Nassau County Board of County Commissioners Special/Emergency Session, March 31, 2017, 4:45 p.m. Commission Chambers, 96135 Nassau Place, Yulee, Florida

Call to Order

Commissioners:

Present: Chairman Daniel B. Leeper, Commissioners Steve W. Kelley, Justin Taylor, and Pat Edwards

Absent: Commissioner George Spicer

Other Official Present: Michael S. Mullin, County Attorney; and Shanea Jones, County Manager.

<u>Staff Present:</u> Justin Stankiewicz, Office of Management and Budget Director; Scott Herring, Public Works Director; and representing the Clerk's office Connie Arthur, Deputy Clerk.

Purpose:

To declare that emergency conditions exist to enact a burn ban due to current high winds and existing drought conditions.

Discussion: Chairman Leeper read a proposed resolution, as recommended by the Assistant Fire Chief, declaring that a state of emergency currently exists to enact a burn ban prohibiting the outdoor burning of yard debris and trash, except pursuant to permits issued by the State of Florida, Division of Forestry. He cited the recent large wildfire in Bryceville and current brush fire in the O'Neil/Scott area.

Mr. Stankiewicz provided an update on the current brush fire in the O'Neil/Scott area.

Motion: Approve and authorize the Chairman to sign Resolution 2017-39, declaring an emergency pursuant to Section 252.38, Florida Statutes, and Ordinance No. 2001-04, as amended, prohibiting the outdoor burning of yard debris and trash. The burn ban is in effect from March 31, 2017 through April 7, 2017 and may be continued, if needed. Maker: Commissioner Edwards Second: Commissioner Kelley Action: Aye: Commissioners Kelley, Taylor, Edwards and Leeper Absent: Commissioner Spicer Follow Up: County Manager, County Attorney, Fire/Rescue, Clerk Services

There being no further business, the special/emergency session of the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Daniel B. Leeper, Chairman

Attest:

John A. Crawford, Ex-Officio Clerk