

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA  
REGULAR MEETING  
May 12, 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.

*Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order 20-69, Emergency Management – COVID-19-Local Government Public Meetings, the Leon County Board of County Commissioners held this meeting via video conference.*

Chairman Desloge called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was provided by Chairman Bryan Desloge.

He conducted a roll call of the Board.

County Attorney O'Steen read the proclamations concerning Board policy to hold virtual meetings and gave directions to the public.

**SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS, 3:00 P.M.**

**1. Second and Final Public Hearing 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 the Public Hearing. He stated this item requests the Board conduct the second and final required Public Hearing to consider adoption of an Ordinance to amend the Lake Protection Node (LPN) zoning district which is intended to provide greater flexibility of development options within the nodes 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.

Citizen Comments received via online submission:

- Alan Niedoroda and George E. Lewis II, 6000 Miller Landing Cove, Friends of Lake Jackson, commented suggesting edits to maintain the water quality restrictions and a provision for testing the functioning of stormwater facilities.

Commissioner Minor thanked the County Administrator and DSEM for their efforts to address the concerns submitted by the Friends of Lake Jackson. He motioned for approval of staff recommendation.

Commissioner Lindley thanked DSEM staff for working to address the Friends of Lake Jackson's concern regarding stormwater and stated her support of Option 1.

*Commissioner Minor moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Jackson, for approval of Option 1: Conduct the second and final Public Hearing and adopt an Ordinance amending Section 10-6.660 of the Land Development Code, entitled "Lake Protection Node Zoning District". The motion carried 7-0.*

**2. First and Only Public Hearing to Consider Adopting a Proposed Ordinance Amending the Official Zoning Map to Change the Zoning Classification from the Urban Fringe (UF) District to the General Commercial (C-2) District (7601 Blountstown Hwy.)**

County Administrator Long announced the Public Hearing. He stated this item's proposed rezoning implements Comprehensive Plan map amendment LMA 2020 01 (7601 Blountstown Highway), which was adopted on April 28, 2020. The rezoning requests a change to the Official Zoning Map from the Urban Fringe (UF) District to the General Commercial (C-2) District for an approximately 3.34-acre parcel located at 7601 Blountstown Highway (SR 200).

No additional comments were heard.

Commissioner Lindley stated that rezoning must be done after 5pm and asked was that a special exemption given by the Governor's order.

County Attorney O'Steen indicated that the Board approved the time change at their April 28, 2020 BOCC Meeting.

*Commissioner Jackson moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Dozier, for approval of Option 1: Conduct the first and only public hearing and adopt the proposed Ordinance amending the Official Zoning Map to Change the Zoning Classification from the Urban Fringe (UF) District to the General Commercial (C-2) District. The motion carried 7-0.*

**3. First and Only Public Hearing to Consider Adopting a Proposed Ordinance Amending the Official Zoning Map to Change the Zoning Classification from the Manufactured Home and Single-Family Detached District (R-5) to the Light Industrial (M-1) Zoning District (Hwy. 20 west of Capital Circle SW)**

County Administrator Long announced the Public Hearing. He stated this item's proposed rezoning implements Comprehensive Plan map amendment LMA202002 (Highway 20 Light Industrial), which was adopted on April 28, 2020. The rezoning requests a change to the Official Zoning Map from the Manufactured Home and Single-Family Detached District (R-5) to the Light Industrial (M-1) Zoning District for a 4.1 acre parcel located on the north side of Highway 20 west of Capital Circle Southwest.

No additional comments were heard.

*Commissioner Lindley moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Dozier, for approval of Option 1. Conduct the first and only public hearing and adopt the proposed Ordinance amending the Official Zoning Map to Change the Zoning Classification from the Manufactured Home and Single-Family Detached District (R-5) to the Light Industrial (M-1) Zoning District. The motion carried 7-0.*

**4. First and Only Public Hearing to Consider Adopting a Proposed Ordinance Amending the Official Zoning Map to Change the Zoning Classification from the Lake Protection (LP) to the Commercial Parkway (CP) Zoning District (Oak Valley Shopping Center)**

County Administrator Long announced the Public Hearing. He stated this item proposed rezoning implements Comprehensive Plan map amendment LMA202003 (Oak Valley Shopping Center), which was adopted on April 28, 2020. The rezoning requests a change to the Official Zoning Map from the Lake Protection (LP) to the Commercial Parkway (CP) Zoning District for 4.49-acre portion of an 18.21-acre parcel located at the Oak Valley Shopping Center at North Monroe and Capital Circle Northwest.

No additional comments were heard.

*Commissioner Minor moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Lindley, for approval of Option 1: Conduct the first and only public hearing and adopt the proposed Ordinance amending the Official Zoning Map to Change the Zoning Classification from the Lake Protection (LP) to the Commercial Parkway (CP) Zoning District. The motion carried 7-0.*

**5. First and Only Public Hearing to Consider Adopting a Proposed Ordinance Amending the Official Zoning Map to Change the Zoning Classification from the Residential Preservation (RP) to the General Commercial (C-2) Zoning District (Capital Cir. SW at Tillie Lane)**

County Administrator Long introduced this item. He stated this item proposed rezoning implements Comprehensive Plan map amendment LMA202001 (Capital Circle S.W.), which was adopted on April 28, 2020. The rezoning requests a change to the Official Zoning Map from the Residential Preservation (RP) to the General Commercial (C-2) Zoning District for two parcels totaling approximately 0.78 acres located at Capital Circle Southwest at Tillie Lane.

No additional comments were heard.

*Commissioner Lindley moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Maddox, for approval of Option 1. Conduct the first and only public hearing and adopt the proposed Ordinance amending the Official Zoning Map to Change the Zoning Classification from the Residential Preservation (RP) to the Commercial (C-2) Zoning District. The motion carried 7-0.*

**AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**6. Update on the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Pandemic**

- County Administrator Long provided an overview of the County's response to the COVID-19 pandemic as well as phased reopening efforts. During his update, the County Administrator noted the following:
  - COVID-19 cases continue to trend downward in Leon County.
  - The County's current focus is on life/safety issues like mitigating the spread of the virus, coordinating the distribution of PPEs, and hospital surge planning.
  - The County has entered into Phase I of reopening which includes the reopening of the libraries for curbside service, the hazardous waste center, and DSEM is providing in-person services on an appointment basis.

- To protect the health and safety of citizens and employees, starting next week, all employees will be provided a health screening and temperature check when reporting to work each day.
  - The Executive Order allowing for the Commission’s virtual meeting may expire as early as mid-May.
  - As part of the State’s reopening plan, all county health departments have been instructed to test 2% of the population per month for COVID-19. For Leon County, that equates to 200 tests per day and that through the collaboration of Leon County’s partners they are performing approximately 450 collections per day.
- Claudia Blackburn, Director of Leon County Health Dept., reported significant increases in testing capacity to meet monthly goal of 2% of population tested. The Health Department and community partners are reviewing data to determine additional testing locations and possible mobile testing.
  - Commissioner Lindley stated that she received emails from citizens that are having difficulty getting their results from the Bragg Stadium testing site and are receiving an “inbox is full” message when they call the designated phone number for the site.
  - Claudia Blackburn explained that, due to the large numbers of tests conducted, there has been a delay in getting test results from the lab. She indicated that Bond is working on the process for receiving test results.
  - Commissioner Lindley expressed support of citizens wearing masks in situations when social distancing cannot be achieved and stressed the need to continue encouraging this practice. She reflected on citizen interest in a community reopening committee, but indicated that Emergency Management, along with health officials and other community partners may be better equipped to do the job.
  - County Administrator Long indicated that OEV’s COVID-19 Economic Recovery Stakeholder Group, including all of the Chambers of Commerce, are currently working together to address reopening as it relates to local businesses.
  - Commissioner Minor asked for clarification regarding the accuracy of the antibody test. He reflected on the need for a reopening task-force and stated that he would like to see an update on what the OEV group has done so far in formulating a local set of recommendations for reopening. He reflected on the need to formalize the group as an ad hoc committee.
    - Claudia Blackburn confirmed that there are many unknowns associated with the antibody test and that the Health Dept. is not currently recommending the test.
  - Commissioner Dozier confirmed that public testing locations will likely be open for the foreseeable future; however, the size and number may change as time progresses. She asked if volunteers could be utilized for contact tracing.
  - Claudia Blackburn indicated that they do not anticipate a need for volunteers and that trained Health Dept. employees are being utilized for contact tracing. She stated that she is sending contact information for interested volunteers to the FDOH for possible training and volunteer opportunities. She also indicated that the State is assisting counties, as needed, for contact tracing.

- Commissioner Dozier stated that she had received an email regarding Little League and confirmed that churches have never been ordered to close.
  - County Administrator Long indicated that parks are closed and that Little League sign-ups may proceed but the fields may not be open in time for their upcoming season.
- Commissioner Dozier suggested stronger encouragement for business to mandate employees to wear masks. She reflected that the County should be modeling for the community.
  - County Administrator Long indicated that the County is following CDC guidance and requiring employees to wear mask when they cannot social distance and when interacting with the public.
- Commissioner Dozier requested a status report on Leon County employee benefits and health/safety protocols related to COVID-19.
- County Administrator indicated that a status report will be provided to the Board.
- Commissioner Dozier suggested lifting up those businesses that are going above and beyond and taking the extra steps towards prevention. She agreed with Commissioner Minor that a report from the OEV stakeholder group is in order. She indicated that the OEV website has a wealth of information including where to get personal protection equipment including masks and hand sanitizer.
  - County Administrator Long stated that a status report on OEV's COVID-19 Economic Recovery Stakeholder Group could be provided to the Board

*Commissioner Dozier moved, seconded by Commissioner Minor, to request a status report on OEV's COVID-19 Economic Recovery Stakeholder Group. The motion passed 7-0.*

- Commissioner Dozier acknowledged and thanked the Emergency Management team that has been activated for 63 straight days.
- Commissioner Proctor asked for clarification regarding the Health Dept. goal to test 2% of the population per month; inquired about the rate of the African-American community being infected; and inquired if the County has the authority to deviate from the Governor's reopening plan.
- Claudia Blackburn stated that she was unaware of how the goal was established but indicated that 2% was an achievable number and will provide a good indication of the health of the community. She explained that the demographic breakdown for the Leon County cases, along with many other indicators, is available online on the FDOH website which is updated daily. Ms. Blackburn added that the Governor is monitoring this data to prepare for the planning the next phase of the reopening of the State.
- County Attorney O'Steen indicated that the Governor has provided some discretion to counties during Phase 1 to impose more stringent restrictions. She noted that the Governor may choose to again provide limited authority to counties in future phases of reopening.

- Commissioner Proctor reflected on the need for the County to distribute masks and for public hand sanitizing stations.
- Commissioner Jackson inquired about testing at assisted living facilities and nursing homes. He expressed support for developing a long-term reopening timeline for Leon County.
  - Claudia Blackburn indicated that the Health Dept. is in contact every other day with these facilities and if requested, they can respond within 4 hours and determine what testing is warranted.
- County Administrator Long stated that the County is continuously communicating through social media and other media channels. He indicated that it is incredibly difficult to project where the County will be in six months at this point and that the virus is setting the timetable.
  - Commissioner Maddox indicated that he could not support mandating masks but stated that the County strongly suggesting citizens wear masks is preferable. He expressed support for developing a long-term reopening timeline for the County.
  - County Administrator Long indicated that there are multiple teams of people working around the clock on COVID-19 response efforts. He stated the County Phase I plan was recently distributed following the publishing of the State's Phase I plan. The County Administrator reported that, while that the State has not yet published additional phases of its plan, staff will provide a report to the Board on what Leon County's Phase II & Phase III may look like depending on future executive orders.
- Chairman Desloge stressed the importance of the County leading by example. He stated that he could not support creating another committee and indicated that the OEV Stakeholders group and other experts have already begun the work. He indicated that a Mayor/Chair meeting was scheduled later this week and some of these issues would be addressed.

**CONSENT**

*Commissioner Dozier moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Desloge, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried 7-0.*

**7. Minutes: February 11, 2020 Regular Meeting**

*The Board approved Option 1: Approve the minutes of February 11, 2020, Regular Meeting.*

**8. Payment of Bills and Vouchers**

*The Board approved Option 1: Approve the payment of bills and vouchers submitted for May 12, 2020 and pre-approve the payment of bills and vouchers for the period of May 13, 2020 through May 25, 2020.*

**9. Adjustments to the FY 2021 Budget Calendar**

*The Board approved Option 1: Approve adjustments to the FY 2021 Budget Calendar by scheduling Budget Workshops for July 14, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. and August 25, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.*

**10. FY 2020 Commissioner Discussion Items Semiannual Status Report**

*The Board approved Option 1: Accept the Semiannual FY 2020 Commissioner Discussion Items Status Report.*

**11. Third Performance Agreement and Surety Device for Dempsey Office Park**

*The Board approved Option 1: accept the Third Performance Agreement and Surety Device for Dempsey Office Park.*

**12. Approval of Maintenance Maps for the Woodville Septic to Sewer Project**

*The Board approved Option 1: Approve the Maintenance Maps for Old Woodville Road, Oak Ridge Road, Register Road, Page Road, Lawhon Road, Elgin Road, Lutterloh Road, Natural Bridge Road and Katydid Lane.*

**13. Florida Department of Transportation Grant for the Construction and Construction Engineering Inspection for Phase I of the Smith Creek Bicycle Lanes Improvement Project**

*The Board approved Options 1 -3: 1) Approve the Local Agency Program Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for construction and construction engineering inspection for Phase I of the Smith Creek Bicycle Lanes Improvement Project and authorize the County Administrator to execute. 2) Adopt the Resolution authorizing the Local Agency Program Agreement for the construction and construction engineering inspection for Phase I of the Smith Creek Bicycle Lanes Improvement Project and authorize the Chairman to execute. 3) Approve the Resolution and associated Budget Amendment Request realizing\$998,000 from the Florida Department of Transportation into the County budget.*

**14. Florida Department of Transportation Grant for the Construction and Construction Engineering Inspection for Phase II of the Smith Creek Bicycle Lanes Improvement Project**

*The Board approved Options 1-3: 1) Approve the Local Agency Program Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for construction and Construction Engineering Inspection for Phase II of the Smith Creek Bicycle Lanes Improvement Project and authorize the County Administrator to execute. 2) Adopt the Resolution authorizing the Local Agency Program Agreement for the construction and Construction Engineering Inspection for Phase II of the Smith Creek Bicycle Lanes Improvement Project and authorize the Chairman to execute. 3) Approve the Resolution and associated Budget Amendment Request realizing\$843,705 from the Florida Department of Transportation into the County budget.*

**15. Maintenance Agreement with Florida Department of Transportation for Landscaping of the Medians on Thomasville Road from Millstone Plantation North to Wolfpack Way**

*The Board approved Options 1-3: 1) Approve the Maintenance Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for landscape maintenance of the medians along Thomasville Road from Millstone Plantation North to Wolfpack Way and authorize the County Administrator to execute in a form approved by the County Attorney. 2) Approve the First Amendment to the Maintenance Memorandum of Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for financial reimbursement for landscape maintenance of the medians along Thomasville Road from Millstone Plantation North to Wolfpack Way and authorize the County Administrator to execute in a form approved by the County Attorney. 3) Adopt the Resolution approving the First Amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement and authorize the Chairman to execute in a form approved by the County Attorney.*

**16. Extension of Solid Waste Consulting and Engineering Services Contract**

*The Board approved Option 1: Authorize the County Administrator to extend the Agreement with Locklear & Associates, Inc. for Solid Waste Consulting and Engineering Services.*

**17. National Endowment of the Arts Big Read Grant**

*The Board approved Options 1-2: 1) Accept the National Endowment of the Arts Read grant in the amount of \$11,710 and authorize the County Administrator to execute all documents related to the grant project. 2) Approve the Resolution and associated Budget Amendment Request.*

**18. State Housing Initiative Partnership Emergency Rental Assistance Funding**

*The Board approved Options 1-2: 1) Accept the additional \$36,092 in State Housing Initiative Partnership funds from the Florida Housing Finance Corporation's for FY 19-20 and approve the Resolution and associated Budget Amendment. 2) Approve the proposed eligibility criteria to further delineate the administration of the Housing Rental Assistance Plan with the additional State Housing Initiative Partnership funds.*

**19. Askew School Proposal for Additional Analysis of the Community Human Services Partnership**

*The Board approved Option 1: Direct staff to postpone indefinitely engaging the Askew School in conducting additional analysis of the CHSP Needs Assessment Report.*

**STATUS REPORTS: (THESE ITEMS ARE INCLUDED UNDER CONSENT).**

**20. Status Report on Child Care and Summer Camps**

*The Board approved Options 1 -2: 1) Accept the status report on child care and summer camps in Leon County. 2) Cancel the 2020 Summer Youth Training Program and direct staff to consider the program funding as part of the budget balancing strategy to be presented in the FY 2021 Budget Workshops.*



**21. Status Report on the Washington Square Development**

*The Board approved Option 1: Accept the status report on the Washington Square development.*

**22. Status Report on County Code Enforcement Process and Options**

*The Board approved Option 1: Accept the status report on County code enforcement process and options and take no further action.*

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

- Citizen Comments were received via online submission for non-agendaed items:
  - Amber Tynan, 2477 Tim Gamble Place, United Partners for Human Services, thanked the Commissioners for the \$1M in Blueprint LEAN grant funding for nonprofits and requested that the current pool of funding remain, and the grant application deadline be extended.
  - Kathleen Spehar, 1410 Chocksacka Nene, Executive Director of the Council on Culture & Arts, requested the Commissioners extend the deadline for the Blueprint LEAN grant.
  - Felina Martin, 300 W. Pensacola Street, Institute for Nonprofit Innovation & Excellence, requested the extension of the Blueprint LEAN grant deadline.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**23. Status Report on Virtual County Commission Meetings and Additional Options for Public Participation**

County Administrator Long introduced this item. He stated as directed by the Board at the April 28 meeting, this agenda item provides options for the Board's consideration with regard to public participation in County Commission meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Citizen Comments that were received via online submission:

- Laura Newton, 4541 Pecan Branch, submitted a comment in support of delaying any major decisions by the Board until in-person Board meetings can be held with public participation.
- Deborah Lawson, 1011 Shalimar Drive, submitted a comment in support of holding County Commission meetings utilizing available technology to allow real time public participation.
- Jeff Blair, 1803 Old Fort Drive, wrote in support of holding County Commission meetings with real-time public participation utilizing available technology to participate in the virtual meetings.
- Michael Rychlik, 9601-68 Miccosukee Road, supported holding County Commission meetings with real-time public participation utilizing available technology to participate in the virtual meeting.
- Sarah Rychlik, 960-69 Miccosukee Road, submitted a comment in support of Option #3 "Continue conducting virtual County Commission meetings and modify current procedure to allow for direct citizen participation".
- Scott Hannahs, 5051 Quail Valley Road, supported Option #3 and suggested delaying non-essential public hearings.

- Rob Lombardo, 9601 Miccosukee Road Lot 51, commented in support of delaying important policy issues and Comprehensive Plan Amendments until in-person meetings can be held safely and to allow for real-time citizen input at all in-person and virtual meetings.

Commissioner Minor shared his concern regarding the example that may be set if an in-person Commission meeting was held on May 26, 2020. He indicated the need to expand the current process for public input for the Commission meetings.

Chair Desloge stated they lead by example and was in favor of remote meetings for the time being. He cautioned the example that would be set when we are encouraging social distancing for the community.

Commissioner Lindley shared that she was prepared to go back to in person Commission meetings but cautioned that the May 26 date was too soon. She noted that the virtual meetings were working and preferred the written public comments and the Zoom meeting format that she felt was working well but added that real-time input is preferable. She stated she was in favor of Option 1.

Commissioner Dozier commented on reading public comments into the record versus only adding these comments to the record. She noted other counties and task forces accept real-time public comments during Board meetings. These comments play a vital role to the Commissioners discussion, thus finding a method for real-time comments in virtual meetings is imperative. She asked for clarification regarding the public input process for joint meetings.

County Administrator Long stated they can have real-time in person meetings with measures taken for public health, social distancing and facilitate public input at the Board's meetings and at joint meetings with the City.

- Commissioner Dozier stated her support of Option #3. She moved to approve Option #3 with an amendment to include electronic and real-time public comment during both virtual and in-person Commission meetings.
  - Commissioner Minor seconded the motion and offered a friendly amendment that citizen comments submitted by email be read into the public record, up to 3 minutes.
  - Commissioner Dozier accepted the amendment.
  - Commissioner Lindley stated that she was not in favor of the amendment as Commissioners can reference and discuss the received written citizen comments during the meeting.
  - Commissioner Maddox expressed support for the motion but opposed the friendly amendment.
  - Chairman Desloge reflected on the success of the current citizen comments process and indicated his opposition to the amendment to read the comments into the record. He indicated that the Governor may soon lift the ability for the Commission to meet remotely and stated his support of Option #1.
  - Commissioner Minor withdrew his amendment and seconded the original motion.
  - Commissioner Proctor confirmed with the County Attorney that the current written public comment process is legally sufficient and compliant with the Sunshine Law. He expressed concern about receiving profane comments via

phone or video due to the level of anonymity, and he stated his opposition to the motion.

- Commissioner Dozier reflected on other local governments ability to accept audio and/or video public comment. She stated that citizens would need to state their name and address, the same as in-person meetings, and the call or recording could be cut off if profanity is used.
  - County Administrator Long indicated that the technological issues could be addressed.

*Commissioner Dozier moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Minor, to implement Option 3 as amended: Continue conducting virtual County Commission meetings and modify current procedure to allow for direct citizen participation to include real-time audio or video public comment. The motion failed 3-4 (Commissioners Maddox, Proctor, Jackson and Desloge opposing).*

- Commissioner Proctor expressed his sensitivity to the anonymity of telephonic public comments.
- Commissioner Dozier questioned the procedure for citizen comment for in-person meetings. She motioned to get a report back on implementing an alternative for public comments for those vulnerable citizens who can't physically come to the courthouse due to health or age limitations. The motion died for a lack of second.
- Chairman Desloge indicated that the system currently in place for written public comment could be utilized by those who can't attend the in-person meetings in the courthouse.
- Commissioner Maddox moved Option 1, seconded by Commissioner Lindley.
  - Commissioner Minor moved for a friendly amendment to keep the current electronic citizen comment system when in-person Commission meetings begin. Commissioner Maddox accepted the amendment.

*Commissioner Maddox moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Lindley, approval of Option 1) as amended: Accept the status report and continue current practices regarding conducting virtual meetings and accepting citizen input until such time as Executive Order 20-69, or its successor, expires and include the current electronic submission of citizen comments for all meetings. The motion carried 6-1. (Commissioner Dozier opposed).*

#### **24. Status Report on the Development of a Land Management Plan for Upper Lake Lafayette Lake Bottom**

County Administrator Long introduced this item. He stated this item recommends the County enter into an agreement with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) to develop a Land Management Plan for the Upper Lake Lafayette lake bottom at no cost to the County.

Citizen Comments received via online submission:

- Gerry Miller, 462 Groveland Hills Drive, commented in support of utilizing the Florida Fish & Wildlife Commission's Office of Conservation Planning Services to develop the Land Management Plan for the Upper Lake Lafayette Lake Bottom and suggested the inclusion of other environmental Non-Government Organizations (NGO) in the project.
- Terry Ryan, 2538 Stonegate Drive, stated his opposition and recommended a comprehensive review that includes addressing water quality and includes other partners.

- Grant Gelhardt, 1906 Chuli Nene, expressed support of an agreement with the FWC's office of Conversation Planning to develop a Land Management Plan for the Upper Lake Lafayette Lake Bottom in conjunction with community stakeholders including the Big Bend Sierra Club.
- Commissioner Dozier asked to include Big Bend Sierra Club on this issue. She also asked that any comments from those involved on the project come back to the Board.
- County Administrator Long indicated that the Big Bend Sierra Club and other groups would be included in the review of the Land Management Plan and their comments would be provided when the Plan is presented to the Board.
- Commissioner Proctor mentioned Weems Road closure that has become long in length. He asked for an update on this project as it is connected to the pollution issue with Lake Lafayette.
- County Administrator Long responded that a status update on the City's Weems Road Bridge Project would be provided to the Board.

*Commissioner Dozier moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Proctor, for approval of Options 1-2: 1) Accept the Status Report on the development of a Land Management Plan for the Upper Lake Lafayette lake bottom. 2) Authorize the County Administrator to execute an agreement for the development of a land management plan with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, in a form approved by the County Attorney. Amendment to add Big Sierra. The motion carried 7-0.*

## **25. Commissioner Appointments to the Value Adjustment Board**

County Administrator Long introduced this item. He stated this item agenda seeks the Board's consideration of the appointment of Commissioners to the Value Adjustment Board. Commissioners Jackson and Maddox are currently serving.

Commissioner Jackson moved to nominate Commissioner Maddox for the Value Adjustment Board.

- Commissioner Maddox seconded the motion and offered a friendly amendment to the motion by adding a nomination for Commissioner Jackson to be appointed to the Value Adjustment Board.
- Commissioner Jackson accepted the amendment.

*Commissioner Jackson moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Maddox, approval of Options 1-2: 1) Full Board to appoint two Commissioners to the Value Adjustment Board for two-year terms ending April 30, 2022. The Board appointed: Commissioner Maddox and Commissioner Jackson. 2) Full Board to select one of the two Commissioners appointed to the Value Adjustment Board as the Chair of the Value Adjustment Board. The Board selected Commissioner Maddox to serve as Chair of the Value Adjustment Members from the Board. The motion carried 7-0.*

## 26. Full Board Appointments to the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee

County Administrator Long introduced this item. He stated this agenda seeks the full Board's consideration of the appointment of citizens to the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee.

*Commissioner Minor moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Lindley for the approval of Options 1-3: 1) Appoint the following three (3) citizens to the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee for 3-year terms ending March 31, 2023.*

- a) *Deborah Lloyd who is actively engaged as a non-profit provider of affordable housing.*
- b) *Trina Searcy who is actively engaged as a real estate professional in connection with affordable housing.*
- c) *Kyle Frost who represents employers within the jurisdiction*  
*The motion carried 7-0.*

*Commissioner Lindley moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Desloge for the approval of Option 2: Appoint two (2) citizens to the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee who actively engaged as an advocate for low-income persons in connection with affordable housing, for three-year terms ending March 31, 2023. The Board appointed Shawn Menchion and Martha Pitts. The motion carried 7-0.*

*Commissioner Lindley moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Dozier, for the approval of Option 3: Appoint two (2) citizens to the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee who reside in Leon County, for three-year terms ending March 31, 2023. The Board appointed Madelon Horwich and Lawrence Tobe. The motion carried 7-0.*

*Commissioner Proctor moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Jackson, to schedule a workshop including inclusionary housing and housing accessible to low-income residents. The motion carried 7-0.*

- Commissioner Proctor expressed the need to schedule a workshop on affordable housing including inclusionary housing.
  - Commissioner Dozier stated her support of the workshop.
- Commissioner Lindley reflected on the need for low income and accessible housing.

*Commissioner Proctor moved, seconded by Commissioner Jackson requesting staff schedule an affordable housing workshop including inclusionary housing and housing accessible to low-income residents. The motion carried 7-0.*

### **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 speakers on Non-Agendaed Items.

### **COMMENTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **County Attorney O'Steen:**

- Wished all a Happy Mother's Day!

**County Administrator Long:**

- No additional comments

**COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**Commissioner Dozier:**

- Thanked Commissioner Minor for pushing the Vote by Mail option for the upcoming elections.
- Moved to direct staff to prepare an agenda item on the impact of the approval of the Development Agreement Amendment from the City's April 8 meeting on the Northeast Gateway Project including effects on the Comprehensive Plan Amendment and including additional information on the additional costs to Blueprint for the right-of-way acquisition. The motion died due to lack of a second.
  - Stated that it was her understanding that the cost for Northeast Gateway project would go up if the Comprehensive Plan Amendment is not approved this year, because the family might not donate the property for the right-of-way.
    - County Administrator Long indicated that it appears that the City has had additional conversations with the developer and land owner related to the donation or purchase of the right-of-way. He indicated that Blueprint has contemplated that the majority of the property would be donated, but the details would be in the development agreement between the City and the landowners.
  - Confirmed with the County Administrator that the budget for the Northeast Gateway was based on the donation of the majority of the right-of-way property. She asked again for a report to provide the same information that the City has since this may have a large impact on the Blueprint budget.
  - Commissioner Proctor stated support of the motion and indicated that the County should have the same information that was provided to the City. He seconded the motion.
  - Commissioner Lindley stated that it seems to be a Blueprint issue and that the information should come back from Blueprint.
- Commissioner Dozier agreed with Commissioner Lindley and stated that a staff report would be helpful as the information would affect their vote on the related Comprehensive Plan Amendment. She requested that the Comprehensive Plan hearing be pushed back. She indicated that she was not allowed to ask for an item on the Blueprint agenda, but the Chairman could ask for it as he is the Chairman of the Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency Board of Directors.
  - Commissioner Maddox indicated a desire to get the information before the Comprehensive Planning meeting. He suggested an email may be sufficient prior to the next Blueprint meeting.
  - Commissioner Minor stated support of an email from the County Administrator and/or giving a heads up to the City and Blueprint that the County will be asking for this information at the next Blueprint meeting.
  - County Administrator Long indicated that an email with the additional information would be provided to the Board.
- Commissioner Lindley asked Chairman Desloge if he would request the information be included on the agenda for the next Blueprint IA meeting.
  - Chairman Desloge indicated that he would request a report be included for the next Blueprint IA meeting.

- Commissioner Dozier stated that it was her understanding that if the County doesn't approve the Comprehensive Plan Amendment, the right-of-way would be purchased instead of donated. She withdrew her motion.
  - Commissioner Proctor confirmed with County Administrator that the information from the City's April 8<sup>th</sup> meeting would be included in the information provided to the Board. He reflected on the need of the expansion of the urban service area on the Southside.
- Wished all a Happy Mother's Day!

**Commissioner Maddox:**

- Wished all a Happy Mother's Day!
- Commented that the virtual meeting was great.
- Commended Vaughn Wilson and Odell Brown for the 45 mile walk or run challenge in May that encouraged Leon County citizens to exercise.

**Commissioner Proctor:**

- Thanked the County Administrator for the Status Report on the Washington Square project and reflected on the possible opportunity to convert Washington Square project to affordable housing.
  - Reflected on the Liberty County COVID-19 outbreak in their jail. He requested a report on the COVID-19 cases in the Leon County Detention Facility and the protocols and preventive measures currently being implemented, including any further details on the types of illnesses reported. County Administrator Long indicated that a report was provided from the Sheriff in the last week and that it would be resent to the Board along with any additional information on the evolving situation.
  - He asked for breakdowns in the report.
- Commended the Homeless Shelter (The Kearney Center) for the handling of persons that have tested positive with COVID-19. He thanked the County Administrator and staff for all their hard work.
- Thanked all community partners for the FAMU Bragg Stadium COVID-19 walk-up testing center.
- Encouraged all to be healthy.

**Commissioner Lindley:**

- Commended the COVID-19 testing collaboration between Bond Community Health Center and FAMU at Bragg Stadium.
- Encouraged citizen participation in requesting mail-in-ballots for the election.
- Congratulated Mary Barley who runs the Leon County Wellness program, specifically the Yoga sessions.
- Moved to create an agenda item to consider moving the regular business meeting from 3:00 pm to an earlier morning time such as 9:00 am, and to have Public Hearings at 6:00 pm.
  - Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion.
  - Chairman Desloge expressed his support of the motion to further the discussion.
  - Commissioner Dozier expressed concern with daytime meetings and the impact on citizen and student involvement. She indicated that she could not support the motion.

- Commissioner Minor indicated that he was in sync with Commissioner Dozier and stated that he could not support the motion. He expressed concern for citizen access with a morning meeting.

*Commissioner Lindley moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Desloge, to direct staff to prepare an agenda item exploring adjusting the BOCC meeting time and public hearing schedule. The motion carried 5-2 (Commissioners Dozier and Minor opposed).*

**Commissioner Jackson:**

- Congratulated all graduates. He thanked Superintendent and School Staff for their hard work during the end of the school year.
- Noted the unemployment issues within the State of Florida, including the issue with filing for unemployment for citizens in Leon County.
- Indicated the importance of the County being frugal and fiscally responsible as the County moves forward.

**Vice-Chairman Minor:**

- Thanked Commissioner Lindley for going to Bragg Stadium for COVID -19 testing. He encouraged all to get tested.
- Encouraged all citizens to go to Leonvotes.org to request a mail ballot for the August and November elections.
- Stated he may want to discuss extending the LEAN grant deadline for non-profits at the next Blueprint IA meeting. He stated that a plan to extend funding opportunities until June should be discussed when that group meets.

**Chairman Desloge:**

- Congratulated Mary Barley for her Wellness program!
- Wished all a Happy Mother's Day!
- Shared that he and County Administrator Long had met with the developer of Washington Square and expressed support of the project's success.
- Chairman Desloge passed the gavel to Commissioner Minor and then moved to reconsider the previous action to postpone the consideration of large-scale Comprehensive Plan Amendments while conducting a virtual meeting. He voted on the prevailing side.
  - Commissioner Dozier stated her opposition to the motion. She indicated that the Comprehensive Plan Amendment for the Welanuee area should not just be pushed through. She expressed concern that a decision on a profoundly complicated issue will be decided with limited public comment.
  - Commissioner Desloge indicated that the debate should have happened at the Public Hearing and that the Welanuee project is 30 years in the making.
  - Commissioner Lindley indicated her support of removing the restriction that the Comprehensive Plan Public Hearing must be at an in-person, physical meeting.
  - Commissioner Proctor stated his opposition to the motion and indicated that the large-scale Comprehensive Plan Public Hearing should be at a physical meeting with real-time citizen input. He reflected on the need to change the 1 house on 10 acres rule in Rural Land Use Category and on the expansion of the Urban Services Area in the Southside.
  - *Commissioner Desloge moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Lindley, to reconsider the previous vote not to consider large-scale Comprehensive Plan Amendments while the Commission is still holding virtual meetings. The motion passed 4-3. (Commissioners Dozier, Proctor, and Minor opposed).*
  - Commissioner Minor passed the gavel back to Chairman Desloge.



- Commissioner Proctor reflected on the need to allow real-time public comment at the May 26th meeting.
- Thanked Claudia Blackburn for setting up the FAMU Testing site.
- Announced the Virtual Comp Plan Meeting on May 26 will be held as originally scheduled.

**RECEIPT AND FILE:**

- None.

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.


**LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA**

ATTEST:



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BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bryan Desloge, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners

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