

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA  
SPECIAL MEETING  
May 21, 2020**

The Board of County Commissioners of Leon County, Florida met in special 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.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Invocation was provided by Commissioner Proctor.

Chairman Desloge read language into the meeting record concerning the virtual meeting and proceeded with rollcall.

*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.*

County Attorney O'Steen read information into the record regarding temporary modifications to Board Policy to accommodate the use of communications media technology while holding virtual meetings and providing for the public to view the meeting and provide public comment.

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

- None

**AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS**

- None

**CONSENT:**

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

**1. Minutes: February 25, 2020, Regular Meeting**

*The Board approved Option 1: Approve the minutes of February 25, 2020, Regular Meeting.*

**2. Payment of Bills**

*The Board approved Option 1: Approve the payment of bills and vouchers submitted for May 21, 2020 and Pre-Approve of Payment of Bills and Vouchers for the Period of May 22, 2020 through June 15, 2020.*

**3. Ratification of Citizen Review Teams for FY 20/21 and FY 21/22 Community Human Services Partnership Funding Cycle**

*The Board approved Option 1: Ratify the Citizen Review Teams for the FY 20/21 and FY 21/22 Community Human Services Partnership funding cycle.*

**4. Resolution in Support of the Florida Department of State's Division of Historical Resources, Historic Preservation Grants Program Special Category Grant Application for Rehabilitation and Renovation of the Historic Railroad Station**

*The Board approved Option 1: Adopt the Resolution in support of the Florida Department of State's Division of Historical Resources, Historic Preservation Grants Program Special Category Grant application for the rehabilitation and renovation of the historic railroad station.*

**5. Proposed Revision to Policy No. 06-1, "Use and Scheduling of Parks & Recreation Facilities"**

*The Board approved Option 1: Adopt the proposed revised Policy No.06-1, "Use and Scheduling of Parks and Recreation Facilities".*

Citizen Comments received via online submission:

- Susan Eaton, 2309 Killarney Way, commented in support of reopening the community parks children's playgrounds.
- Bruce Campbell, 8837 Green Acorn Lane, commented in support of reopening the parks for Little League baseball.
- Bradley Hewett, 883 Kingsway Road, commented in support of reopening the dog parks.
- John Outland, 1562 Tung Hill Drive, commented in opposition of commercialization of County parks and greenways.
- Carolyn Cohen, 14242 Turkey Creek Drive, commented in support of fully reopening parks, restaurants, shops and gyms and only having restrictions for the vulnerable population.
- Gloria Arias, 2211 Killarney Way, commented in support of reopening dog parks and following guidelines in place for the Greenway.

Commissioner Jackson commended staff for the creation of the agenda item and addressing the food services needs in 32310.

Commissioner Dozier thanked Commissioner Jackson for calling attention to this item.

**6. Approval of the Plat for Unit 1 of Chastain Manor Phase II Subdivision**

*The Board approved Option 1: Approve the plat for Unit I of the Chastain Manor Phase II Subdivision for recording in the Public Record, contingent upon staff's final review and approval, and authorized the County Administrator to accept the Performance Agreement and Surety Device in a form approved by the County Attorney.*

**Status Reports:**

- None

## **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 they were submitted via online and entered into the public record.
  - Shelia Shellman, 3965 W. Pensacola Street, commented in support of reopening the parks and the playgrounds.
  - Darwin Gamble, 1248 Halifax Court, commented in opposition to the May 12<sup>th</sup> vote to move forward with holding the May 26<sup>th</sup> Public Hearing on the large-scale comprehensive plan amendments.
  - William Phelan, 9601-20 Miccosukee Road, commented in support of postponing the public hearing on the comprehensive plan amendments until the public can make in person comments in opposition of expanding the Urban Service Area.
  - Anita Hannan, 3942 Paces Court, commented in opposition of expanding the Urban Services area to the northeast since areas inside the existing Urban Service Area still lack urban services such as central water, sewer and transit; and in opposition to the two Welaunee Comprehensive Plan Amendments expanding Welaunee and destroying trees.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **7. Leon County COVID-19 Response and Recovery Re-opening Plan**

County Administrator Long introduced the item. He noted there were 24 citizens to be heard and comments to be entered into the record. He gave an overview of the proposed Leon County COVID-19 Response & Re-opening Plan but indicated that a full phased plan is speculative in nature as the plan relies on the State reopening plan. He reported that the Commission can provide more restrictive local measures than those required by the State. He presented the draft plan and stated once the Board approves, they will present the final draft.

- Phase 1 (*It still provides distancing*).
- Phase 2 (*will be implemented under future Executive Orders and possible modifications by the Board*).
- Phase 3 (*With Phase 3, Leon County Government will begin the normal phase which could last 6 months to a year or more*).

Citizens Comments received via online submission:

- Shelia Smith, 1670 Silverwood Drive, commented in support of opening the dog parks.
- Stephanie Evans, 2829 Botany Place, commented in opposition of reopening due to the risk of spreading the disease and in support of social distancing, mandatory masks, sanitizer stations and curfews.
- Curtis (Toby) Chapman, 12086 Waterfront Drive, expressed concern about the disregard for social distancing and the number of people gathering at the Fish Camp on the weekends.
- Katherine Adams, 19068 Talquin Drive, requested an increase in public education on the importance of wearing masks when in public places.

- Michelle Garber, 1101 Sandler Ridge Road, Chaires-Capitola Little League President, shared support of reopening the County ballfields for the 2020 Spring League baseball extended season, with proper guidelines set in place, and adding youth baseball to the phased reopening for the County.
- Diana Garner, [REDACTED] supported petitioning the Governor to not reopen the schools in the fall due to the Multisystem inflammatory syndrome caused by the virus that is affecting children.
- James Jackson, 4481 Miccosukee Road, encouraged the Commission to adopt an ordinance that requires citizens to wear a mask in public places and includes fines for noncompliance.
- Chris Mahoney, 14242 Turkey Creek Drive, commented in support of reopening the County and the schools.
- Teresa Fuller, 2908 Primrose Lane, comment in support of a local reopening plan that is more responsible than the state plan. She submitted a second comment in support of Option #2 and requiring face masks in public places.
- Phyllis Smith, 502 Glenview Drive, submitted an online comment in support of reopening short-term rentals.
- Shara Bankston, 1231 Redfield Road, submitted an online comment in support of reopening driving tests by appointment only and requiring masks.
- Karen Andrews, 9524 Rose Road, commented in support of requiring or strongly encouraging citizens wearing masks in public.
- Dr. Staci Walton Duggar, 1886 Witchtree Acres, commented in support of Leon County applying to the State to lift the short-term rental ban.
- Juliet Yaques, 1807 Woodgate Way, commented in support of additional grants to eligible non-profits if there are remaining LEAN grant funds.
- Susan Munley, 807 East Georgia Street, commented in support of a local reopening plan using federal gating criteria for reopening and applying local medical data in order to determine if statewide data reflects local conditions.
- Sally Sperling, 4600 Barclay Lane, commented in support of reopening short-term vacation rentals in Leon County.
- Kris Ellington, 1302 Leewood Drive, commented in support of the County reporting COVID-19 data to citizens including the number of daily positives and the number of previously tested positive cases that are no longer in quarantine.
- Adam Kaye, 204 Whetherbine Way West, commented in support of the County submitting a plan to the State for approval to reopen short-term rentals.
- Chris Mahoney, 14242 Turkey Creek Drive, commented in support of the State's phased reopening and in support of the County working with the Governor's framework.
- Cheryl Gratt, 9086 Veteran's Memorial Drive, commented questioning why Leon County was reopening when COVID-19 case has not gone down over a 14 consecutive day period and questioned the accuracy of the DOH data on the website.
- Luciana Hornung, 204 Whetherbine Way West, commented in support of the County expediting the request to DBPR to reopen short-term rentals.
- Steve Urse, 1118 Waverly Road, commented in support of the County requiring masks, a Joint County/City COVID-19 Educational Campaign and in support of keeping the FAMU Bragg Stadium testing site open.
- Danielle Irwin, 3185 Ferns Glen Drive, commented in support of: increased testing, tracing and tracking, including keeping the FAMU Bragg Stadium testing site open and FSU's proposed new testing site on campus; continuing to stress

social distancing, hand washing and wearing masks; providing for the food insecure citizens by supporting food banks/pantries and nonprofits; and real-time public participation in Commission meetings.

- John Ashley Pickles, 695 Violet Street, expressed concern with the recent spike in COVID positive tests among 20-23-year-olds.
- County Attorney O'Steen gave an overview of the County's authority as a charter county. She indicated that the Governor has given the County some authority to impose stricter requirements but with Constitutional constraints.
- Commissioner Maddox commended staff for their work on the Plan. He clarified the Options with the County Administrator and he made a motion for Options #1 & #4.
- Commissioner Dozier seconded the motion.
- Commissioner Jackson commended staff for their efforts in providing a thorough Plan and stated his support of the motion.
- Commissioner Lindley expressed the importance of reopening jobs in the community. She offered a friendly amendment to add Option #5 to get the short-term rentals reopened. She stressed the importance of more testing especially in 32304 and that it is included in the reopening plan. She indicated the importance of wearing masks and asked if OEV can recognize and promote businesses that require their employees to wear masks.
  - County Administrator Long indicated that the County continues to support all State and Federal testing sites through the community partners providing testing and is working on keeping the Bragg Stadium site open if possible. The County has PSAs on all local radio stations, 55 posts on social media outlets, and advertised digitally through the Democrat and in total have been viewed half a million times. He indicated that OEV will implement a strategy to recognize and promote those businesses that require their employees to wear masks.
- Commissioner Maddox accepted the friendly amendment to include Option #5, as did Commissioner Dozier.
- Commissioner Dozier asked if the short-term rental Safety Plan included collection of names and addresses of the renters that could be turned over to the DOH for use in contact tracing if needed and confirmed with County Attorney O'Steen that it is permissible and legal.
  - County Administrator Long indicated that the County is reviewing other safety plans and is working with the Leon County Dept. of Health to determine the level of information needed for contact tracing which will be included in the Leon County plan.
  - Chairman Desloge confirmed with County Administrator Long that other counties safety plans have been reviewed, and they do require the collection of certain data.
- Commissioner Dozier reflected on the importance of community outreach promoting and modeling the wearing of masks and suggested the possibility of partnering with local organizations who are making and distributing masks. She confirmed with the County Attorney O'Steen that businesses may require their customers to wear masks and confirmed that law enforcement is breaking up large gatherings. Commissioner Dozier reflected on the continued closure of County parks for organized sports and confirmed with County Attorney O'Steen that if fields are being used by groups of more than 10, citizens may call the law enforcement non-emergency number to report it.
  - County Administrator Long noted that County staff will notify enforcement agencies to break-up any organized practices or groups of 10 or more, if observed. He confirmed that staff would explore and effectuate the mask wearing campaign.

- Commissioner Proctor reflected on the need for a hotline number, similar to Crime Stoppers, to report large gatherings, especially when the universities reopen, and for the County's Channel 16 be used to promote information sharing on COVID-19 resources. He reflected on the need for mobile testing with partners Bond Community Health Center and Neighborhood Medical Center and support for a mask and sanitizer distribution campaign.
  - Chairman Desloge confirmed with the County Administrator that the law enforcement non-emergency numbers can be promoted to the public.
    - County Administrator Long responded that a project for mobile testing is in the works but has been sidelined while state testing is focused on nursing home and long-term care workers per the Governor's order. He further explained that the Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) and the universities have received considerable federal funding for COVID-19 response, but the County has not, and revenues are declining which will be discussed at the upcoming budget workshops. County Administrator Long confirmed that the County would increase the COVID-19 information and resources shared on the County's Comcast Channel 16.
- Commissioner Lindley confirmed with County Attorney O'Steen that citizens should call the Sheriff's Office or Tallahassee Police Department non-emergency numbers, not 911, if they wish to report a large gathering taking place and stated that mask distribution may be beneficial in certain areas.
  - Commissioner Minor commended staff on their work on the Re-Opening Plan. He confirmed with County Administrator Long that the County was recognized in the May issue of the NACO County News featuring the County's Open for Take-Out app by the Office of Economic Vitality and Geographic Information Systems and also Community & Media Relations for communications. He stated his support of the motion. Commissioner Minor agreed that a mask and sanitizer campaign in targeted areas could do a lot of good. He suggested that perhaps restaurants and local retailers with policies for wearing masks can be included as a business committed to wearing masks on the OEV webpage so that citizens can be informed of those business that require masks.
  - County Administrator Long offered that OEV will implement a program to acknowledge those businesses on its webpage.
- Chairman Desloge commended County staff and the Bond Community Health Center for staffing the Bragg Stadium testing site. He indicated that he had been tested at Bragg Stadium and it was easy, no cost and no doctor referral were required and that he received his test results in four days. He offered the possibility of an amendment to Option #4 to call a special meeting of the Board, if the Chairman, in consultation with the County Administrator and County Attorney, determines the implementation of the Governor's next phase is a substantive change.
- Commissioner Maddox amended his motion for Option #4 to include that if future phases of the Governor's reopening plan are substantive, then the Chairman, in consultation with the County Administrator and County Attorney, will call for a special meeting of the Board.

- Commissioner Dozier stated her support of the amendment and clarified that substantive changes would trigger a special meeting. She accepted the amendment to Option #4.

*Commissioner Maddox moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Dozier to approve Option #1: Accept the Leon County COVID-19 Response and Re-opening Plan with no changes; Option #4 as amended ~~Direct special meetings of the Board of County Commissioners to be scheduled a~~ As the state advances to future phases of re-opening, if substantive changes occur in the Governors executive orders, the Chairman in consultation with the County Administrator and County Attorney, will call for special meetings of the Board of County Commissioners for the Board to consider any additional guidance; and Option #5: Authorize the County Administrator to seek approval for the operation of vacation rentals in Leon County by submitting a safety plan to the Secretary of the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation. The motion carried 7-0.*

**8. Status Report on the Office of Economic Vitality’s activities related to COVID-19 and ongoing coordination efforts with local economic stakeholders and business representatives.**

- Commissioner Proctor indicated that the 32304-zip code should be the area targeted for the mask and sanitizer campaign and confirmed with Claudia Blackburn, Health Department, that structural intervention in that area is warranted.
  - Claudia Blackburn indicated that the FSU, FAMU and TCC are working on ways to protect their student population.
- Commissioner Dozier commended OEV staff.
- Commissioner Lindley applauded the emphasis on the workforce training and the importance of getting people back to work.
- Commissioner Proctor commended OEV staff for their work on the grant programs but indicated that the Payroll Protection Program paperwork is several pages and is difficult to complete.
- Cristina Paredes, Director of OEV, indicated that FAMU’s Small Business Development Center is assisting businesses with the Payroll Protection Program paperwork.
- Chairman Desloge commended the OEV staff.

*Commissioner Proctor moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Maddox, the Board approved Option 1: Accept the status report on the Office of Economic Vitality’s activities related to COVID-19 and ongoing coordination efforts with local economic stakeholders and business representatives. The motion carried 7-0.*

**9. Status Report on Leon County Employee Benefits and Health/Safety Protocols Related to COVID-19**

- Commissioner Proctor asked for clarifications regarding employee screening including taking temperatures. He also asked for clarification on what happens if an employee is sent home.
- County Attorney O’Steen indicated that the County’s steps, including employees taking their own external temperatures and answering 3 fundamental questions,

are legal and are appropriate measures to protect the health and wellbeing of the County employees.

- County Administrator Long confirmed that, if sent home, the employee is paid Administrative Leave for the day and subsequent leave is provided under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act if they are COVID positive or their health care provider directs them to self-isolate.
- Commissioner Dozier thanked the EMS, Public Works, Facilities and Parks & Recreation employees for their work in response to the pandemic. She stated concern regarding employees that may exhaust their leave balances and expressed an interest in further discussing the issue as part of the Budget Workshop. She requested information on how the current curbside Library process is going, along with the other library innovative ideas implemented.

*Commissioner Maddox moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Minor, to approve Option 1: Accept the status report on Leon County employee benefits and health/safety protocols related to COVID-19. The motion carried 7-0.*

## **10. Parliamentary Procedure Issue**

County Attorney O'Steen introduced this item. She noted questions have been raised about the validity of the vote taken at the May 12, 2020 meeting to proceed with the consideration of large-scale comprehensive plan amendments while the Commission is holding virtual meetings. This item provides information regarding the parliamentary procedures at issue and affords the Commission an opportunity to rectify the procedural issue that occurred at the May 12, 2020 meeting and provide clear direction regarding whether the Commission desires to proceed with the transmittal hearing scheduled to be held on May 26, 2020. This item also provides an opportunity to determine whether the Board desires for staff to bring proposed Policy modifications back to the Board for consideration.

- Citizen Comments received via online submission:
  - Darwin Gamble, 1248 Halifax Court, commented in opposition to the May 12<sup>th</sup> vote to move forward with holding the May 26<sup>th</sup> Public Hearing on the large-scale comprehensive plan amendments.
  - Scott Hannahs, 5051 Quail Valley Road, commented in support of Option #3: *Do not rescind the vote to not consider large scale comprehensive plan amendments while the Commission is holding virtual meetings previously taken at the April 28, 2020 Commission meeting.*
  - William Phelan, 9601-20 Miccosukee Road, commented in support of postponing the public hearing on the comprehensive plan amendments until the public can make in person comments and in opposition of expanding the Urban Service Area.
  - Lucia Maxwell, 9704 Abbey Road, commented in favor of option 3, which reaffirmed the unanimous decision at the April 28, 2020 meeting.
  - Robin Colson, 2350 Philips Road, commented in support of option 3.
  - Jeff Blair, 9143 Stargate Way, Keep it Rural President, commented in support of delaying the decision on considering large scale Comprehensive Plan amendments until the County can facilitate real-time dialog and public participation, and in support of Option #3.



- Robert Bell, 4419 Argyle Lane, commented in support of postponing the public hearing on the large-scale Comprehensive Plan amendments.
- Carlos Boueres, 1337 -A Jackson Street, commented in support of Option #3 and against expanding the Urban Services Area.
- Todd Risk, 3862 Imaginary Road, commented in support of adhering to the County's "normal process".
- John Hedrick, 1551 Cristobal Drive, Leon County Democratic Environmental Caucus Chair, commented in support of Option #3 and the need for development to shift to 100% renewable energy.
- Peter Butzin, The Tallahassee Coalition for Ethics Reform, 1628 Woodgate Way, commented in support of Option #3.
- Jackson Oberlink, Tally 100% Together Coalition Chair, 2201 Melanie Drive, commented in support of Option #3.
- Danielle Irwin, 3185 Ferns Glen Drive, commented in support of Option #3 and suggested a modified Option #3: "Do not rescind the vote previously taken at the April 28, 2020 Commission meeting to not consider large scale comprehensive plan amendments until real time public participation is included in all Commission meetings and adequate notice has been given to the public."

The following submitted online comments in support of Option #3:

- Michael Rychlik, 9601-68 Miccosukee Road
- Sarah Rychlik, 9601-68 Miccosukee Road
- Mike Rychlik, 9601-68 Miccosukee Road
- Agnes McMurray, 9900 Leaping Deer Lane
- Scott Hannahs, 5051 Quail Valley Road
- Laura Newson, 4541 Pecan Branch
- Tom Lyons, 3829 Long and Winding Road
- Robin Colson, 2350 Phillips Road
- Robert Nixon, 3838 Long and Winding Road
- Lisa Lazarus, 3881 Tan Mouse Road
- Johanna Frese, 3860 Beechnut Gum Trail
- Ann Dunan, 9524 Oak Hollow Trail
- Jane Terrell, 9601 Miccosukee Road
- Julie Hauserman, 9516 Sunhawk Boulevard
- Michelle Joly, 4050 Sunhawk Boulevard
- Rod Joly, 4050 Sunhawk Boulevard
- Linda Deaton, 9601 Miccosukee Road
- Jeff Blair, 1803 Old Fort Drive
- Frank Price, 1400 Milton Street
- Lucia Sommer, 1611 Milton Street
- Leighanne Boone, 300 South Duval Street
- Will Crowley, 644 Voncile Avenue
- Max Epstein, 1001 San Luis Road
- Holly Thomas, 1491 Lee Avenue
- Sarah Cawthon, 921 Carraway Street
- Cloe Cantin, 704 West Gaines Street
- Larry Teich, 2224 Pontiac Drive
- Matthew Kopka, 2011 Sumter Drive
- John Outland, 1562 Tung Hill Drive
- Geraldine Seay, 2014 Chuli Nene

- Robert Bell, 4419 Argyle Lane
  - Susanne Howell, 9601 -45 Miccosukee Road
  - Carlos Boures, 1337-A Jackson Street
  - Christine Coble, 3436 Robinhood Road
  - Todd Risk, 3862 Imaginary Road
  - Susan Ward, 2011 Sumter Avenue
  - Terry Ryan, 2538 Stonegate Drive
  - Steve Been, 1101 Pine Street
  - Wills Flowers, 3250 Apollo Trail
  - John Hedrick, 1551 Cristobal Drive
  - Teresa Wells, 1227 North Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard
  - Linda Miklowitz, 2542 Arthur's Court
  - Deborah Lawson, 1011 Shalimar Drive
  - Sandra Mountain, 3592 Sedona Loop
  - Peter Butzin, 1628 Woodgate Way
  - Jonathan Lammers, 3164 Lakeshore Drive
  - Sudi Scott, 1002 Carrin Drive
  - Kathy McGuire, 1101 Pine Street
  - Jackson Oberlink, Tally 100% Together Coalition, 2201 Melanie Drive
  - Brian Lee, 1203 Buckingham Drive
  - Danielle Irwin, 3185 Ferns Glen Drive
  - Shirley Zahn, 1206 Linwood Drive
  - Bill Davis, 2100 East Dellview Drive
  - Beth Babcock, 5635 Jacksons Gap Road
  - Colleen Thorburn, 6851 Seabiscuit Trail
  - Dr. Robert Hansen, 3850 Imaginary Road
  - Carol Knox, 1606 Chinnapakin Nene
  - Ernie Paine, 2006 East Indianhead Drive
  - Janice RuBino, 726 Ingleside Avenue
  - Richard RuBino, 726 Ingleside Avenue
  - Brittany Wood, 3923 Long and Winding Road
  - Dr. Orin W. Sadler, 9601 Miccosukee Road
- Chairman Desloge asked to keep the discussion to the parliamentary issue and not on the merits of the Comprehensive Plan Amendment.
  - Commissioner Minor agreed that the two issues are separate. He stated that expanding opportunities for public input is what citizens want. He indicated that he did not want this issue to tarnish the County's reputation as it may be perceived that the County is moving too quickly on an issue that has a tremendous amount of public interest. He questioned the rush for the comp plan amendments public hearing and suggested a 2-3-month postponement. He made a motion for option#3.
    - Commissioner Dozier seconded the motion.
    - Commissioner Maddox made a substitute motion for Options #1 & #2, seconded by Commissioner Jackson.
  - Commissioner Dozier asked for clarification on Option #2 and what the revision might entail.

- County Attorney O’Steen indicated that the current Policy states that the Board will conduct its meetings to comport with the Robert’s Rules of Order, and historically the meetings have not adhered to all provisions of Roberts Rules of Order which are rigid and restrictive. She explained that future options for the Board to consider may include revisions clarifying Robert’s Rules of Order are a guide for conducting meetings rather than a proscriptive requirement.
- Commissioner Dozier provided an amendment to the substitute motion to remove Option #2 from the motion.
- Commissioner Maddox declined the amendment to the substitute motion. He indicated that he had weighed the options and feels that the business of the County can continue in its current form. He added that there is no way to know when the Board will meet again back in the Chambers.
- Commissioner Dozier confirmed with the County Attorney that the motion made at the May 12<sup>th</sup> meeting was made without advance notice (i.e. noticed to the other members of the Board). She indicated that in-person public input should be included when considering large-scale comprehensive plan amendments as they can have an impact on the Commissioners’ decisions.
- Commissioner Minor indicated his opposition to the substitute motion. He stated that citizens may be asking why the County did not wait 2-3 months for a physical meeting with in-person public comment, and that it is a fair question. He indicated that he did not believe anything nefarious is going on, but the negative perceptions persist.
- Commissioner Proctor commended the County Attorney and confirmed that policy making decisions are typically not made during a meeting’s designated Commissioner Discussion time, but rather the time is used to request that an agenda item come back for further discussion. He indicated that he could not support Option #1.
- Commissioner Lindley indicated that it is time to review the Policy and the Board’s use of Robert’s Rules of Order. She noted the number of past public meetings to discuss the Comprehensive Plan Amendments as well as the substantial amount of public comment received while the Board is meeting virtually. She expressed uncertainty that in-person meetings would result in more citizen input and stated her support of Options #1 & #2.
- Chairman Desloge stated his support of Options #1 & #2.
- Commissioner Proctor confirmed with County Attorney O’Steen that a 4-3 vote would be needed to pass the motion. He indicated that the City is driving this issue and reflected on the importance of public input.

*Commissioner Maddox moved, duly seconded by Chairman Desloge to call the question. The motion carried 4-3. (Commissioners Dozier, Minor & Proctor in opposition).*

*Commissioner Maddox moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Jackson to approve Option #1: Rescind the vote to not consider large-scale comprehensive plan amendments while the Commission is holding virtual meetings previously taken at the April 28, 2020 Commission meeting; and*

*Option #2: Direct the County Attorney and the County Administrator to bring back proposed modifications to Board Policy No. 01-05 for Board consideration. The motion carried 4-3. (Commissioners Dozier, Minor & Proctor opposition).*

## **COMMENTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

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

Wished everyone a Happy Memorial Day!

### **County Administrator Long:**

Wished everyone a Happy Memorial Day!

## **COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **Commissioner Dozier:**

- Encouraged citizens to consider Vote by mail ballots.
- Reminded citizens to complete the 2020 Census.
- Commended County Attorney O'Steen and her team for their work in the short time she has been here.
- Confirmed with Ben Pingree, Director of PLACE, that the requested information on the Comp Plan Amendment and expansion of the Urban Services area and overlapping issues with Welaunee is included in Agenda Item #3 for Blueprint IA meeting for May 26th as well as the May 26th agenda for the Joint County/City Comprehensive Plan Amendments public hearing.

### **Vice-Chairman Minor:**

- Encouraged citizens to get the COVID-19 test at Bragg Stadium, at no cost.
- Encouraged citizens to request a vote-by-mail ballot at [leonvotes.org](http://leonvotes.org).
- Indicated that there may be a perception that items are being pushed through and stated his desire to assure the public that nothing nefarious is going on.

### **Commissioner Proctor:**

- Called attention to the lack of vegetation growing in Bragg Pond, the water body north of Bragg Drive and east of Mercury Drive. He reflected on past water quality testing of the water body and requested that additional testing be conducted.

*Commissioner Proctor moved, seconded by Commissioner Desloge to direct staff to administer a water quality test on Bragg Pond, the water body north of Bragg Drive and east of Mercury Drive and west of Adams Street. The motion passed 7-0*

### **Commissioner Lindley:**

- Thanked everyone for the civic engagement.
- Reflected on the increased levels of civic engagement and public comment despite the pandemic. She noted that it is unlikely that the Board will soon return to hosting in-person public meetings with the same format and levels of attendance given the continued concerns regarding COVID-19.

**Commissioner Jackson:**

- Referenced emails received from citizens and indicated that he continues to read every email and citizen comment received while the Board meets virtually.

**Chairman Desloge:**

- Commended Chasity O’Steen and County Administrator Long for their great leadership of their teams throughout pandemic.

**Commissioner Maddox:**

- Indicated that he took issue with the comment that was made on the earlier agenda item, that the Board was trying to force something through or to fast track it. He stated that he is confident that neither the Board, nor any Commissioner, is trying to push anything through without ample public comment, and that he made his decision based on the information provided.
- Commended the County Administrator and staff on the Phased Plan.

**RECEIPT AND FILE:**

- Capital Region Community Development District Meeting Minutes for December 12, 2019

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

**LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA**

ATTEST:



BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rick Minor, Chairman  
 Board of County Commissioners

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