

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA
REGULAR MEETING
April 28, 2020**

The Board of County Commissioners of Leon County, Florida met in regular session at 3:00 p.m. with Chairman Bryan Desloge presiding. Present were Vice Chairman Rick Minor and Commissioners Nick Maddox, Bill Proctor, Kristin Dozier, Mary Ann Lindley, and Jimbo Jackson. Also present were County Administrator Vincent Long, County Attorney Chasity O'Steen, and Clerk to the Board Beryl H. Wood.

Chairman Desloge called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. He shared this meeting was held via video conference and was held utilizing communications media technology pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order 20-69, Emergency Management due to COVID-19 for Local Government Public Meetings.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Invocation was provided by Chairman Bryan Desloge followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. He then proceeded with a roll call.

County Attorney Chasity O'Steen explained the virtual meeting process as outlined in the April 24, 2020 Proclamation 2020-11 which was read into record.

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS, 3:00 P.M.

1. Adoption Public Hearing on Small Scale Comprehensive Plan Amendments

County Administrator Long introduced this item. He stated this item provides for the Adoption Public Hearing on the 2020 Cycle Small-Scale Comprehensive Plan Amendments to the Tallahassee-Leon County Comprehensive Plan that are located within unincorporated Leon County.

The Transmittal Public Hearings on Large-Scale Amendments and Text Amendments that need approval of both the Board and the City Commission are scheduled for May 26, 2020.

He noted there was no public comment.

Commissioner Dozier motioned for Option 1, it was seconded by Commissioner Jackson. Commissioner Dozier commented that the small-scale amendments do not have broad impact on land use and expressed concern about conducting large-scale comprehensive plan amendment public hearings via virtual public hearing. She suggested continuing the joint City/County large-scale comprehensive plan amendments transmittal hearing and other public hearings like the Lake Protection Node Public Hearing to a date when the Commissioners can meet in person.

- County Administrator Long suggested the possibility to hold the joint public hearing on the large-scale amendments on May 21st before the Blueprint IA meeting should the Blueprint Budget Workshop be rescheduled.

Commissioner Maddox expressed support of continuing the joint public hearing for the large-scale comp plan amendments to a future date.

- County Administrator Long clarified that the public hearing for the large-scale comp plan amendments is scheduled for May 26 but could be pushed to a later date if the Board desires it.

Artie White, Comprehensive Planning Manager, PLACE, provided additional comments.

Commissioner Dozier moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Jackson, for approval of Option 1: Conduct the first and only public hearing and adopt the proposed Ordinance, thereby adopting the small-scale map amendments in unincorporated Leon County, to the Tallahassee-Leon County 2030 Comprehensive Plan.

The motion carried 7-0.

2. First and Only Public Hearing to Consider Adopting an Ordinance Amending Chapter 10 of the Leon County Code of Laws, the Land Development Code, to Correct Scrivener’s Errors and Inadvertent Inconsistencies

County Administrator Long introduced this item. He conveyed this item requests the Board conduct the first and only Public Hearing and consider adopting an Ordinance to revise multiple sections of Chapter 10 of the Leon County Code of Laws to correct scrivener’s errors and inadvertent inconsistencies found throughout the Land Development Code.

Commissioner Proctor moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Lindley, approval of Option 1: Conduct the first and only Public Hearing and adopt an Ordinance amending Chapter 10 of the Leon County Code of Laws, the Land Development Code, to correct scrivener’s errors and inadvertent inconsistencies. The motion carried 7-0.

3. First of Two Public Hearings to Consider Adopting an Ordinance Amending Section 10-6.660 of the Land Development Code, Entitled “Lake Protection Node Zoning District”

County Administrator Long announced this item. He stated this item requests the Board conduct the first of two required Public Hearings to consider adopting a proposed Ordinance to amend the Lake Protection Node (LPN) zoning district which is intended to provide greater flexibility options within the nodes in order to more effectively encourage new development and redevelopment while still meeting the intent and goals of the Lake Protection (LP) Future Land Use (FLU) Category.

Public Comment received via online submission:

- George E. Lewis II, 2143 Miller Landing Road, submitted a comment requesting the Board continue the public hearing and provided suggested edits to the Ordinance.
- Max Epstein, 1001 San Luis Road, submitted a comment in opposition to the proposed changes to the Lake Protection Node Zoning District and in support of low development techniques and forward-thinking stormwater rules.
- Commissioner Dozier acknowledged interest on the development side but expressed support of continuing this item. She asked for clarification on the environmental standards and expressed concern that this amendment will meet our goals and the interest in the development. She expressed her support to move forward.

- Barry Wilcox, Chief Development Resources Officer, indicated that the amendment is not altering the environmental and water quality standards.
- County Administrator Long explained that the function in the nodes and that the form may need some adjustments to attract what the market may be able to deliver.
 - Mr. Wilcox indicated that the nodes promote multi-family housing and retail professional offices.
 - Mr. Wilcox indicated that a large retailer had expressed interest in one of the nodes.
- Commissioner Proctor expressed support to continue the public hearing to a future date and for looking closer at the issue. He indicated that the Commission is not responsible for what happens commercially in the sites. He shared that he couldn't support the measure since it prohibits automotive services and repair, single-family housing and duplexes.
 - Barry Wilcox commented that most neighborhood centers are anchored by grocery stores. The change would allow for a store up to 50,000 sq. ft. and would encourage the development of grocery stores. He added, it also encourages the diversity of housing types.
- Commissioner Minor confirmed that the stormwater facility requirements for people seeking permits were not undermined by the amendments to the Lake Protection Node section of the Land Development Code.
- Commissioner Jackson established that DSEM had met with the Friends of Lake Jackson and the Summerbrooke Homeowners Association on several occasions.

Commissioner Lindley moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Maddox, approval of Option 1: Conduct the first of two required Public Hearings to consider adopting an Ordinance amending Section 10-6.660 of the Land Development Code, entitled "Lake Protection Node Zoning District", and schedule the second and final Public Hearing for May 26, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. The motion carried 6-1. (Commissioner Proctor in opposition).

4. Second and Final Public Hearing to Consider Adoption of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 4, Article II of the Leon County Code of Laws Regarding Animal Control

County Administrator Long announced this item. He stated this agenda item provides for the second and final required Public Hearing to consider adopting a proposed Ordinance, based on stakeholder feedback and support, to eliminate barriers to the operation of small-scale commercial farming inside the Urban Service Area. The Ordinance will also allow for the keeping of horses as pets on residential properties of one acre and greater.

Public Comment received via online submission:

- Rhonnie Schaffer, 2027 Wildridge Drive, submitted a comment objecting to the one acre minimum for horses and instead recommended a two acre minimum.

Commissioner Proctor inquired if the City supports this issue and expressed concern about the horses being a possible environmental nuisance to the neighbors.

- County Administrator Long indicated that the County did not have requirements currently in place and reflected on the need to support urban farming.
- Barry Wilcox indicated that the City supports any animal as pets if it is not being used for agricultural purposes.

Commissioner Maddox asked for clarification on the amendment and stated that there are potential issues with the upkeep of the horse.

- Barry Wilcox indicated that the County was silent on the keeping of horses in the Urban Service area.
- County Administrator Long indicated that the Animal Control Ordinance addresses the treatment of the horses.

Commissioner Dozier expressed concern about having horses on a one-acre lot. She expressed support of the urban farms but expressed concern about the livestock and was resistant to support the horse requirement of only one acre.

- Barry Wilcox indicated that it is difficult to limit what animals can be considered pets.
- County Administrator Long indicated that the proposal is comparable to other counties and provides a standard for the County.

Commissioner Lindley expressed support of the Ordinance and supports the happy balance.

Commissioner Lindley moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Desloge, approval of Option 1: Conduct the second and final Public Hearing and adopt an Ordinance amending Section 10-1.101 of the Land Development Code entitled "Definitions", repealing Section 10-6.816, "Community Gardens," and creating a new Section 10-6.816 entitled "Urban Agriculture," and a new Section 10-6.816 entitled "Urban Agriculture," and a new Section 10-6.821 entitled "Urban Equine". The motion carried 6-1. (Commissioner Proctor in opposition).

5. First and Only Public Hearing to Consider Adoption of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 4, Article II of the Leon County Code of Laws Regarding Animal Control

County Attorney Long announced the item. He stated this agenda item requests the Board conduct the first and only public hearing and consider adopting an Ordinance amending Chapter 4, Article II of the Code of Laws of Leon County, regarding Animal Control, to provide for humane care standards and public nuisance prohibitions to accommodate horses, chickens and other fowl on certain residential properties inside the Urban Services Area.

Commissioner Proctor inquired if horses would be included in the Ordinance and reflected on the need for a limit on the number of animals a citizen may keep. He spoke in support of placing a limit on the number of animals and indicated that he has received multiple complaints from citizens.

- Cara Aldridge, Animal Control Director, indicated that there are current restrictions on numbers in the multi-pet permit which would come into play when the pet owner has two violations.

Commissioner Lindley moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Maddox, approval of Option 1: Conduct the first and only public hearing and adopt an Ordinance amending Chapter 4, Article II of the Leon County Code of Laws regarding Animal Control. The motion carried 6-1. (Commissioner Proctor in opposition).

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Reopening the Economy and Update on the Local emergency Assistance for Nonprofits (LEAN) -Christina Parades, Director, Tallahassee-Leon County Office of Economic Vitality

- County Administrator Long stated that he provides daily updates to the Commissioners and he indicated that the County is still active in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. He reviewed the County's health care efforts indicating that hospital capacity is adequate but can change quickly. Health data and capacity should drive the reopening plans. The County is awaiting the State's reopening plans and is reviewing all the data and guidance.
- Christina Parades provided an update on reopening local businesses and other gathering places. She indicated that stakeholders are meeting to set the foundation for reopening the economy. Ms. Paredes provided an update on the Local Emergency Assistance for Nonprofits (LEAN) Grant Program and reported that it has stimulated a great response.
 - Chairman Desloge commended the OEV and Health Department.
- Commissioner Proctor commended the Health Department on their efforts. He also acknowledged the Office of Human Services and Community Partnership for their work with homeless service providers. He reflected on the need for an ordinance mandating self-isolation after receiving a positive COVID-19 diagnosis.
 - County Attorney O'Steen indicated that she was unaware of any such ordinance in other counties.
 - Claudia Blackburn, Leon County Health Officer, indicated that the DOH investigates each case and follows-up with the contacts who are monitored daily. She indicated that this is working, and DOH had not had to resort to using quarantine and isolation orders.
- Commissioner Proctor confirmed with County Administrator Long that the County is prepared for a possible upsurge of COVID-19.
- County Attorney O'Steen indicated that the framework for the local action hinges on the Governor's Executive Order 20-52 and what will replace the Safer at Home order when it expires. She noted the process is a wait and see now.
- Commissioner Proctor expressed concern that meat packing plants have been forced to reopen by the federal government and reflected on possible state mandates. He shared that 32304-zip code has more COVID-19 cases than any other zip code in Leon County and data indicates that African-Americans are more susceptible. He reflected that reopening too soon could have devastating effects on African Americans who expressed a reluctance to return to work due to the risk associated with the virus. He reflected on the need to enforce isolation for those people directed to self-quarantine. He also reflected on the need for a County COVID-19 taskforce and a mental health hotline. He confirmed with the County Administrator Long that Emergency Management is coordinating the County's COVID-19 response in coordination with a broad array of community partners and that County Administrator Long and City Manager Reese Goad are in daily contact. Finally, he suggested the possibility of forming a Mayor/Chair COVID-19 taskforce.
 - Chairman Desloge stated that a Mayor/Chair/School Superintendent meeting was held the previous week and stated that they are awaiting the Governor's announcement of phase one of the reopening plan.
- Commissioner Maddox expressed concern with the State of Georgia's reopening due to the County's proximity to Georgia. He voiced his concern about Florida's reopening.
 - County Attorney O'Steen stated it would depend on what the Governor will do in the next couple of days.
- Commissioner Dozier commended OEV staff and their work on the two grant programs, CEDR for small business to reopen and what strategies could be implemented.

- County Attorney O’Steen indicated that the County may be able to fill in gaps in State mandates.
- Commissioner Dozier questioned if the Health Department had adequate staffing for COVID-19 contact tracing and commended the FAMU walk-up testing site. She also questioned if there were sites that could be used for isolation.
 - Claudia Blackburn indicated the County has been doing contact tracing and indicated that the DOH can currently meet the need for personnel to perform the tracing. She shared that isolation sites have not yet been explored, but some employers are putting COVID-19 positive employees in a hotel in order to stop the spread to their family members.
- Commissioner Dozier expressed concern about the slow public response to the LEAN grant and reflected on the possibility of a special Blueprint IA to revisit the grant funding programs.
 - Christina Paredes indicated that OEV is working closely with partners to identify nonprofits and to spread the word about the LEAN grant.
 - County Administrator Long stated that some revisions to the LEAN grant program may be needed, and if necessary, a special Blueprint IA meeting could be held.
- Commissioner Minor commended OEV on the grant programs. He asked about the possibility of scheduling a special meeting should the Commissioners need to make decisions once reopening plans for the State are unveiled.
 - County Administrator Long indicated a special meeting would be scheduled if needed.
- Commissioner Lindley reflected that more males than females are afflicted with COVID-19. She commended Bond and FAMU on the opening of the walk-up testing site. She expressed disappointment that only 1/3 of the grant money has been spent for the LEAN grant program and reflected that the greater need may have been for the small business grant.
- Commissioner Jackson indicated that poverty does not know racial divide. He reflected on the fear and anxiety in the community. He commended OEV and County staff on their efforts.

CONSENT:

Commissioner Lindley moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Dozier, to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

6. Minutes: January 27, 2020, Annual Board Retreat

The Board approved Option 1: Approve the minutes of January 27, 2020, Annual Board Retreat Meeting.

7. Payment of Bills and Vouchers

The Board approved Option 1: Approve the payment of bills and vouchers submitted for April 28, 2020 and Pre-Approve of Payment of Bills and Vouchers for the Period of April 29, 2020 through May 11, 2020.

8. Allocation of Risk Reserves

The Board approved Option 1: Approve the Resolution and Budget Amendment Request Appropriating Risk reserves in the amount of \$600,000 to fund workers’ compensation claims in excess of the FY2019/2020 budget.

9. Authorization to Temporarily Modify the Time Certain Public Hearings are Held

The Board approved Option 1: Authorize public hearings for matters subject to Section 125.66(4)(b)1, Florida Statutes, to be conducted in accordance with the County's temporary Rules of Procedure for virtual meetings of the Leon County Commission as authorized in Section 5 of Amended Proclamation 2020-09.

10. Request to Schedule Two Public Hearings to Consider Adoption of an Ordinance Amending the Leon County Land Development Code and Creating a New Section 10-6.659, Entitled "Government Operational (GO) Zoning District, "for June 16 and July 14, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

The Board approved Option 1: Schedule two Public Hearings to consider adoption of a proposed Ordinance amending the Leon County Land Development Code to create a new Section 10-6.659, entitled "Government Operational (GO) zoning district," for June 16 and July 14, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

11. Authorization to Proceed with Drafting an Ordinance to Amend Article II of Chapter 5 of the Leon County Code of Laws, Building and Construction Regulations, entitled "Technical Codes and Standards" and Amend Article VIII of Chapter 10, the Land Development Code, Entitled "Floodplain Management"

The Board approved Option 1: Authorize staff to proceed with drafting an Ordinance to amend Article II of Chapter 5 of the Leon County Code of Laws, the Building and Construction Regulations, entitled "Technical Codes and Standards" and amend Article VIII of Chapter 10, the Land Development Code, entitled "Floodplain Management."

12. Approval of the 2020 Update of the Tallahassee-Leon County Local Mitigation Strategy

The Board approved Option 1: Adopt by Resolution the 2020 Update to the Tallahassee-Leon County Local Mitigation Strategy plan.

13. Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act Funding

Public Comment:

- Lucinda Keeseey, 2103 Lee Avenue, asked that Commissioners to keep businesses and services closed, except for those currently identified essential business, until receiving medical reports for 2 weeks with a decrease in the COVID-19 cases.

The Board approved Option 1: Approve the Resolution and Budget Amendment accepting the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Provider Relief Funding for Leon County Emergency Medical Services in the amount of \$193,075 and authorize the County Administrator to execute any required documentation.

14. Leon County 2021-2023 State Housing Initiatives Partnership Local Housing Assistance Plan

The Board approved Option 1: Approve the proposed 2021-2023 Leon County State Housing Initiatives Partnership Local Housing Assistance and adopt the associated Resolution.

Status Reports:

15. Resolution Authorizing the Housing Finance Authority of Leon County to Issue a Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds for Magnolia Family

The Board approved Option 1: Approve the Resolution authorizing the House Finance Authority of Leon County to issue a \$15,000,000 Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds for Magnolia Family project.

16. Resolution Approving Documents and Method of Sale for Magnolia Terrace Apartments Bond Issuance by Housing Finance Authority of Leon County

The Board approved Option 1: Adopt the Resolution for approval of documents and method of sale for Magnolia Terrace Apartments bond issuance by the Housing Finance Authority of Leon County.

CONSENT ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

- None

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDAED ITEMS (3-MINUTE LIMIT PER SPEAKER; THERE WILL NOT BE ANY DISCUSSION BY THE COMMISSION)

- Chairman Desloge confirmed that there were no speakers on Non-Agendaed Items received via online submission.

GENERAL BUSINESS

17. Voluntary Annexation Proposal from Victor & Mary Roman and Thomas & Dorothy Jones, LTD to Annex Properties Located at 5515 Dansby Place and 5265 Trout Trail

County Administrator Long introduced this item. He stated property owners Victor & Mary Roman and Thomas & Dorothy Jones, LTD, are requesting voluntary annexation of properties located at 5515 Dansby Place and 5265 Trout Trail. As required by the Tallahassee-Leon County 2030 Comprehensive Plan, this voluntary annexation item is being brought to the Board for review and comment regarding the proposed annexation.

Public Comment received via online submission.

- Jay Schuck, 3675 Dexter Drive, submitted a comment noting that the development is not proposing any future land-use amendment or any zoning change. He also offered services as a planner consultant and retired planner with the City for 37 years.

Commissioner Lindley moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Desloge, approval of Options 1: Do not object to the proposed voluntary annexation of properties located at 5515 Dansby Place and 5265 Trout Trail. The motion carried 7-0.

18. Rejection of Bids for Entry Façade Improvements at the Former Cooperative Extension Building

County Administrator Long introduced this item. He stated it seeks Board consideration to reject the bid for the new entry façade at 615 Paul Russell (former Cooperative Extension building) due to projected revenue shortfalls resulting from the impacts of COVID-19.

- Commissioner Minor commended County staff for their forward thinking.
- Commissioner Proctor reflected on the need to evaluate proceeding with other projects and recommended moratorium on some projects.
- Commissioner Dozier stated that there will be a delicate balance of prioritizing projects. She indicated that material and labor costs have been going up for years, but now these costs are decreasing, so the County should be strategic about these considerations.

Commissioner Jackson moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Proctor, approval of Option 1: Reject all bids for the entry façade project at 615 Paul Russell and direct staff to further consider the project as part of the June 2020 Budget Workshop. The motion carried 7-0.

FULL BOARD APPOINTMENTS TO THE LEON COUNTY EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES AUTHORITY, THE TALLAHASSEE SPORTS COUNCIL, AND TALLAHASSEE-LEON COUNTY MINORITY, WOMEN AND SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

County Administrator Long introduced this agenda item. He stated it seeks the full Board's consideration of the appointment of citizens to the Leon County Educational Facilities Authority, the Tallahassee Sports Council, and the Tallahassee-Leon County Minority, Women and Small Business Enterprise Citizen Advisory Committee.

*Commissioner Lindley moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Maddox, for approval of Options 1: Appoint one citizen to the Leon County Educational Facilities Authority for a five-year term ending July 31, 2025. The Board appointed **Curt Bender**. The motion carried 7-0.*

*Commissioner Maddox moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Lindley for approval of Option 2: Appoint two citizens to the Tallahassee Sports Council for three-years ending April 30, 2023. The Board appointed **John Gladden, Jason Hendrix**, thereby waiving the conflicting employment relationship disclosed on Form 4A by a two-thirds affirmative vote for Mr. Hendrix. The motion carried 7-0.*

*Commissioner Maddox moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Lindley, for approval of Option 3: Appoint two citizens to the Tallahassee-Leon County Minority, Women and Small Business Enterprise Citizens Advisory Committee for a two-year ending April 30, 2022. The Board appointed **Terrance Barber and Ted Parker**.*

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDAED ITEMS (3-minute limit per speaker; Commission may discuss issues that are brought forth by speakers.)

- Chairman Desloge confirmed that there were no additional speakers on Non-Agendaed Items.

COMMENTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

County Attorney O'Steen:

Sought direction from the Board on the settlement offer for the Petrandis litigation and the County Attorney's recommendation of rejecting Mr. Petrandis' settlement offer and extending a counteroffer consistent with Board direction provided at the April 28th Attorney-Client meeting.

- Commissioner Lindley made a motion to accept the County Attorney's recommendation.
- Commissioner Minor offered an amendment to reject any counteroffer from Mr. Petrandis.
- Chairman Desloge recommended that the County's outside counsel instead convey that the board would not look favorably upon a counteroffer to the counteroffer on the table.
- County Attorney O'Steen confirmed that the County's outside counsel could convey the Board's intention; however, should Mr. Petrandis make a counteroffer, she would be obligated to present it to the Board.

Commissioner Lindley moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Dozier, to accept the County Attorney recommendation of rejecting Mr. Petrandis' settlement offer and extending a counteroffer, and to direct outside counsel to convey that the Board would not look favorably upon another counteroffer. The motion carried 6-1. (Commissioner Proctor in opposition).

County Administrator Long:

- Thanked County employees for their dedication and thanked the Chairman along with the Commission for their support. He mentioned employees that stepped up during tornado.

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS

Commissioner Dozier:

- Indicated that the City is cancelling their youth summer camps and requested an update at the next Board meeting on May 12th, on the childcare options available to parents who are returning to work.
- *Commissioner Dozier moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Lindley, to direct staff to prepare for the May 12th Board meeting a status update on a summer childcare options. The motion carried 7-0.*
- Expressed support to delay the joint public hearing on the large-scale comprehensive plan amendments to date when the Commissions can meet in person.
- *Commissioner Dozier moved, second by Commissioner Minor, to direct staff to prepare for the May 12th Board meeting, an agenda item exploring options for real time feedback form citizens during virtual meetings. The motion carried 6-0. (Commissioner Lindley out of chambers).*

Commissioner Proctor:

- Requested information about the Florida Association of Counties (FAC) Annual Conference on June 9-12, 2020.
 - Commissioner Maddox, FAC President, stated that the FAC Annual Conference in June had been canceled. He shared that the FAC and NACO are proposing to cancel meetings and do business virtually. He also informed the Board that the FAC is working on a proposal to the State that would provide funding for COVID-

19 related expenses, for cities and counties with populations under 500,000 that were ineligible to receive direct funding under the CARES Act.

- Requested a proclamation for recent NFL and WNBA drafts of former FAMU Developmental Research School students. Jazmine Jones was drafted by the WNBA in the 2020 Draft and Chris Jackson was drafted by the NFL in the 2020 Draft.
- *Commissioner Proctor moved, seconded by Commissioner Maddox, requesting a proclamation for Jazmine Jones recognizing her accomplishment of being drafted by the WNBA and for Chris Jackson recognizing his accomplishment of being drafted by the NFL. The motion carried 7-0.*

Commissioner Lindley:

- Thanked the County Administrator and staff for their efforts during the pandemic.

Commissioner Maddox:

- Thanked the County Administrator, Chairman Desloge and staff for their leadership during these trying times.
- Encouraged the community to continue social distancing and adherence to safety guidelines.

Commissioner Jackson:

- Thanked Public Works, Office of Resource Stewardship and Leon County Schools for their help in coordinating mobile hotspots for the community.
- Shared that the community may access free wi-fi in the parking lots of all County libraries.
- Acknowledged Emergency Management for coordinating PPEs and other needed medical supplies and devices for the Tallahassee Developmental Center.

Vice-Chairman Minor:

- Reflected on the November election and indicated the Supervisor of Elections is encouraging citizens to request mail-in ballots online on their website: leonvotes.org. He requested that the County's Community Media Relations division push out the info via the County's media channels.

Chairman Desloge:

- Acknowledged the County Attorney for efforts to include citizen comments in the Board's meetings and indicated that participation during the virtual meetings would be very difficult.
- Announced that Meridian Road, between John Hancock Dr. and Timberlane Road, would be closed starting May 11th for 10 weeks due to the Drainage Improvements Project.
- Thanked the community and Public Works and additional staff for stepping up in the Northeast Kerry Forest area that got hit by a tornado.

RECEIPT AND FILE:


- None.


ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

ATTEST:



BY: 
Gwendolyn Marshall, Clerk of Court
& Comptroller, Leon County, Florida


BY: _____
Bryan Desloge, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners