Nassau County Board of County Commissioners Regular Session, March 16, 2022, 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: Vice Chairman Jeff Gray, Commissioners John F.

Martin, Thomas R. Ford, and Klynt A. Farmer.

Absent: Commissioner Aaron C. Bell.

Other Officials Present: Denise May, Assistant County Attorney; Taco Pope, County Manager; and Marshall Eyerman, Assistant County Manager.

<u>Staff Present:</u> Melissa Lucey, Deputy Clerk; and Gwen Osborne, Recording Secretary.

Due to Chairman Bell's absence, Vice Chairman Gray assumed the duties of Chairman.

Official Agenda Summary:

RS220316 - 9:02:43 Ms. May informed the Board that County Attorney Michael S. Mullin provided a resignation letter on March 14, 2022, with his intent to retire on March 31, 2022; however, Mr. Mullin had provided an updated letter that his retirement would be effective at midnight on March 15, 2022. She advised that the County received a memorandum from the press yesterday regarding the State Attorney's Office investigation related to actions in 2018 and earlier. She noted that no correspondence had been received from the State Attorney's Office on this matter. She stated that this information is new and may impact ongoing litigation involving the County, and there would be no further statement at this time.

Audience Input:

RS220316 - 9:03:58 Ms. May reviewed the procedures for attending the meeting in-person and remotely for (Tab A) Non-Agenda Items and (Tab B) Agenda Items.

PRESENTATIONS:

RS220316 - 9:06:20 (Tab C) Recognize County employees for years of service.

3/16/22

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

RS220316 - 9:12:02 (Tab D) Gil Langley, President, and CEO of the Amelia Island Convention & Visitors Bureau (AICVB), regarding Tourist Development Council's (TDC) 1st Quarter Report.

Discussion: Mr. Langley came forward to provide the Amelia Island TDC 1st Quarter Report. He informed the Board that Destinations International had extended AICVB's accreditation for five (5) years. He provided a PowerPoint presentation that reviewed the traditional performance, bed tax collections, visitor profile, Nassau County Tourism Strategy, Destination Development, economic tourism impact. Amy Boek, Chief Marketing Director, advised that the TDC was awarded four Hospitality Sales and Marketing Association International (HSMAI) Adrian Awards and three American Advertising Federation (AAF) Addy Awards. She presented a PowerPoint that reviewed public relations, current marketing strategies, digital social media, and events.

CONSENT ITEMS:

RS220316 - 9:37:17 (Tab E) Approve draft minutes from November 3, November 8, November 17, December 15, and December 22, 2021.

Motion: Approve Tab E as stated above.

Maker: Commissioner Ford Second: Commissioner Farmer

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

Absent: Commissioner Bell

REGISTER:

The Chairman signed the register for the following warrant: Warrant Nos. 279987 thru 280055 dated 3/15/22 for a register total of \$73,327.42.

3/16/22 2

NEW BUSINESS:

RS220316 - 9:37:44 (Tab F) Approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the FPL Easement Agreement for Tributary Park.

Motion: Approve Tab F as stated above.

Maker: Commissioner Farmer Second: Commissioner Ford

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

Absent: Commissioner Bell

RS220316 - 9:38:17 (Tab G) Approve and authorize the Chairman to sign Contract No. CM3141, with C&L Landscaping, LLC., for the installation and care of landscaping and irrigation at Nassau Crossing Park in the amount of \$286,913.62.

Motion: Approve Tab G as stated above.

Maker: Commissioner Martin Second: Commissioner Farmer

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

Absent: Commissioner Bell

COUNTY MANAGER BUSINESS:

RS220316 - 9:38:52

Discussion: County Manager recommended Ms. May serve as Interim County Attorney.

Motion: Appoint Ms. May as Interim County Attorney.

Maker: Commissioner Martin Second: Commissioner Ford

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

Absent: Commissioner Bell

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

RS220316 - 9:39:43 All the Commissioners expressed appreciation to the Nassau County Fire and Rescue employees for their service to Nassau County. They all congratulated Ms. May as being named Interim County Attorney.

Commissioner Farmer requested to honor Coach Pate for years of service coaching in Hilliard.

3/16/22

RS220316 - 9:42:55 Mr. Eyerman requested direction from the Board on how to proceed with filling the County Attorney position.

The Board further discussed the County Attorney's position on whether negotiate or open to other individuals to apply. Mr. Pope stated that several associations might assist in the search for County Attorneys. The Board came to the consensus to bring back at the meeting on March 28, 2022, with a direction on how to proceed.

Motion: To negotiate with Ms. May for County Attorney

Position.

Maker: Commissioner Martin
Action: Withdrew motion

There being no further business, the regular session of the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

Approved on: September 26, 2022

Jeff Gray, Chairman

Jeil Gray, Chairman

Attest:

John A. Crawford, Ex-Officio Clerk

3/16/22 4