

Nassau County Board of County Commissioners
Regular Session, May 18, 2022, 9:00 A.M.
Workshop Session, May 18, 2022, 9:00 A.M.
Executive Closed Session, May 18, 2022, 11:15 A.M.
Commission Chambers, 96135 Nassau Place, Yulee, Florida

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

Commissioners:

Present: Chairman Aaron C. Bell, Commissioners John F. Martin, Thomas R. Ford, Klynt A. Farmer (arrived at 9:02 a.m.), and Jeff Gray.

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

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

ADDITIONAL MEETING(S)

WS220518 - 10:48:50 (Tab C) EDSA Presentation regarding Amelia Island Beach Front Parks Branding Harmonization and Visitor Experience Enhancement Initiative.

Discussion: Katie Poppel, Urban Designer with EDSA, came forward to provide a PowerPoint presentation. She advised that the Beach Park Harmonization project, including parks and the waterfront, would become more cohesive with the City and County. She provided a brief overview of the timeline and objectives of the project, park locations; existing beach conditions, pedestrian comfort, amenities, and potential opportunities; and character imagery boards for public input.

EC220518 - 11:15 (Tab D) Executive closed session regarding Collective Bargaining between Nassau County and Nassau County Fire-Rescue Professionals Local Union 3101 International Association of Firefighters AFL-C10.

Noted: Clerk Services was not present to record.

Official Agenda Summary:

Audience Input:

RS220518 - 9:01:48 Provide input for **(Tab A)** Non-Agenda Items and **(Tab B)** Agenda Items.

PRESENTATIONS:

RS220518 - 9:02:13 (Tab E) Presentation of Certificates to the two employees of the quarter, John Horne and David Brown of the Solid Waste Department.

Discussion: Doug Podiak, Public Works Director, presented the Employee of the Quarter Certificates to Mr. Horne and Mr. Brown for their outstanding work for the County.

RS220518 - 9:05:59 (Tab F) Recognize County employees for years of service.

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

RS220518 - 9:08:05 (Tab G) Wanda Forrest, Transportation Planning Manager for the North Florida Transportation Planning Organization (TPO), regarding Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Fiscal Year 2022/2023 through 2026/2027.

Discussion: Elizabeth DeJesus introduced herself as the new Transportation Planning Manager for the North Florida TPO. She provided a PowerPoint presentation summarizing the Draft Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Fiscal Years 2022/2023 through 2026/2027. She reviewed the various transportation improvements to be addressed by the TPO, including highway, transit, bicycle, pedestrian trails, multi-modal products, and timeframes.

RS220518 - 9:19:13 (Tab H) Sherri Mitchell, Nassau County Economic Development Board (NCEDB), regarding the local updates.

Discussion: Ms. Mitchell came forward to provide a PowerPoint presentation regarding NCEDB. She reviewed the Strategic Plan goals and mission; key components; NCEDB prospect management process; business retention and expansion (BRE) program; business recruitment and marketing project; public relations and communications; and budget for the Fiscal Year 2021/2022.

RS220518 - 9:34:40 (Tab I) Aundra Wallace, President, JAXUSA Partnership regarding Regional Economic Development Update.

Discussion: Mr. Wallace presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Nassau County Economic Development Board. He briefly summarized the JAXUSA partnership, decision factors for prospective companies and management process, and location factor industry standards. He advised that Nassau County offers the ability to have access to 98 million consumers due to the locations of three interstates, four major railroads, four deepwater port terminals, and an international airport. He provided feedback on challenges and opportunities relating to the Port of Fernandina and CSX Transportation Railroad. In closing, Mr. Wallace provided a brief overview of the benefits of JAXUSA; marketing and branding, active projects, and trends to watch.

RS220518 - 10:07:23 (Tab J) Gil Langley, President, and CEO of the Amelia Island Convention and Visitors Bureau, regarding Tourist Development Council's second-quarter report.

Discussion: Amy Boek, Chief Marketing Director, came forward to provide the Amelia Island Tourist Development Council's second-quarter report. She reported that there had been some positive numbers in the tourism industry. She noted that the April Smith Travel Accommodations Report (STAR) reported that the occupancy rate was up by 8 percent, and the average daily rate (ADR) was up by nearly 19 percent. She highlighted that the 12-month average revenue is up by 85 percent, compared to the previous year's, down by 15 percent. Ms. Boek indicated that each Commissioner received the second quarterly report and the value of tourism report for 2021. In the interest of saving time, she would yield her time for the presentation and would be available for any further questions.

CONSENT ITEMS:

RS220518 - 10:10:13 (Tab K) Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, amending the Nassau County Americans with Disabilities (ADA)/504 Transition Plan, designating Public Works Director Doug Podiak as the ADA Coordinator.

Motion: Approve Tab K as stated above and authorize the Chairman to sign Resolution No. 2022-104.
Maker: Commissioner Ford
Second: Commissioner Farmer
Action: Aye: Commissioners Bell, Martin, Ford, Farmer, and Gray

REGISTER:

The Chairman signed the register for the following warrants: Wire Transfer Nos. 2205919 thru 2205923 dated 5/2/22 for a register total of \$643.91; Wire Transfer No. 2205844 through 2205858 dated 05/10/22 for a register total of \$115,750.69; Warrant Nos. 281218 thru 281277 dated 5/10/22 for a register total of \$256,301.86; Wire Transfer No. 2205914 dated 5/10/22 for a register total of \$21,916.32; Wire Transfer No. 2205925 dated 05/12/22 for a register total of \$14,101.67; Warrant Nos. 281278 thru 281338 dated 5/13/22 for a register total of \$183,074.05; and Warrant Nos. 281339 thru 281386 dated 5/17/22 for a register total of \$73,835.30.

NEW BUSINESS:

RS220518 - 10:10:40 (Tab L) Authorize staff to solicit resumes to fill the vacancy for one member with a background in Engineering/Architecture for the current term ending June 1, 2023.

Motion: Approve Tab L as stated above.
Maker: Commissioner Martin
Second: Commissioner Gray
Action: Aye: Commissioners Bell, Martin, Ford, Farmer, and Gray

RS220518 - 10:11:10 (Tab M) Approve and authorize the Chairman to sign a Resolution authorizing the execution of the agreement between the State of Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, regarding the design, inspection, and construction of repairs including resurfacing of the southernmost portion of CR121.

Motion: Approve Tab M as stated above and authorize the Chairman to sign Resolution No. 2022-105.
Maker: Commissioner Farmer
Second: Commissioner Martin
Action: Aye: Commissioners Bell, Martin, Ford, Farmer, and Gray

RS220518 - 10:11:37 (Tab N) Approve and authorize the Chairman to sign a Resolution amending Resolution 2021-058 adopted on April 26, 2021, to include the revised Local Housing Assistance Plan (LHAP) for State Fiscal Years 2020/2021, 2021/2022, and 2022/2023.

Motion: Approve Tab N as stated above and authorize the Chairman to sign Resolution No. 2022-106.

Maker: Commissioner Farmer

Second: Commissioner Ford

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

RS220518 - 10:12:04 (Tab O) Approve and authorize the Chairman to sign a Resolution adopting the Interim Strategic Plan.

Discussion: Mr. Pope reviewed the request.

Motion: Approve Tab N as stated above and authorize the Chairman to sign Resolution No. 2022-107.

Maker: Commissioner Martin

Second: Commissioner Farmer

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

APPOINTMENTS:

RS220518 - 10:30:08 (Tab P) Consider re-appointment of the following members to the Construction Board of Adjustment and Appeals for a period of June 1, 2022, through June 1, 2024: Michael J. Vatter (Fire Related), Ron V. Flick (General), John P. Stack (Occupational), and Jonathan Cantrell (Occupational).

Motion: Approve Tab P as stated above.

Maker: Commissioner Farmer

Second: Commissioner Ford

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

RS220518 - 10:30:46 There was no action or requests made by the Commissioners.

Noted: The Board recessed at 10:37 p.m. and reconvened for the workshop at 10:48 p.m.

There being no further business, the regular session of the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

Approved on: September 26, 2022

Jeff Gray, Chairman

Attest:

John A. Crawford, Ex-Officio Clerk