

Nassau County Board of County Commissioners
Workshop Session, October 16, 2019, 9:00 A.M.
Regular Session, October 16, 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: Megan Diehl, Office of Management and Budget Director; and representing the Clerk's office, Peggy Snyder and Heather Nazworth, Deputy Clerks.

Official Agenda Summary:

WS191016 - 9:28:47 (Tab A) Workshop Session regarding Land Conservation.

Discussion: Mr. Pope provided an overview regarding the land acquisition programs and introduced Pegeen Hanrahan representative from The Trust for Public Land. She provided a background on the Trust for Public Land Conservation. She explained that she works on ballot measure campaigns including the types of mechanisms that can be used to finance parks and land conservation. She provided the recommendations that The Trust for Public Land is making for Nassau County and the draft ballot language for review. Further discussion ensued regarding the timeline.

Motion: Approve for the County Attorney to prepare draft November 2020 ballot language for Nassau County General Obligation Bonds for Land to Protect Water Quality Wildlife Habitat and Rivers and bring back to the Board by December 9, 2019 regular meeting.

Maker: Commissioner Bell
Second: Commissioner Leeper
Action: Aye: Commissioners Leeper, Bell, Edwards,
Ford, and Taylor
Follow Up: County Attorney, Planning and Economic
Opportunity

Audience Input: Non-Agenda Items

None.

Audience Input: Agenda Items

None.

RESOLUTION(S) :

RS191016 - 9:11:20 (Tab B) Approve a Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, celebrating the 95th Birthday of Sgt. Dale Stickrath, Senior, and commending him on his service to our Country.

Motion: Approve Tab B as stated above and authorize the Chairman to sign Resolution 2019-156 regarding same.

Maker: Commissioner Bell
Second: Commissioner Leeper
Action: Aye: Commissioners Leeper, Bell, Edwards,
Ford, and Taylor
Follow Up: County Manager

RS191016 - 9:11:32 (Tab C) Approve a Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners proclaiming October 20-26, 2019 as "Breast Cancer Awareness Week" in Nassau County, Florida.

Motion: Approve Tab C as stated above and authorize the Chairman to sign Resolution 2019-154 regarding same.

Maker: Commissioner Leeper
Second: Commissioner Bell

Action: Aye: Commissioners Leeper, Bell, Edwards,
Ford, and Taylor
Follow Up: County Manager

RS191016 - 9:16:22 (Tab D) Approve a Resolution in support of joining the AARP's Age Friendly Network; and authorize the Chairman to sign a letter of support for the Nassau County Department of Health's AARP Membership Application.

Motion: Approve Tab D as stated above and authorize the Chairman to sign Resolution 2019-157 regarding same.

Maker: Commissioner Ford

Second: Commissioner Leeper

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

Follow Up: County Manager, Health Department

RS191016 - 9:19:55 (Tab E) Approve a Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, supporting the concept of a Safety, Signage, and Natural Resource Enhancement Program for Amelia Island.

Motion: Approve Tab E as stated above and authorize the Chairman to sign Resolution 2019-155 regarding same.

Maker: Commissioner Leeper

Second: Commissioner Bell

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

Follow Up: County Manager

CONSENT ITEM(S):

RS191016 - 9:58:10 (Tab F) Authorization for the Chairman to sign the Temporary Closing of State Road form as required by the Florida Department of Transportation for the MLK Walk on Monday, January 20, 2020; and authorize a portion of the parade to be held on County Road 108, between Pecan Street and US Highway 1.

Motion: Approve Tab F as stated above.

Maker: Commissioner Bell

Second: Commissioner Leeper

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

Follow Up: County Manager, Sheriff

REGISTER:

The Chairman signed the register for the following warrants: Warrant Nos. 258068 thru 258069 dated 10-15-19 for a register total of \$237,878.00; and, Warrant Nos. 258070 thru 258113 dated 10-15-19 for a register total of \$309,549.97.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT:

RS191016 - 9:58:47 (Tab G) Monthly status update on Building Department activities. Informational only.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

RS191016 - 9:58:58 (Tab H) Monthly status update on Code Enforcement activities. Informational only.

COUNTY EXTENSION BUSINESS:

RS191016 - 9:59:04 (Tab I) Monthly status update on County Extension activities. Informational only.

LIBRARY BUSINESS:

RS191016 - 9:59:08 (Tab J) Monthly status update on Library activities. Informational only.

Request: County Manager's Office to contact Kate Kilpatrick regarding small libraries.

PUBLIC WORKS BUSINESS:

RS191016 - 9:59:56 (Tab K) Monthly status update on Facilities Maintenance and Parks & Recreation activities. Informational only.

RS191016 - 10:00:03 (Tab L) Monthly status update on Road & Bridge activities. Informational only.

OLD BUSINESS:

RS191016 - 10:00:09 (Tab M) Continue discussion regarding the Stewardship District and House Bill 1075. No action taken.

RS191016 - 10:00:26 (Tab N) Discussion on the status of paving, design and right-of-way acquisition of Crawford Road. No action taken.

NEW BUSINESS:

RS191016 - 10:00:30 (Tab O) Approve and authorize the Chairman to sign a Quit Claim Deed Transferring Ownership of Two County Parcels (24-2N-28-0000-0044-0000 and 24-2N-28-0000-0043-0000) to Mount Zion Baptist Church.

Discussion: Mr. Mullin reviewed the request. Discussion ensued regarding a reverter clause.

Bishop Thomas Coleman Sr. came forward to clarify the church name as 3rd Mount Zion Church.

Motion: Approve Tab O as stated above to include adding a reverter clause to the Quit Claim Deed.

Maker: Commissioner Bell

Second: Commissioner Leeper

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

Follow Up: County Attorney

INFORMATIONAL ITEM(S):

RS191016 - 10:31:17 (Tab P) Informational only: monthly status update on all contract amendments, change orders, task orders and work authorizations issued by the County Manager.

RS191016 - 10:31:17 (Tab Q) Informational only: authorized employee travel.

EXPANSION ITEMS:

RS191016 - 9:02:52: (1) Recognition of County employees for years of service. (2) Approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the grant award and initial all pages for Drug Court Program funding totaling \$499,896.00; and authorize the Chairman to associated budget amendment. (3) Continue consideration of a Resolution establishing an amended and restated Public Records Policy. (4) Discuss and authorize the Chairman to sign the Quit Claim Deeds from the Board of County Commissioners to Patriot Ridge LLP and Island Education, Inc. (5) Discussion of retention of Florida Government Utility Authority (FGUA) regarding the JEA due diligence.

Motion: Expand the meeting to consider five (5) items as stated above.

Maker: Commissioner Edwards
Second: Commissioner Bell
Action: Aye: Commissioners Leeper, Bell, Edwards,
Ford, and Taylor
Follow Up: County Attorney

RS191016 - 9:23:05 Expansion Item #1: Recognition of County employees for years of service.

Discussion: Mr. Mullin presented Certificates of Appreciation to County employees for their years of service to the County.

RS191016 - 10:03:25 Expansion Item #2: Approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the grant award and initial all pages for Drug Court Program funding totaling \$499,896.00; and authorize the Chairman to associated budget amendment.

Discussion: Mr. Mullin reviewed the request.

Motion: Approve expansion item 2 as stated above and authorize the Chairman to sign Resolution 2019-158 regarding same.

Maker: Commissioner Bell
Second: Commissioner Ford
Action: Aye: Commissioners Leeper, Bell, Edwards,
Ford, and Taylor
Follow Up: County Manager, Judge Daniels

RS191016 - 10:04:15 Expansion Item #3: Continue consideration of a Resolution establishing an amended and restated Public Records Policy.

Discussion: Mr. Mullin reviewed the request.

Motion: Approve Expansion item 3 as stated above and authorize the Chairman to sign Resolution 2019-153 regarding same.

Maker: Commissioner Edwards
Second: Commissioner Ford
Action: Aye: Commissioners Leeper, Bell, Edwards,
Ford, and Taylor
Follow Up: County Manager

RS191016 - 10:07:53 Expansion Item #4: Discuss and authorize the Chairman to sign the Quit Claim Deeds from the Board of County Commissioners to Patriot Ridge LLP and Island Education, Inc.

Discussion: Mr. Mullin reviewed the request.

Motion: Approve expansion item 4 as stated above.

Maker: Commissioner Edwards

Second: Commissioner Leeper

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

Follow Up: County Manager

RS191016 - 10:09:15 Expansion Item #5: Discussion of retention of Florida Government Utility Authority (FGUA) regarding the JEA due diligence and schedule a special meeting on October 21, 2019 at 3:30 p.m.

Discussion: Mr. Mullin explained that JEA has put out an intent to negotiate and the intent to sell JEA. He provided a brief history of the County's agreement with JEA. He commented that a letter dated September 27, 2019 from JEA's General Counsel Office indicated that JEA is in the process to sell. He explained that the Board has the right to indicate whether Nassau County has a buy-out position and the time period is ninety (90) days to complete due diligence. Mr. Mullin explained that there has also been discussion with Florida Governmental Utility Authority (FGUA) to assist with the due diligence and assess the facilities for better operation procedures.

Motion: Authorize the County Attorney to respond to the September 27, 2019 letter from JEA's General Counsel's Office indicating that the Board wants to exercise their right of first refusal for buyout provision with the ninety (90) day time frame for due diligence to determine the feasibility of the acquisition of the JEA water and Sewer Franchise in Nassau County and authorize staff to request that JEA enter in negotiations/discussion with the County regarding their current agreement and any changes thereto.

Maker: Commissioner Leeper

Second: Commissioner Bell

Action: Aye: Commissioners Leeper, Bell, Edwards,
Ford, and Taylor
Follow Up: County Attorney

Motion: Schedule a special meeting for October 21, 2019
at 3:30 p.m., for consideration of a contract
with Florida Governmental Utility Authority
(FGUA) to conduct water and wastewater utility
acquisition services related to JEA.

Maker: Commissioner Leeper

Second: Commissioner Ford

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

Follow Up: County Manager/Attorney, Clerk, Board

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

RS191016 - 10:31:26 Commissioner Edwards' Business:

- Expressed appreciation to the county employees recognized for their length of service.

RS191016 - 10:31:37 Commissioner Bell's Business:

- Expressed appreciation to the county employees recognized for their length of service.

RS191016 - 10:32:58 Commissioner Ford's Business:

- Expressed appreciation to the county employees for their length of service.
- Expression appreciation to Deputy Rojas and the animal control officer for assistance this morning.

RS191016 - 10:33:20 Commissioner Leeper's Business:

- Expressed appreciation to the county employees for their length of service.

RS191016 - 10:33:38 Commissioner Taylor's Business:

- Expressed appreciation to the county employees for their length of service.

- Wished Commissioner Ford a happy birthday.

There being no further business, the workshop and regular sessions of the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners adjourned at 10:34 a.m.

Justin Taylor, Chairman

Attest:

John A. Crawford, Ex-Officio Clerk