

**Nassau County Board of County Commissioners  
Special Session, April 7, 2017, 9:00 a.m.  
Commission Chambers, 96135 Nassau Place, Yulee, Florida**

Call to Order

**Commissioners:**

**Present:** Chairman Daniel B. Leeper, Commissioners George Spicer, and Pat Edwards

**Absent:** Commissioners, Steve Kelley and Justin Taylor

**Other Official Present:** Michael S. Mullin, County Attorney.

**Staff Present:** Representing the Clerk's office Connie Arthur, Deputy Clerk.

**Purpose:**

To consider extending the burn ban that is currently in effect and due to expire today.

**SS170407 - 09:02:45 Discussion:** Mr. Mullin reviewed the proposed resolution that would extend the burn ban for another seven days. He noted that the extension would expire on April 14, 2017, a holiday. He suggested that the Board consider setting another special session on April 13, 2017 should they need to further evaluate the situation. Fire Chief Hemmingway came forward to review the current conditions and recommended a continuation of the burn ban. He also provided a brief update regarding recent fires in the area. Chair Leeper suggested the Fire Chief provide an update on the situation to the County Manager and/or County Attorney on April 12, 2017. He also thanked the Fire Chief and his crew for their dedication and hard work.

**Motion:** Approve and authorize the Chairman to sign Resolution 2017-46, extending the burn ban that was originally approved by Resolution 2017-39 on March 31, 2017, declaring that an emergency exists which prohibits the outdoor burning of yard debris and trash. This action pursuant to Section 252.38, Florida Statutes, and

Ordinance No. 2001-04, as amended. The burn ban is in effect from April 7, 2017 through April 14, 2017 and may be continued, if needed. Additionally, set a special meeting on April 13, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. to consider extending the burn ban, if needed.

**Maker:** Commissioner Edwards  
**Second:** Commissioner Spicer  
**Action:** Aye: Commissioners Edwards, Spicer and Leeper  
Absent: Commissioners Kelley and Taylor  
**Follow Up:** County Manager, County Attorney, Fire/Rescue, Clerk Services

**EXPANSION ITEMS:**

**SS170407 - 09:02:32**

**Motion:** To expand the meeting to discuss (1) information provided to the Legislature by Commissioner Edwards and Mr. Mullin; (2) proposed resolution regarding conservation funds; and (3) clarify statements made regarding the East Nassau Community Planning Area (ENCPA) Stewardship District and a discussion regarding bonds that were made in a previous committee meeting.

**Maker:** Commissioner Edwards  
**Second:** Commissioner Spicer  
**Action:** Aye: Commissioners Edwards, Spicer and Leeper  
Absent: Commissioners Kelley and Taylor

**Discussion:** Mr. Mullin distributed copies of the documents. He reviewed a resolution that will be discussed by the Board on April 10, 2017 seeking support for conservation funds for the Everglades; it also seeks funds for Northeast Florida.

The County Attorney and Commissioner Edwards met yesterday with the Lobbyist, Mark Anderson, to review a handout of information gathered from County files and provided to committee members.

Mr. Mullin also mentioned that a question was raised about the bonds. He stated that State Statute does not obligate local governments if bonds are sold by a community district. As a safeguard, language was inserted in the Bill (line 3000, page 121), "A default on the bonds or obligations of a district shall not constitute a debt or

obligation of the State or any general purpose local government. In the event of a default or dissolution of the district no local general purpose government shall be required to assume the property of the district, the debts of the district, or the district's obligations to complete any infrastructure." The language was accepted by Rayonier and it remains in the Bill.

There being no further business, the special session of the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners adjourned at 9:11 a.m.

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Daniel B. Leeper, Chairman

Attest:

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John A. Crawford, Ex-Officio Clerk