisors of the Stewardship District but they refused to accommodate the Board's request. The proposed language would require the meeting to be held in the Commission Chambers. Mr. Mullin advised that the Board must vote on

this amendment today in order to make representation at the Legislative Delegation meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Commissioner Leeper requested memorializing this language in a County ordinance to protect the Board's interest instead of relying on the State to handle. He also requested language requiring that the meetings be held in the Commission Chambers.

Commissioner Bell understood that the enforcement portion of HB 1075 was located in the last section of HB 1075; however, the enforcement does not apply if the Stewardship District refuses to meet with the Board. The same enforcement in HB 1075 could also be added to the meeting requirements. Further discussion followed.

Noted: Mr. Mullin will consult with Nabors, Giblin and Nickerson, P.A., attorneys, following this meeting regarding enforcement language.

Motion: To accept the changes to House Bill 1075 made by Nabors, Giblin, and Nickerson, P.A. including the additional language and the addition of the location for the meetings to be in the Commission Chambers for lines 26, 27, 72 and 74 of HB 1075. Include language to line 81 of HB 1075 to state, *"and/or meet with the Nassau County Commission within thirty (30) days of requested meeting from the Board of County Commissioners"*.

Maker: Commissioner Leeper

Second: Commissioner Bell

Action: Aye: Commissioners Leeper, Bell, Edwards, Ford, and Taylor

Follow Up: County Attorney

Motion: Draft an ordinance that deals with the same aspects that the amendments provide.

Maker: Commissioner Bell

Second: Commissioner Edwards

Action: Aye: Commissioners Leeper, Bell, Edwards, Ford, and Taylor

Follow Up: County Attorney

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

SS190103 - 9:17:12 Commissioner Edwards' Business:

- Wished everyone a happy New Year and congratulations to Chairman Taylor.

SS190103 - 9:17:26 Commissioner Bell's Business:

- Wished everyone a happy New Year.
- Read an article about the Beach Committee in the Fernandina Beach Newsleader. He commented on an article in the Newsleader, clarifying that it is his understanding that the Beach Committee would have nothing to do with recommending percentage levels for the Tourist Development Committee (TDC) funding; it will only focus on citizen complaints about inappropriate conduct on the beach and potential changes to the ordinance.

SS190103 - 9:18:04 Commissioner Ford's Business:

- Wished everyone a happy New Year.

SS190103 - 9:18:06 Commissioner Leeper's Business:

- Wished everyone a happy New Year.

SS190103 - 9:18:11 Chairman Taylor's Business:

- Wished everyone a happy New Year and thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve as Chairman.

SS190103 - 9:27:39

Motion: Recess the meeting until 6:30 p.m.

Maker: Commissioner Bell

Second: Commissioner Edwards

**Action: Aye: Commissioners Leeper, Bell, Edwards,
Ford, and Taylor**

Follow Up: County Attorney

There being no further business, the special session of the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Justin Taylor, Chairman

Attest:

John A. Crawford, Ex-Officio Clerk