

ST JOHNS COUNTY CIVIC ROUNDTABLE

August 13, 2018 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was opened by President Lofgren at 9:12am

Treasurer's Report: A balance of \$275 was reported for the Civic Roundtable account.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the July meeting were accepted as read.

President Lofgren introduced Hunter Conrad, Clerk of the Courts and Comptroller of St Johns County. Mr. Conrad, a graduate of Florida Coastal law School, was originally appointed to this constitutionally mandated position by Governor Scott. Subsequently he was elected to a second term in 2016. The Florida Constitution has over 1100 duties assigned to the Clerk of the Courts/Comptroller office.

Mr. Conrad broke down his duties in the following areas:

- 1) Responsible for running the Jury assignments for the St Johns County court system. (Budget 3.3 million)
- 2) County Recorder – 30,000+ documents recorded in 2017- Office is self-supporting through fees.

- 3) Comptroller – Responsible for County payroll and investment of idle funds.
- 4) Detect fraud or abuse of county funds through audits
- 5) Julington Creek Office processes Passport applications including photos. Looking for site in Ponte Vedra that will offer the same service.
- 6) Online reports of foreclosure sales and made available online County records dating back to 1960.
- 7) Established Standard Operating Procedure Documents for each department.
- 8) Returned 875,000 dollars to county coffers last year.

All above accomplished with 100 employees of which only 3 are paid over \$100,000/year.

Roundtable Discussion:

Doug Worth: Continues to work on traffic task force to improve route A1A north of Mickler intersection.

Bob Olson commented on the construction of new homes along the Vilano Beach coastline on lots that are very narrow with no sea walls to protect the structures.

Jim Mclane– He found employees at the St Johns County Public Golf Course rude and unhelpful.

Joy Andrews – Commented on ongoing efforts to improve services in several county departments including the golf course.

Tony Bosco commented on the potential traffic disruption from the May Street project.

The DR Horton project on Fish Island (near 312 bridge) was not approved. Expect another application but three conservation overlays make the outcome uncertain.

Meeting concluded at 10:40 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dennis Froio, Secretary