

**Nassau County Board of County Commissioners
Regular Session, September 9, 2019, 6:00 P.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: Megan Diehl, Office of Management and Budget Director; and representing the Clerk's office Brenda Linville and Peggy Snyder, Deputy Clerks.

Official Agenda Summary:

RS190909 - 6:01:50 Chairman Taylor wished to recognize everyone who worked long hours at the Emergency Operations Center for 12-hours days, two shifts, during Hurricane Dorian. He also lauded his fellow Commissioners and staff for their help at the Emergency Operations Center.

Audience Input: Non-Agenda Items

RS190909 - 6:03:27

None.

Audience Input: Agenda Items

RS190909 - 6:03:41

None.

RESOLUTION(S) :

RS190909 - 6:04:32 (Tab A) Approve a Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida,

welcoming Nassau Pride as the County's first American Basketball Association League Team in Nassau County and extending best wishes on their opening season.

Motion: Approve Tab A as stated above and authorize the Chairman to sign Resolution 2019-137 regarding same.

Maker: Commissioner Leeper

Second: Commissioner Ford

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

Follow Up: County Manager

CONSENT ITEM(S):

RS190909 - 6:07:45 Approve the following: **(Tab B)** Updates to the Employee Policies and Procedures, Section 7.01, Military Leave. **(Tab C)** Request from Hilliard Middle Senior High School to hold a parade on September 27, 2019 on County Road 108 between Oxford and Ohio Street.

Motion: Approve Consent Items (Tabs B and C) as stated above.

Maker: Commissioner Bell

Second: Commissioner Leeper

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

Follow Up: County Manager, Human Resources, Sheriff

REGISTER:

The Chairman signed the register for the following warrants: Wire Transfer No. 1916402 dated 8-8-19 for a register total of \$565.25; Wire Transfer No. 1916550 dated 8-15-19 for a register total of \$26,147.58; Warrant Nos. 256936 thru 257010 dated 8-27-19 for a register total of \$318,413.62; Warrant Nos. 257011 thru 257012 dated 8-27-19 for a register total of \$28,115.00; Warrant Nos. 257013 thru 257075 dated 8-29-19 for a register total of \$77,960.57; and, Warrant Nos. 257076 thru 257110 dated 9-6-19 for a register total of \$181,016.18.

RS190909 - 6:08:14

Motion: Adjourn as the Board of County Commissioners and convene as the SAISS MSBU Governing Board.

Maker: Commissioner Bell
Second: Commissioner Edwards
Action: Aye: Commissioners Leeper, Bell, Edwards,
Ford, and Taylor

RS190909 - 6:08:27 (Tab D) Approve a Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, relating to the South Amelia Island Shore Stabilization Maintenance Assessment Area; providing authority and definitions; confirming the Preliminary Rate Resolution; approving the Maintenance Assessment Roll; providing for the reimposition of the Maintenance Assessments; providing for collection of the Assessments, pursuant to the Uniform Assessment Collection Act; providing for the effect of this Resolution; providing severability and an effective date.

Motion: Approve Tab D as stated above and authorize the Chairman to sign Resolution 2019-138 regarding same.

Maker: Commissioner Bell
Second: Commissioner Leeper
Action: Aye: Commissioners Leeper, Bell, Edwards,
Ford, and Taylor
Follow Up: Bill Moore, OMB, Finance, Tax Collector

RS190909 - 6:09:12

Motion: Adjourn as the SAISS MSBU Governing Board and convene as the Board of County Commissioners.

Maker: Commissioner Edwards
Second: Commissioner Bell
Action: Aye: Commissioners Leeper, Bell, Edwards,
Ford, and Taylor

OLD BUSINESS:

RS190909 - 6:08:29 (Tab E) Continue discussion regarding the Stewardship District and House Bill 1075. No action taken.

RS190909 - 6:09:23 (Tab F) Discussion on the status of paving, design and right-of-way acquisition of Crawford Road. No action taken.

NEW BUSINESS:

RS190909 - 6:09:44 (Tab G) Authorize the Chairman to sign the Certificate of Authority, the Agreement with the Army Corps of Engineers, Contract No. CM2721; and the Certification Regarding Lobbying for a Planning Assistance to States (PAS) Program Study for Thomas Creek.

Motion: Approve Tab G as stated above.

Maker: Commissioner Ford

Second: Commissioner Leeper

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

Follow Up: Engineering, Contract Management

RS190909 - 6:10:08 (Tab H) Approve a Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida approving a Maintenance Assessment Roll for the Amelia Concourse Assessment Area established pursuant to Ordinance No. 2000-37 and Resolution No. 2003-141, as further amended by Resolution No. 2006-07 and Resolution 2009-182; describing the lien associated therewith; directing that the assessment roll be certified to the Nassau County Tax Collector; and providing an effective date.

Motion: Approve Tab H as stated above and authorize the Chairman to sign Resolution 2019-139 regarding same.

Maker: Commissioner Bell

Second: Commissioner Edwards

Action: Aye: Commissioners Leeper, Kelley, Edwards,
Spicer, and Taylor

Follow Up: Finance, OMB, Tax Collector

NON-QUASI-JUDICIAL PUBLIC HEARING(S) :

RS190909 - 6:10:40 (Tab I) First Public Hearing for consideration of the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Millage Rates and Budget.

Mr. Mullin read the legislative procedures.

Discussion: Ms. Diehl announced the tentative budget distributed on July 15, 2019 totaling \$240,715,178. Adjustments result in a \$6,864,244 increase to the budget for a new total of \$247,579,422.

Motion: Accept documents into the Official Record which show all changes made to the tentative budget that was approved on July 15, 2019.

Maker: Commissioner Leeper

Second: Commissioner Bell

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

Motion: Open the floor to public discussion.

Maker: Commissioner Ford

Second: Commissioner Edwards

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

Public input: Mr. Matt Wetzel, a citizen, came forward to express concern with rising taxes and requested that the Board reject the proposed increase. Ms. Diehl and Mr. Mullin explained the impacts of growth.

Motion: Close the floor to public discussion.

Maker: Commissioner Leeper

Second: Commissioner Edwards

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

Motion: Adopt the following millage rates included in the tentative budget: County-Wide 7.4278; Municipal Service Taxing District 2.3093; Recreation and Water Conservation District - 0.0000; Amelia Island Beach Renourishment - 0.1021 for a Total Millage of 9.8392.

Maker: Commissioner Leeper

Second: Commissioner Edwards

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

Follow Up: OMB, County Manager

Motion: Adopt the County-Wide tentative budget of \$247,579.422.00.

Maker: Commissioner Leeper

Second: Commissioner Edwards

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

Follow Up: OMB, County Manager

Motion: Schedule final public hearing to adopt Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Budget and Millage Rate for

September 23, 2019 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard.

Maker: Commissioner Bell

Second: Commissioner Ford

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

Follow Up: OMB, County Manager

QUASI-JUDICIAL PUBLIC HEARING(S) :

RS190909 - 6:01:40 (Tab J) Consider FD19-003, the Final Development Plan for Phase One Orange Avenue Path, a ten-foot wide multi-use trail extending from the Enclave at Summer Beach to Amelia Island Parkway within the Summer Beach PUD.

Motion: Continue to September 23, 2019 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, consideration of Tab J as stated above.

Maker: Commissioner Edwards

Second: Commissioner Leeper

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

Follow Up: Planning and Economic Opportunity

COUNTY ATTORNEY BUSINESS:

RS190909 - 6:29:16 (Tab K) Discuss and authorize Chairman to execute the Maintenance Agreement, Impact Fee Credit Agreement and Approve the Special Warranty Deed (Nassau Crossing).

Discussion: Mr. Pope and Mr. Mullin reviewed the request.

Motion: Approve Tab K as stated above.

Maker: Commissioner Edwards

Second: Commissioner Bell

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

Follow Up: Planning and Economic Opportunity, County Attorney, Contract Management

EXPANSION ITEMS:

RS190909 - 6:03:52 (1) Approve the State Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP) Annual Report for Fiscal Years 2016/2017, 2017/2018 and 2018/2019; and authorize the

Chairman to sign Certification form. (2) Discussion regarding purpose of joint meeting with the School Board scheduled for September 10, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. as well as topics submitted by the School Board.

Motion: Expand the meeting to consider two (2) items as stated above.

Maker: Commissioner Bell

Second: Commissioner Ford

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

Follow Up: County Manager

RS190909 - 6:32:43 Expansion Item #1: Approve the State Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP) Annual Report for Fiscal Years 2016/2017, 2017/2018 and 2018/2019; and authorize the Chairman to sign Certification form.

Motion: Approve expansion item 1 as stated above.

Maker: Commissioner Ford

Second: Commissioner Bell

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

Follow Up: County Manager, SHIP Coordinator

RS190909 - 6:33:03 Expansion Item #2: Discussion regarding purpose of joint meeting with the School Board scheduled for September 10, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. as well as topics submitted by the School Board.

Discussion: Mr. Mullin reviewed the request.

Motion: Approve the following School Board agenda items to be discussed at the joint session with the School Board: (1) State of the School District, (2) Land/Growth Update. (3) Five Year Facilities Work Plan, (4) Affordable Housing, (5) The Hamilton Report; and (6) The Future - Millage or Tax; and amend the notice that was sent out to include these items.

Maker: Commissioner Edwards

Second: Commissioner Bell

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

Follow Up: County Manager, School Board

RS190909 - 6:34:23 Mr. Mullin commented that Hurricane Dorian was the first time all of the five commissioners have been engaged with the operations at the Emergency Operations Center (EOC). Their presence was a morale-booster for the people manning the EOC to see that the commissioners shared their concerns. He addressed the proposed costs associated with Hurricane Dorian and requested that all participants who assisted with Hurricane Dorian be acknowledged at the September 18, 2019 meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

RS190909 - 6:38:37 Commissioner Edwards' Business:

- Thanked all the employees and volunteers of Nassau County who served the County during Hurricane Dorian.
- Thanked Greg Matovina for his company's hard work to help the County develop a smart way of growing Nassau County in the future.

RS190909 - 6:39:11 Commissioner Bell's Business:

- Thanked all the employees and volunteers who served at the EOC and elsewhere during Hurricane Dorian.

RS190909 - 6:39:43 Commissioner Ford's Business:

- Thanked all the employees and volunteers for their help at the EOC.

RS190909 - 6:40:06 Commissioner Leeper's Business:

- Echoed the sentiments of the other board members regarding the participation during Hurricane Dorian and the planning, preparation and implementation of emergency plans to protect the County residents and property.
- Thanked Mr. Matovina for working with County staff to help make Nassau County a better place to live and work.

RS190909 - 6:41:50 Commissioner Taylor's Business:
None.

There being no further business, the regular session of the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Justin Taylor, Chairman

Attest:

John A. Crawford, Ex-Officio Clerk