

**Nassau County Board of County Commissioners
Regular Session, April 21, 2021, 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 Thomas R. Ford, Commissioners John F. Martin, Aaron C. Bell, Jeff Gray, and Klynt A. Farmer.

Other Officials Present: Michael S. Mullin, County Attorney, Taco Pope, County Manager, and Marshall Eyerman, Assistant County Manager.

Staff Present: Brenda Linville and Melissa Lucey, Deputy Clerks.

Official Agenda Summary:

Audience Input:

RS210421 - 9:01:26 Mr. Mullin reviewed the procedures for attending the meeting in-person and remotely for **(Tab A)** Non-Agenda Items and **(Tab B)** Agenda Items.

RESOLUTION(S) :

RS210421 - 9:02:52 (Tab C) Approve a Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, proclaiming April 2021 as Water Conservation Month.

Motion: Approve Tab C as stated above and authorize the Chairman to sign Resolution 2021-052 regarding same.

Maker: Commissioner Farmer

Second: Commissioner Bell

Action: Aye: Commissioners Martin, Bell, Gray, Ford, and Farmer

Follow Up: County Manager

RS210421 - 9:19:16 Geoff Sample, St. Mary's River Management Committee (SMRMC), came forward to express appreciation for the proclamation. He stated that Nassau

County is a Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI) County and can do a cost-share project (water supply, water quality and natural system) and the matching requirements are waived. He encourages staff to review projects throughout the county that would be eligible and submit applications.

PRESENTATION(S) :

RS210421 - 9:20:40 (Tab D) Recognize County employees for years of service.

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

RS210421 - 9:05:20 (Tab E) Presentation by Dean Woehrle, St. Mary's River Management Committee (SMRMC) regarding the 2020 Annual Report.

Discussion: Mr. Woehrle requested that the Board review the 2020 Annual Report. He stated that there are four congested that fund the SMRMC and pointed out that many of the projects were in Georgia. In the last two years 30 septic tanks have been replaced in Georgia using 19 different grants and the counties donated dirt and time.

Mr. Woehrle reported that SMRMC had located four congested areas along the St. Mary's River that need "No Wake Zone" signage. He stated that the cost for each permit application through the County is \$170.00 and would appreciate any assistance from the Board to help with the cost.

Mr. Woehrle responded to an inquiry identifying the four locations: Scott Landing; an area between Folkston, Georgia and east of Boulogne called "Big Beach"; boat ramp on Georgia's east side of Boulogne; and the public boat ramp in Georgia. He explained that 15 years ago the County provided the "No Wake Zone" signs which are still in place; however, Florida Fishing and Wildlife Conservation (FWC) Commission will not recognize or enforce because the regulation number is not on the signs. Mr. Pope responded to an inquiry stating that in order for a "No Wake Zone" to be defined it would require a study to be sent to State. Mr. Mullin clarified that the County would have to provide

the detailed data such as longitude, latitude, study, and survey to the State for their review. He affirmed that FWC will not enforce the "No Wake Zone" unless the County follows the letter of the law and the Florida Administrative Code. Mr. Mullin responded to an inquiry that the fees collected are pursuant to County Ordinance, which determined that each application would pay the application fee; however, it is under the Board of County Commissioner's authority to accommodate the request from SMRMC. A brief discussion followed.

Motion: Approve waiving the fees for the four (4) permit applications totaling \$680.00 for the SMRMC to apply for "No Wake Zone" signs to be placed on the St. Mary's River at locations as stated above.

Maker: Commissioner Martin

Second: Commissioner Bell

Action: Aye: Commissioners Martin, Bell, Gray, Ford, and Farmer

Follow Up: County Manager

CONSENT ITEM(S) :

RS210421 - 9:23:02 (Tab F) Authorize signing authority for the County Manager to sign insurance agreements and web portal access agreements for Medicare, Medicaid, and the Aetna web portal.

Motion: Approve Tab F as stated above.

Maker: Commissioner Martin

Second: Commissioner Bell

Action: Aye: Commissioners Martin, Bell, Gray, Ford, and Farmer

Follow Up: Finance, OMB, County Manager, Human Resource, Contract Management

REGISTER:

The Chairman signed the register for the following warrants: Wire Transfer Nos. 2108831 thru 2108835 dated 3-2-21 for a register total of \$88.74; Wire Transfer Nos. 2108836 thru 2108840 dated 4-2-21 for a register total of \$89.00; Wire Transfer Nos. 2108841 thru 2108842 dated 4-9-21 for a register total of \$11,250.00; Wire Transfer Nos. 2109076 thru 2109080 dated 4-09-21 for a register total of \$153,781.59; Warrant Nos. 272335 thru 272386 dated 4-13-21

for a register total of \$75,244.21; Wire Transfer Nos. 2109072 thru 2109075 dated 4-15-21 for a register total of \$86,021.12.00; Warrant Nos. 272387 thru 272483 dated 4-16-21 for a register total of \$1,370,773.87; Wire Transfer Nos. 2109216 thru 2109217 dated 4-16-21 for a register total of \$96,159.04; and, Warrant Nos. 272484 thru 272545 dated 4-20-21 for a register total of \$305,267.30.

NEW BUSINESS:

RS210421 - 9:23:26 (Tab G) Consider approval of a Senior Accounting Specialist within the Building Department.

Discussion: Keith Ellis, Nassau County Building Official, came forward and reviewed the request. Commissioner Gray suggested that the County review implementing a successorship training program for employees who are leaving the County to ensure that the Level of Service continues to be maintained for the residents.

Motion: Approve Tab G as stated above.

Maker: Commissioner Martin

Second: Commissioner Gray

Action: Aye: Commissioners Martin, Bell, Gray, Ford, and Farmer

Follow Up: Building Department, Finance, Human Resource

COUNTY MANAGER BUSINESS:

RS210421 - 9:26:59 Mr. Pope echoed Commissioner Gray's comments regarding the successorship training program. He indicated that having a strategic investment in personnel would assist with maintaining the County's operations.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

RS210421 - 9:27:28 Commissioner Bell's Business:
None.

RS210421 - 9:27:31 Commissioner Farmer's Business:

- Thanked Mr. Ellis for his hard work.
- Congratulated County employees for their years of service.

- Thanked Fire Rescue for their service to Nassau County citizens.

RS210421 - 9:27:54 Commissioner Martin's Business:

- Echoed Commissioner Farmer's comments congratulated County employees for their years of service.
- Suggested that staff research County's policies as to whether there are any existing limitations of hiring employees.

RS210421 - 9:29:31 Commissioner Gray's Business:

- Thanked County employees for their years of service.
- Thanked Public Works Director and Road Department for their hard work over the weekend due to the heavy rain.

RS210421 - 9:29:59 Commissioner Ford's Business:

- Thanked Mr. Ellis for his hard work.
- Congratulated County employees for their years of service
- Thanked Mr. Woerhle on his years of service on the SMRWMC.

RS210421 - 9:30:29 Mr. Marshall commented that during the budget process they will be reviewing the County's policies.

There being no further business, the regular session of the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners adjourned at 9:31 a.m.

Thomas F. Ford, Chairman

Attest:

John A. Crawford, Ex-Officio Clerk