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St. Johns County Administrator Hunter Conrad Submits Resignation

ST. JOHNS COUNTY, Florida, June 29, 2023 – St. Johns County Board of County Commission (BOCC) has received a written resignation from County Administrator Hunter Conrad. The BOCC will review the resignation and discuss a separation agreement at the July 18 BOCC Regular Meeting scheduled for 9 a.m. before voting on the terms of those documents. The BOCC Special Meeting scheduled for June 30, 2 p.m. has been canceled to provide ample time for review of Conrad's resignation and a separation agreement.

BOCC Chairman Christian Whitehurst stated, "The St. Johns County Board of County Commission thanks Hunter Conrad for his years of leadership and guiding us through the COVID-19 pandemic, multiple hurricanes, and other community challenges. We want to reassure the community we serve that services will continue, and the exciting projects and programs we have in place will move forward with rejuvenated energy. We have 1,400 professional and passionate employees who will continue service to our citizens and visitors. We will strive to improve with a commitment to public service that is stronger than ever."

Whitehurst shared that county staff will continue to report to Deputy County Administrators Joy Andrews and Brad Bradley to maintain a continuity of operations.

Attached is a copy of the resignation.

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Honorable Chair and Board of County Commissioners,

I have made the decision to resign from the County on June 29, 2023. Just over three and a half years ago while serving our community as the Clerk of Court and Comptroller I received the call being asked to serve our community in a different capacity, as the Interim County Administrator. It was shortly thereafter the Board of County Commissioners requested I remain as the full-time County Administrator, which I gratefully accepted.

During this time, I've been given the opportunity to work beside some of the finest, most servant-hearted people in our community. The employees of St. Johns County care greatly about their work but even more about the people they serve. I believe this is what has and will continue to separate St. Johns County from everywhere else.

Additionally, we have experienced the COVID-19 pandemic, devastating storms, and the tragic deaths of multiple men in our Fire Rescue Department and Commissioner Waldron. Without a doubt, this has taken a great toll on this organization and our community. But, even with all these challenges this organization and our community have persevered.

As I reach the end of my time here and the mantle of responsibility is passed to the next leader, I'm confident that the future is bright. When you have the finest, most servant-hearted people with an unwavering ability to persevere, the sky is the limit to what can be accomplished.

In conclusion, I want to express my deep appreciation for giving me one of the greatest privileges and honors of my professional career, to serve the place I call home. Thank you and may God bless St. Johns County in the months and years ahead.

Very Respectfully,

Hunter S. Conrad
County Administrator