

**Nassau County Board of County Commissioners
Joint Session with the Nassau County School Board
June 22, 2021 6:00 p.m.
Commission Chambers, 96135 Nassau Place, Yulee, Florida**

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

County Commissioners:

Present: Chairman Thomas R. Ford, Commissioners John F. Martin, Aaron C. Bell, Jeff Gray, and Klynt A. Farmer.

School Board Members:

Present: Chairman Donna Martin, Board Members Jamie Deonas, and Lissa Braddock.

Other Officials Present:

Michael S. Mullin, County Attorney; Taco Pope, County Manager; and Marshall Eyerman, Assistant County Manager; Dr. Kathy Burns, School Superintendent; and Brett Steger, attorney representing the School Board.

Absent were School Board Members Gail Cook and Dr. Cindy Grooms.

Staff Present: Melissa Lucey and Heather Nazworth, Deputy Clerks.

Official Agenda Summary:

Audience Input:

JT210622 - 6:01:19 Mr. Mullin reviewed the procedures for attending the meeting in-person or remotely for **(Tab A)** Non-Agenda Items and **(Tab B)** Agenda Items.

NEW BUSINESS:

JT210622 - 6:02:51 (Tab C) Discussion of the Hendrix property.

Discussion: Dr. Burns requested that Tab C be deleted from the agenda.

JT210622 - 6:03:54 (Tab D) Discussion of the Interlocal Agreement.

Discussion: Dr. Burns explained that updates needed to be made to the Interlocal Agreement, so the School Board Land/Growth Committee met with staff from the Towns of Callahan and Hilliard, the City of Fernandina Beach, and the County. She noted that they are reviewing the following (1) Having calculation rates and impact fees for different houses. (2) Moving concurrency to the plat phase and how it will benefit planning. (3) Adding a 90-day extension option to negotiations. (4) Provision to exempt non-for-profit organizations. (5) Verbiage changes from the Town of Callahan. Dr. Burns stated that once the draft has been finalized their legal department will review and then it will be sent back to the appropriate boards for their review. She advised that the goal is to have the Interlocal Agreement ready by the end of this year.

JT210622 - 6:05:38 (Tab E) Discussion of Planning Site Review Committee - Transportation Representative.

Discussion: Dr. Burns thanked the County for adding School Board representative Brad Underhill to the Planning Site Review Committee. She stated that one of the most significant transportation issue is with new developments as it relates to the school bus pick-up areas within the developments, because the buses should not be going down private roads. Mr. Pope stated that in addition to adding a School Board representative, the County has added to the Land Development Code (LDC) a requirement that residential developments provide the location and design for the school pick-up and drop-off areas.

JT210622 - 6:07:59 (Tab F) Discussion of the Nassauville site.

Discussion: School Board Director of Facilities Jeffrey Bunch came forward to provide an update on the Geotechnical Report regarding the Nassauville site. He stated that the report came back favorable for that site. The School Board has the agenda item ready for the acceptance of the conveyance of the Nassauville site and would prefer to have the land conveyance coincide with the conveyance of the 8-acre site at the Yulee High School to the County for the

William Burgess Extension. Mr. Pope provided both Boards a copy of the Osbourne Concept Plan (Exhibit A). He addressed the agreement for the road alignment. Mr. Pope stated that the concept plan depicts how the roads will interconnect and connect with the adjacent community. He noted that the County would be responsible for maintaining the master stormwater. Mr. Pope explained that space had been reserved on the site for a potential school; however, the configuration for the school has changed significantly based on the characteristic of the site and space constraints. He stated that the Nassau County Engineer had completed the preliminary cost estimates on the roadway construction has submitted it for further consideration to the Board of County Commissioners for the 2021/2022 Fiscal Year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Dr. Burns clarified that there is no recommendation for a school from the State of Florida.

JT210622 - 6:10:25 (Tab G) Discussion of land conveyance.

Discussion: Dr. Burns advised that the School Board had prepared the agreement for the conveyance of the land off of Miner Road and inquired on what steps are needed to move forward. Mr. Pope replied that he requested Robert Companion, Nassau County Engineer, to provide the William Burgess Extension and appraisal status. Mr. Companion came forward stating that the appraisal for the Nassauville site would be available in four weeks. He noted that the William Burgess project plans are 90 percent complete and staff is still working on the right-of-way acquisitions. The County's goal is to be out for bids and start construction by the end of 2021 or the beginning of 2022. Mr. Mullin stated that he would work with Mr. Steger to draft the exchange agreement for the property and then schedule a date for the public hearing and advertise the public hearing.

EXPANSION ITEMS:

JT210622 - 6:03:03 Add to the agenda discussion regarding Felmor Road and Williams Avenue.

Motion: Expand the meeting to consider one (1) item as stated above.

Maker: Commissioner Bell

Second: Commissioner Farmer

Action: Aye: Commissioners Martin, Bell, Gray, Farmer and Ford
Aye: School Board Members: Martin, Deonas, and Braddock
Absent: School Board Members Cook and Grooms
Follow Up: County Manager

JT210622 - 6:12:38 Expansion Item #1: Discussion regarding Felmor Road and Williams Avenue.

Discussion: Dr. Burns addressed the traffic issue with vehicles stacking up on Pages Dairy Road due to drop-off and pick-up areas at the Yulee Elementary School. She indicated that the School Board created signage that depicted that the traffic flow should turn off Pages Dairy Road to Felmor Road and travel down William Avenue; however, the signage disappeared and reverted to the original traffic flow. She inquired if the County could assist with signage. Mr. Pope noted that the Engineering Services performed a safety study on Felmor Road. Mr. Companion stated that the County received complaints from a few neighboring residents in that area regarding the increase of traffic on Williams Avenue. He explained that the Engineering Services performed a traffic count and discussed a couple of options, including adding Felmor Road as a candidate project to the Mobility Plan to provide an additional lane for stacking vehicles. He recommended that County staff provide signage and work with the residents regarding traffic impacts on Williams Avenue. Dr. Burns inquired if permanent signage would be more appropriate. Mr. Pope commented that County staff will work with the School Board Director of Facilities to find a solution to the traffic issues. Discussion ensued regarding predicting future transportation for students in personal vehicles compared to riding the school bus.

JT210622 - 6:19:12 Dr. Burns stated that Mr. Pope and Mr. Bunch are working to provide temporary storage space for Nassau County Health Department.

JT210622 - 6:20:01 Mr. Companion responded to an inquiry stating that the safety study that was performed on Felmor Road addressed the traffic volume and improvements to the pedestrian and cyclist connection to the Yulee Elementary school.

JT210622 - 6:20:50 Mr. Companion also responded to an inquiry regarding the status of the U.S. Department of Transportation Safe Routes to School (SRTS). Mr. Companion advised that the County applied for two grants but was not awarded either grant.

SCHOOL BOARD BUSINESS:

JT210622 - 6:22:05 Mr. Deonas's Business:

- Appreciation the Board of County Commissioners for working with the School Board.

JT210622 - 6:22:25 Dr. Burns' Business:

Request: County Manager to schedule a joint meeting with the School Board for January 2022.

- Expressed her appreciation to Mr. Pope and staff for working with the School Board, participating in the Land/Growth Committee, and supporting their needs.

JT210622 - 6:23:15 Ms. Martin's Business:

- Appreciated the opportunity to collaborate with the County.

COUNTY MANAGER BUSINESS:

JT210622 - 6:23:26 Mr. Pope mentioned that the amenities at the Callahan Ballpark received upgrades.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

JT210622 - 6:23:58 Commissioner Bell's Business:

- Welcomed Dr. Burns and the School Board Members tonight.
- Pleased that the County has a great working relationship with the School Board.

JT210622 - 6:24:16 Commissioner Farmer's Business:

- Thanked everyone for working together.

- Congratulated the citizens of Nassau County and thanked the Fire Chief for allowing the Commissioners to attend the ribbon-cutting ceremony for Fire Station No. 71 on Chester Road.

JT210622 - 6:25:01 Commissioner Martin's Business:

- Appreciate Dr. Burns and the School Board for everything they do for the children of Nassau County.

JT210622 - 6:25:24 Commissioner Gray's Business:

- Thanked Dr. Burns and the School Board members for attending the joint meeting.

JT210622 - 6:25:44 Commissioner Ford's Business:

- Appreciate the working relationship the County has with the School Board.

There being no further discussion, the joint session with the School Board adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Donna Martin, Chairman
School Board

Thomas R. Ford, Chairman
County Commission

Attest:

John A. Crawford, Ex-Officio Clerk

Exhibit A:

