RESOLUTION NO. 2024- 092

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA AMENDING RESOLUTION 2022-210; SPECIFICALLY AMENDING THE SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MEETINGS, THE ORDER OF BUSINESS OF THE AGENDA, THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND RULES OF DECORUM, OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS; AND PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CONFLICTING PROVISIONS.

WHEREAS, Chapter 125, Florida Statutes, provides for regular meetings as well as, special meetings of the Board of County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Sections 125.01 and 286.0114, Florida Statutes, provides that the Board of County Commissioners may adopt a resolution to prescribe the rules, procedures, and policies related to the conduct of its meetings; and

WHEREAS the Board of County Commissioners finds that revision of the following rules, procedures and policies will further the public health, safety, and welfare, as well as the good governance of the County.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, THAT THE FOLLOWING BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

<u>Section 1</u>. <u>Schedule of Regular Meetings</u>. The Board of County Commissioners hereby establishes three (3) regular meetings per month. Regular meetings shall be held on the Second and Fourth Mondays and the Third Wednesday of each month, unless cancelled or rescheduled due to a holiday or other closure of County offices. <u>Beginning June 3, 2024</u>, <u>Tthe</u> meetings on the Second and Fourth Monday will begin at approximately <u>6:005:00</u> p.m., the meeting on the Third Wednesday of each month will begin at approximately 9:00 a.m. All meetings will be held at the James S. Page Governmental Complex, 96135 Nassau Place, Yulee, Florida 32097. The time and location of a meeting may be changed upon reasonable notice, consistent with the requirements of Florida law.

Section 2. Order of Business. Agenda format and the placing of items on an agenda is within the purview of the County Manager. The general format and order of the Agenda of the Board of County Commissioners is hereby amended and incorporated herein as Exhibit "A" Order of Business.

Section 3. <u>Public Participation and Rules of Decorum.</u> Specific notice and guidance to the public regarding the applicable rules of public participation and decorum, is amended and incorporated herein as Exhibit "B" *Public Participation and Rules of Decorum*.

Any violation of the Rules of Decorum or specific rules set forth herein, shall cause a speaker to relinquish their time to speak and/or removal, including removal from the audience by law enforcement. The Chairman will inform an individual that they are in violation of the rules and must relinquish their time. The Chairman will also inform any member of the audience if they are in violation of the rules and to cease the disruption. If the speaker does not relinquish their time or the members of the audience do not cease the violation, the Chairman will request the individual be removed by the Bailiff, or any Deputy Sheriff.

<u>Section 4.</u> It is the intent of the Board of County Commissioners to amend the rules, procedures and policies found herein, to confirm the use of the Public Participation and Rules of Decorum as they may be amended from time to time, and to repeal any conflicting provisions in prior resolutions.

DULY ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, this <u>15th</u> day of <u>May</u>, 2024 and made effective upon signature.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

RTIN : Chairman

ATTEST AS TO CHAIRMAN SIGNATURE: BHN A. CRÁWFC

Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

Approved as to form by the

Nassau County Attorney

DENISE C. MAY

EXHIBIT "A"

ORDER OF BUSINESS



NASSAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETINGS [Time], [Date] James S. Page Governmental Complex, 96135 Nassau Place Yulee, FL 32097

CALL TO ORDER-

CHAIRMAN INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS . Comments can only be for items under the authority of the Board of County Commissioners. Time limit is three (3) minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEMS. Except for Quasi-Judicial items, any member of the public can address any item on the agenda now or wait until the matter is addressed. Time limit is three (3) minutes.

EXPANSION ITEMS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA -

PROCLAMATIONS

PRESENTATIONS

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICER BUSINESS

CONSENT ITEMS – If any board member wishes to move a Consent Item to New Business, please do so now. Does any member of the public want to speak on a Consent Item?

NEW BUSINESS - Any member of the public may address any item under New Business at this time. Time limit is three (3) minutes each. Is there anyone who wishes to address any item under New Business?

LEGISLATIVE PUBLIC HEARINGS – The following matters under consideration are legislative matters, and the Non-Quasi-Judicial Procedures will be utilized for the following: County Attorney to read the procedures.

QUASI-JUDICIAL PUBLIC HEARINGS – The following matters under consideration are Quasi-Judicial matters, and the Quasi-Judicial Procedures will be utilized for the following: County Attorney to read the procedures.

<u>GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. Comments can only be for items under the authority</u> of the Board of County Commissioners. Time limit is three (3) minutes.

COUNTY MANAGER'S BUSINESS - Any business to come before the Board.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S BUSINESS – Any business to come before the Board.

COUNTY COMMISSION ITEMS – Any business to come before the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

Notices: In accordance with Florida Statute 286.0105: "If any person decides to appeal any decision made of this Board or Committee with respect to any matter considered at this scheduled meeting or hearing, the person will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purpose the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based."

In accordance with the American With Disabilities Act, persons needing a reasonable accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the County Manager's Office at contact@nassaucountyfl.com, 96135 Nassau Place, Suite 1, Yulee, FL 32097, Phone No. 904-530-6010, not later than seventy-two (72) hours prior to the proceeding. If you are hearing or voice impaired, please call the Florida Relay Service at 711 or toll free at 1-800-955-8771 (TTY).

EXHIBIT "B"

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND RULES OF DECORUM

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Public participation at Board meetings is intended to allow members of the public to address the Board on issues of public concern in Nassau County under the authority of the Board. The Chair is responsible for maintaining a respectful environment during public participation to ensure public comments can be heard by the Board.

SPEAKER CARD: All public participants wishing to address the Board shall complete a "speaker card" and present the card to the Deputy Clerks in Board Chambers PRIOR to the agenda item on which they wish to speak so that it may be forwarded to the Chair. Only public participants who have submitted speaker cards and who have been recognized by the Chair may address the Board.

Any speaker may present their viewpoint in this limited public forum without using terminology, <u>behavior</u>, or gestures that cause a disruptive environment for public officials in the discharge of their duties or cause a disruptive environment hostile to the participation of other members of the public.

Any person violating the rules of decorum as described in this section or otherwise displaying disruptive behavior, such as but not limited to, shouting, noisemaking, issuing threats, harassing, or intimidating members of the Board, the public, or County staff, or interfering with the duties of elected or appointed officials and County staff during a public meeting, or otherwise interrupting or disrupting the proceedings may be removed from the public assembly pursuant to law.

EACH SPEAKER MUST COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING RULES OF DECORUM WHEN ADDRESSING THE COMMISSION, BOARD, OR COMMITTEE:

- a) THE SPEAKER MAY NOT ADDRESS THE COMMISSION, BOARD OR COMMITTEE FROM THE AUDIENCE.
- b) THE SPEAKER MAY ONLY APPROACH THE PODIUM TO SPEAK WHEN RECOGNIZED BY THE CHAIRPERSON.
- c) THE SPEAKER MAY NOT APPROACH THE DAIS WITHOUT THE CHAIRPERSON'S PERMISSION.
- <u>d)</u> The speaker must direct comments to the commission, board or committee, <u>AS A BODY, NOT INDIVIDUALLY, AND ONLY</u> THROUGH THE CHAIRPERSON.

(+)(e) REMARKS SHALL NOT BE PERSONALLY DIRECTED TO ANY COMMISSIONER, BOARD, OR COMMITTEE MEMBER, OR TO STAFF. THE TIME ALLOTTED IS NOT INTENDED AS A QUESTION-AND-ANSWER SESSION.

e)f) THE SPEAKER MUST OBSERVE THE TIME LIMITS SET FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.

- **f)g)** The speaker at a public hearing must limit his or her comments to the subject of the hearing or topic under the control of the board of county commissioners.
- **g)h)** THE SPEAKER MUST AVOID MAKING IRRELEVANT, REPETITIVE, PERSONAL, <u>ABUSIVE</u>, <u>OBSCENE</u>, IMPERTINENT, OR SLANDEROUS COMMENTS.

A SPEAKER VIOLATING THESE RULES OF DECORUM OR OTHERWISE DISRUPTING A MEETING MAY BE GAVELED OUT OF ORDER BY THE CHAIRPERSON, AND IF THE SPEAKER WILLFULLY REFUSES TO ABIDE BY THE LAWFUL ORDER OF THE CHAIRPERSON TO CEDE THE FLOOR AND CEASE AND DESIST ALL DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR, THE SPEAKER MAY BE REMOVED FOR DISRUPTING A PUBLIC ASSEMBLY PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 871.01, FLORIDA STATUTES.
