

**Nassau County Board of County Commissioners  
Special Session, October 21, 2021, 4:00 P.M.  
Commission Chambers, 96135 Nassau Place, Yulee, Florida**

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

**Commissioners:**

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

**Other Officials Present:** Michael S. Mullin, County Attorney; Denise May, Assistant County Attorney; and Taco Pope, County Manager.

**Staff Present:** Heather Nazworth and Tina Barnett, Deputy Clerks.

**Official Agenda Summary:**

**Audience Input:**

**(Tab A)** Non-Agenda Items and **(Tab B)** Agenda Items. None.

**SS211021 - 4:02:47 (Tab C)** Consider a Potential Ban of Burning of Land Clearing Debris by Air Curtain Incinerator and/or Open Burning.

**Discussion:** Mr. Mullin came forward to provide a brief overview of burning land clearing debris. He stated that the State of Florida Division of Forestry issues permits for land clearing debris burning to be processed by an air curtain incinerator and not produce large amounts of smoke.

Jon Lasserre, an attorney from Rogers Towers representing the developer, Century Communities, came forward to address the land clearing debris burning. He advised that the developer has voluntarily ceased the burning until a meeting can be scheduled with the appropriate parties to discuss a time to resume work.

The Board further discussed the process and solutions for land clearing debris burning.

Public input: Kathy Reed, Barbara McCavitt, Ed Rohan, Jessie Spradley, Susan Michael, Cheryl Lashlee, Julia Verbanic, and David Lewis came forward to discuss the effects of the smoke on their health and homes.

**Motion:** Approve the prepared Ordinance.

**Maker:** Commissioner Bell

**Action:** After further discussion, the motion was amended.

**Motion:** County Attorney to draft an Ordinance for November 8, 2021 meeting, to consider a potential ban on burning of land clearing debris by air curtain incinerator and/or open burning, if necessary.

**Maker:** Commissioner Bell

**Second:** Commissioner Martin

**Action:** Aye: Commissioners Martin, Bell, and Gray.

Nay: Commissioners Ford and Farmer.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**SS211021 - 4:59:42** All the Commissioners thanked the public for attending and providing their input.

There being no further business, the special session of the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

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Thomas R. Ford, Chairman

Attest:

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John A. Crawford, Ex-Officio Clerk