

Nassau County Board of County Commissioners
Regular Session, July 17, 2019, 9:00 A.M.
Executive Closed Session, July 17, 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, County Attorney/County Manager and Taco Pope, Assistant County Manager.

Staff Present: Adrienne Burke, Planning and Economic Opportunity Director; Robert Companion, Interim Engineering Director; and representing the Clerk's office Brenda Linville and Heather Nazworth, Deputy Clerks.

Official Agenda Summary:

Audience Input: Non-Agenda Items

None.

Audience Input: Agenda Items

None.

RESOLUTION(S) :

RS190717 - 9:02:46 (Tab B) Approve a Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, celebrating the 75th Birthday of Smokey Bear.

Motion: Approve Tab B as stated above and authorize Chairman to sign Resolution 2019-120 regarding same.

Maker: Commissioner Leeper

Second: Commissioner Edwards

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

Follow Up: County Manager

REGISTER:

The Chairman signed the register for the following warrants: Warrant Nos. 255682 thru 255735 dated 7-9-19 for a register total of \$154,158.39; Wire Transfer No. 1914049 thru 1914052 dated 7-10-19 for a register total of \$18,012.19; Wire Transfer No. 1914165 thru 1914166 dated 7-11-19 for a register total of \$16,882.95; Warrant Nos. 255736 thru 255847 dated 7-12-19 for a register total of \$1,275,145.47; Warrant Nos. 255848 thru 255912 dated 7-16-19 for a register total of \$122,616.20; and, Warrant No. 255913 thru 255914 dated 7-16-19 for a register total of \$1,890.00.

PRESENTATION(S) :

RS190717 - 9:06:09 (Tab C) Dawn Bostwick, Library Director regarding monthly status update on Library activities.

Discussion: Chairman Taylor advised that Ms. Bostwick is unable to attend and her presentation will be rescheduled.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT:

RS190717 - 9:30:38 (Tab D) Monthly status update on Building Department activities. Informational only.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

RS190717 - 9:30:44 (Tab E) Monthly status update on Code Enforcement activities. Informational only.

COUNTY EXTENSION BUSINESS:

RS190717 - 9:30:51 (Tab F) Monthly status update on County Extension activities. Informational only.

ENGINEERING BUSINESS:

RS190717 - 9:30:56 (Tab G) Monthly status update on Engineering activities. Informational only.

FACILITIES MAINTENANCE BUSINESS:

RS190717 - 9:31:03 (Tab H) Monthly status update on Facilities Maintenance activities. Informational only.

FIRE RESCUE BUSINESS:

RS190717 - 9:31:09 (Tab I) Monthly status update on Fire Rescue activities. Informational only.

PUBLIC WORKS BUSINESS:

RS190717 - 9:31:41 (Tab J) Monthly status update on Road & Bridge activities. Informational only.

OLD BUSINESS:

RS190717 - 9:32:04 (Tab K) Continue discussion regarding the Stewardship District and House Bill 1075. No action taken.

RS190717 - 9:32:04 (Tab L) Discussion on the status of paving, design and right-of-way acquisition of Crawford Road. No action taken

Discussion: Mr. Mullin advised that a check has been tendered to Norfolk Southern for \$10,000.00 and there is an expectation for the approval of the temporary construction easement.

NEW BUSINESS:

RS190717 - 9:32:27 (Tab M) Set workshop session to discuss Recreational Impact Fees.

Motion: Schedule a workshop session on July 29, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. to discuss Tab M as stated above.

Maker: Commissioner Leeper

Second: Commissioner Edwards

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

Follow Up: County Manager, Board, Planning and Economic Opportunity

RS190717 - 9:32:58 (Tab N) Approve and authorize the Chairman to sign Work Authorization No. CM2452-WA08 to GAI Consultants, Inc., in the amount of \$55,000.00, for the Water Treatment Plant Emergency Standby Generator Replacement Project. Funding source: 71500536-531400.

Motion: Approve Tab N as stated above.

Maker: Commissioner Bell

Second: Commissioner Edwards

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

**Follow Up: Finance, OMB, Public Works, Nassau-Amelia
Utilities**

COUNTY ATTORNEY BUSINESS:

RS190717 - 9:36:36 Mr. Mullin addressed the direction of the Board as it relates to the uncontrolled growth. He stated that the control aspects benefit the citizens and the growth can't be stopped; however, it can be redirected or controlled. He stated that the departments are vigilant for the citizens and go above and beyond for Nassau County.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM(S):

RS190717 - 9:38:46 (Tab O) Informational only: monthly status update on all contract amendments, change orders, task orders and work authorizations issued by the County Manager.

RS190717 - 9:38:46 (Tab P) Informational only: authorized employee travel.

EXPANSION ITEMS:

RS190717 - 9:01:55 [1] Presentation by Taco Pope, Assistant County Manager, regarding 2019 Growth Trends Report (Continued from the July 15th meeting). [2] Approve amended Scope of Services for the Interlocal Agreement with Florida Government Utility Authority (FGUA), Contract No. CM2700. [3] Consider the following: (1) Accept Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Florida Resilient Coastline Program Grant Funds totaling \$ 40,000.00 to be used to conduct a vulnerability assessment; (2) Approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the DEP Work Plan and the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act Form, as required for the grant; and (3) Authorize the Chairman to sign associated budget amendment for unanticipated grant funds for Fiscal Year 2018-2019. Deadline July 19, 2019. [4] Discussion of Amended Public Records Policy

Motion: Expand the meeting to consider four (4) items as stated above.

Maker: Commissioner Bell

Second: Commissioner Leeper

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

Follow Up: County Manager

RS190717 - 9:06:09 Expansion Item #1: Presentation by Taco Pope, Assistant County Manager, regarding 2019 Growth Trends Report.

Discussion: Mr. Pope provided a brief PowerPoint presentation regarding the 2019 Nassau County Growth Trends Report. He stated that Nassau County is a community in transition and has the opportunity to craft its future. He explained that there were twelve (12) tools introduced in 2018 and there will be three (3) new tools introduced in 2019. He provided the population estimates from Bureau of Economic and Business Research (BEBR) at 82,748 people and the US Census at 85,832 people with an average growth to be at 3.2 percent and approximately 84,000 people. He reviewed the building permits percentages issued for Nassau County for new residential units and the average single-family home sales price in Nassau County by zip code. Mr. Pope stated that in the regional population trends the growth in the surrounding counties is a good indication of how Nassau County can anticipate growth. He explained that Nassau County's percentage of growth has surpassed Baker, Duval, Volusia, Flagler, and Clay counties. He stated that according to the BEBR projections Nassau County is the 9th fastest growing county in the State of Florida. He reviewed the twelve (12) tools introduced in 2018 and the three (3) new tools in 2019.

RS190717 - 10:27:09 Expansion Item #2: Approve amended Scope of Services for the Interlocal Agreement with Florida Government Utility Authority (FGUA), Contract No. CM2700.

Discussion: Mr. Mullin reviewed the request. He advised that both parties consent to remove "reference to evaluate for other ownerships" in the agreement.

Motion: Approve expansion item 2 as stated above.

Maker: Commissioner Bell

Second: Commissioner Ford

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

Follow Up: County Manager, Contracts Management, OMB,
Finance

RS190717 - 10:27:33 Expansion Item #3: Consider the following: (1) Accept Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Florida Resilient Coastline Program Grant Funds totaling \$ 40,000.00 to be used to conduct a vulnerability assessment; (2) Approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the DEP Work Plan and the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act Form, as required for the grant; and (3) Authorize the Chairman to sign associated budget amendment for unanticipated grant funds for Fiscal Year 2018-2019. (Deadline July 19, 2019.)

Discussion: Mr. Mullin reviewed the request.

Motion: Approve expansion item 3 as stated above.

Maker: Commissioner Bell

Second: Commissioner Edwards

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

Follow Up: County Manager, OMB, Planning and Economic Opportunity

RS190717 - 10:36:42 Expansion Item #4: Discussion of amended Public Records Policy.

Discussion: Mr. Mullin explained that he and Heather Encinosa with Nabors, Giblin and Nickerson P.A. have been reviewing the public records policy. He mentioned that with the use of electronic devices there is a more availability for text messages and what had been determined with research is there needs to be a policy that addresses and encourages the use of the government phones and anything sent is retained by the IT Department for the applicable period. He requested that the Board review the draft Public Records Policy.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

RS190717 - 10:39:26 Commissioner Edwards' Business:
None.

RS190717 - 10:39:37 Commissioner Bell's Business:
None.

RS190717 - 10:39:54 Commissioner Ford's Business:
None.

RS190717 - 10:39:56 Commissioner Leeper's Business:
None.

RS190717 - 10:38:40 Commissioner Taylor's Business:

- **Discussion:** Chairman Taylor read his press release regarding the Board of County Commissioners integrity; accusations of impropriety; the lawsuit with Raydient; ethics training; Sunshine Law; 2018 Legislation Session; lawsuit Raydient has against the County Attorney; and the special meeting that was scheduled in February 2019 with representative from the Stewardship District.

Motion: (1) Approve the Chairman; Greg Stewart, Nabors, Giblin, and Nickerson P.A.; Taco Pope, Assistant County Manager, to meet with the Chairman from the Stewardship District; a representative from Raydient; and their respective counsel at the Nassau County Commission Chambers. (2) Authorize staff to send a formal letter to the respective representatives on the Chairman's behalf and notice the meeting to the public.

Maker: Commissioner Leeper

Second: Commissioner Bell

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

Follow Up: County Manager, Board

ADDITIONAL MEETING(S) :

EC190717 - 9:43:38 (Tab A) Executive closed session pursuant to *Florida Statutes*, Section 447.605, for discussion related to Fire-Rescue Professionals (Local 3101), International Association of Fire Fighters AFL-CIO contract negotiations/collective bargaining strategy.

Discussion: Mr. Mullin announced that the meeting would be an executive closed session pursuant to *Florida Statutes*, Section 447.605, for discussion related to Fire-Rescue Professionals (Local 3101), International Association of Fire Fighters AFL-CIO contract negotiations/collective bargaining strategy. The persons attending will be: Daniel B. Leeper, Aaron C. Bell, Pat Edwards, Thomas R. Ford, and Justin M. Taylor, collectively known as the Board of County Commissioners; Michael S. Mullin, County Attorney; Taco Pope, Assistant County Manager; and Brady Rigdon, Fire

Chief. There will be no pause in the proceedings or discussion of other matters not related to this case.

Motion: Approve to close the meeting.
Maker: Commissioner Edwards
Second: Commissioner Ford
Action: Aye: Commissioners Leeper, Bell, Edwards, Ford, and Taylor.

The Deputy Clerks turned off the recording devices, locked the doors, and exited the room. The meeting continued in closed session.

EC190717 - 10:25:39

Motion: Approve to adjourn the closed session.
Maker: Commissioner Leeper
Second: Commissioner Bell
Action: Aye: Commissioners Leeper, Bell, Edwards, Ford, and Taylor.

Motion: Approve to re-open in regular session.
Maker: Commissioner Edwards
Second: Commissioner Ford
Action: Aye: Commissioners Leeper, Bell, Edwards, Ford, and Taylor.

There being no further business, the regular and executive closed sessions of the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

Justin Taylor, Chairman

Attest:

John A. Crawford, Ex-Officio Clerk