

ST. JOHNS COUNTY CIVIC ROUNDTABLE

MINUTES OF MEETING

August 10, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President Rick Lofgren at 9:00 am.

The minutes of the July 13, 2015 meeting were accepted as read.

The treasurer reported a balance of \$1275.69 with nine paid members.

President Lofgren recognized Mr. Jerry Cameron, Assistant County Administrator who is retiring, for all of his work for both the Roundtable and the county at large. Rick presented Jerry with a plaque from the Roundtable recognizing his contribution. Jerry said that he was part of an incredible team here in the County. He introduced Ms. Joy Andrews, who will be his replacement.

President Lofgren then introduced Ms. Vicki Oaks, Supervisor of Elections for St. Johns County, who is the guest speaker. Ms. Oaks discussed the impact of the current redistricting effort on the 2016 general election. She also said there will be a special election on November 3, 2015 on the proposed school board sales tax. She said there will be both absentee ballots and early voting for this election.

She said the next presidential primary would be on March 15, 2016, the primary election on August 30, 2015 and the general election on November 8, 2016.

Her office is currently working on cleaning up the registration

rolls. They will be sending mail out to all registered voters regarding the elections in 2016.

She discussed the provisions for allowing handicapped people to vote including the deaf and blind.

She indicated that the use of absentee ballots and early voting has increased in recent years. She also reviewed the work her staff is doing with the county high schools to encourage early registration of students.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Jerry Cameron – He will continue to work on the VA project. He said the VA has become much more co-operative regarding the location of their new facility. He said VA will be relocated to their temporary location by October, 2015.
2. Joy Andrews – She will be attending future Roundtable meeting on behalf of the county.
3. Bill McCormick – Requested the Roundtable to take a position on the redistricting currently going on in the legislature.
4. Jim Walter – Discussed the lack of civility at the recent County Commission meetings.
5. Ellen Whitmere – She was concerned that legislators do not have to live in the districts they represent.
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7. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.

1. Respectfully submitted,
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3. Ed Olsen
- 4.
5. Secretary

