

RESOLUTION NO. 99-131

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO PREPARE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA FOR THE PROVISION OF A WINDSTORM DAMAGE MITIGATION TRAINING AND DEMONSTRATION CENTER

WHEREAS, the St. Johns Board of County Commissioners support the construction and establishment of a Windstorm Damage Mitigation Training and Demonstration Center at the St. Johns County Extension Service property on Agricultural Center Drive to be built on County-owned land with the cost of construction to be fully funded by the Florida Department of Insurance; and

WHEREAS, over the last several months staff from the County Administrator's Office and the County Extension Service have been working with State officials relating to the construction of a Windstorm Damage Mitigation Training and Demonstration Center at the Agricultural Center Drive property next to the County Extension Service. The State proposes to construct a 2,000 - 3,000 square foot training center with a price range of approximately \$400,000. The building would accommodate training and office facilities with the training facility accommodating groups of 40-50 participants; and

WHEREAS, the County's responsibility would be to provide the real property and provide continued maintenance and utilities for the building once construction is completed. The State would be responsible for staffing of training programs relating to windstorm damage and other related programs. When not in use by the State, the facility would be available to County government for training programs the County sees fit to offer; and

WHEREAS, this is consistent with the Board's goal to provide efficient and effective services to the taxpayers of St. Johns County; and

WHEREAS, the University of Florida, State Cooperative Extension Service is requesting personnel to staff the facility in this year's State budget; and

WHEREAS, the State desires to lease real property from the County to construct a wind resistant training center on County property.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County that:

1) The Board supports the construction and establishment of a Windstorm Damage Mitigation Training and Demonstration Center at the St. Johns County Extension Service property on Agricultural Center Drive.

2) The County Administrator is hereby authorized to prepare an Interlocal Agreement between the County and the University of Florida for the construction and establishment of a Windstorm Damage Mitigation Training and Demonstration Center, under the provisions contained in the Whereas clauses above, for presentation to the Board for final approval.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, State of Florida, this 21 day of September, 1999.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: Mark A. Jacobs
Chairman

ATTEST: CHERYL STRICKLAND, CLERK

By: Patricia DeGrande
Deputy Clerk

