

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-41

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF A WORKING COMMITTEE FOR THE PURPOSES OF DEVELOPING A TRANSIT STRATEGY FOR NASSAU COUNTY.

WHEREAS, in cooperation with Nassau County and other regional planning partners, the North Florida Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) completed the Nassau County Transit Study to assess public transportation conditions and needs within Nassau County, Florida and recommend public transit initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the transit study was presented to the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners (Board) on October 21, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the study made specific recommendations for transit routes and proposed potential governance and funding strategies; and

WHEREAS, the transit study acknowledges the report is a starting point for additional discussion and coordination and not intended to be an all-inclusive description of recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners and the JTA, based on the study, should execute a Memorandum of Understanding to address the issues in the transit study; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County is desirous of forming a Working Committee to address the study and make recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners regarding implementation of certain actions based on the study; and

WHEREAS, the Working Committee shall consist of the following: Commissioner Danny Leeper (as Chairman); Regina Duncan of the Amelia Island/Fernandina Beach/Yulee Chamber of Commerce; Scott Herring, Nassau County Public Works Director; Commissioner Len Kreger, representing the City of Fernandina Beach; a representative from the Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA); Joe Stevenson, Executive Director of the Northeast Florida Regional Transportation Commission; and a representative from the Council on Aging; and

WHEREAS, the JTA is a state agency, created under Chapter 349 of the Florida Statutes and an independent special district, has enjoyed a long-term working relationship with its regional partners; and

WHEREAS, the effort envisioned by Nassau County is consistent with the draft Regional Transit Action Plan (RTAP); and

WHEREAS, as Northeast Florida continues to grow, the development of integrated regional transit services will be increasingly important.

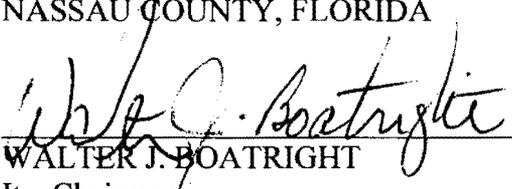
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Nassau County Board of Commissioners as follows:

1. The Board authorizes the appointment of a Working Committee to consist of the following: Commissioner Danny Leeper (as Chairman); Regina Duncan of the Amelia Island/Fernandina Beach/Yulee Chamber of Commerce; Scott Herring, Nassau County Public Works Director; City Commissioner Len Kreger, representing the City of Fernandina Beach; a representative from the Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA); Joe Stevenson, Executive Director of the Northeast Florida Regional Transportation Commission; and a representative from the Council on Aging.
2. The Working Committee shall: assess the needs for public transportation services and routes; develop options to institute a phased-in approach to meet ridership demands; provide costs of implementation; recommend a marketing plan; and recommend a community outreach program.
3. The committee process is expected to last six to nine months. The strategy and recommendations will be presented to the Nassau County Board of County Commission and the JTA Board when complete.

This Resolution shall become effective upon signature by the Board Chair.

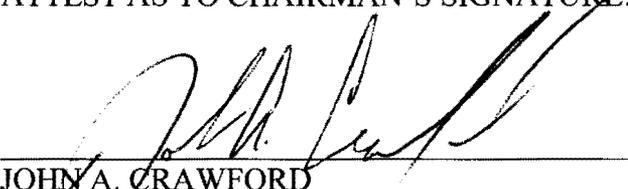
DULY ADOPTED this 28th day of March, 2016.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA



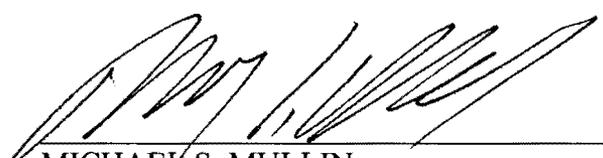
WALTER J. BOATRIGHT
Its: Chairman

ATTEST AS TO CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE:



JOHN A. CRAWFORD
Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

Approved as to form by the Nassau County Attorney:



MICHAEL S. MULLIN