

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA
REGULAR MEETING
June 16, 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.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Invocation was provided by Vice-Chairman Rick Minor. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Bryan Desloge.

Chairman Desloge read language into the meeting record concerning the virtual meeting and proceeded with a roll call.

Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order 20-69, Emergency Management - COVID-19 - Local Government Public Meetings, as extended by subsequent executive orders, the Leon County Board of County Commissioners held this virtual meeting without having a quorum physically present and using Zoom as the communications media technology.

County Attorney Chasity 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.

1. **First of Two 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," and schedule the second and final Public Hearing for July 14, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.**

County Administrator Long announced the Public Hearing. He stated this item provides for the first of two required Public Hearings to consider adoption of an Ordinance which implements the provisions of the Government Operational Future Land Use Category of the Comprehensive Plan. The County currently does not have a zoning district to implement the provisions of the Government Operational Future Land Use Category. The proposed Ordinance would create a new Section 10-6.659, entitled "Government Operational (GO) zoning district," defining the permitted uses as well as providing the appropriate development standards for permitted uses within the district.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Lindley moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Maddox, for approval of Option 1: Conduct the first of two Public Hearings to consider adopting a proposed Ordinance amending the Leon County Land Development Code to create a new Section 10-

6.659 entitled “Governmental Operational (GO) zoning district,” and schedule the second and final Public Hearing for July 14, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. The motion carried 7-0.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

- **ADDED - Sheriff Walt McNeil Update**

Sheriff Walt McNeil thanked the Board for inviting him to attend the meeting. He discussed issues such as protests in Tallahassee and in Minneapolis. He gave his perspective. He answered Commissioner questions on recent discussions to establish a Citizen Review Committee for the Tallahassee Police Department and the Leon County Sheriff's Office (LSCO) and stated that he is willing to participate in such discussions. He recalled a conversation with City Commissioner Dianne Williams-Cox on wanting to start a Citizen Review Committee.

Commissioner Dozier thanked the Sheriff for taking the time to be here. She recalled the different issues that included COVID-19. She discussed funding priorities, mental health and criminal activity.

- Sheriff McNeil defined his meaning describing the term defunding the police is to look at the funding priorities of the police department and how they address social and economic issues that drive crime. He recalled some of the conversations with leaders of the march in Tallahassee. The Sheriff's Office with community partners provides assistance with mental health needs and domestic violence needs in the community. He shared that the Leon County Sheriff's Office is working alongside the State Attorney and the Public Defender in an effort to reduce the number of inmates in the Leon County Detention Facility and are making tremendous strides in trying to put things in place. He noted that additional services are offered that include re-entry and social services. He acknowledged the Health Department for partnering with them.

Commissioner Dozier commented on Public Safety Coordinating Committee and commended the Sheriff's ALLin initiative and stated that the Sheriff currently has an internal advisory committee that assisted with the Re-entry program. She reflected on expanding the scope of discussion of the Public Safety Coordinating Council (PSCC) with strategic partners to assist with the review or exploring other ways.

- Sheriff McNeil stated his support and reflected on the need to convene a diverse group of experts from FAMU, FSU and law enforcement to review the Use of Force policy and make recommendations to improve the policy.

Commissioner Dozier motioned to have staff bring back a report exploring the option to expand the scope of the PSCC, or another advisory group, to review the policies, including funding policies, to support the Sheriff's efforts. Commissioner Lindley seconded the motion.

Commissioner Maddox inquired about the Citizens Review Committee and asked who would create the group, the Sheriff's Office or the County Commission. He asked Commissioner Dozier to clarify the committee structure. He stated that he could not support the motion but favored directing staff to bring back recommendation in collaboration with Leon County Sheriff's Office.

- Sheriff McNeil explained that while he was receptive to expert recommendations, ultimately it would be his decision on whether to act on any recommendations provided.

Chair Desloge shared that he would like staff to work with the Sheriff's Office and was in favor of the Sheriff establishing the committee rather than the County Commission.

Commissioner Dozier commented on players such as State Attorney, City, Tallahassee PD, County and citizens. She wanted staff to explore with the Sheriff to bring back options.

Commissioner Lindley explained that she would like to see an agenda item for staff to provide a report on recommendations on groups that may be formed.

Sheriff McNeil stated that there is a need to redefine how our resources are distributed and used, and how services are delivered, and reflected that a group of qualified persons could bring new ideas.

Commissioner Dozier moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Lindley to direct County Attorney to work with the Sheriff to bring back options to expand the scope of the Public Safety Coordinating Council (PSCC) or establish a committee to review and make recommendations on topics such as law enforcement policies, funding priorities and service delivery. The motion carried 7-0.

Commissioner Lindley recalled mental health aspects. She confirmed with the Sheriff that officers are receiving psychological evaluations when hired. Sheriff McNeil discussed de-escalation training and that it takes place 2-3 times per year. He expressed a desire to provide a behavioral science division to provide emotional support to officers.

Commissioner Jackson commended the Sheriff on the proactive efforts in mitigating the spread of COVID-19 in the detention center and noted that domestic violence cases and juvenile arrests have increased during the pandemic. He thanked the Sheriff for the proactive policing efforts including neighborhood safety meetings and neighborhood crime watch programs.

Commissioner Minor commended LCSO for efforts to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and commended the Re-entry programs.

Chair Desloge confirmed with the Sheriff that there are approximately 850 inmates at the Leon County Detention Facility and that half of LCSO's budget is used to house these inmates and reflected that jails have turned into hold areas for the mentally ill and homeless populations and that societal changes need to be made.

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

County Administrator Long provided an overview of the County's efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic and reopening plans. He reported that statewide cases have been increasing, however the test positivity rate remains low. In Leon County cases have remained low as well as the test positivity rate. He stated that the County is investigating non-congregate sheltering for the hurricane season.

Claudia Blackburn stated that for the month of June tests have been administered to 2.11% of the population and a total of 7.6% of the population has been tested.

- **Emergency Management Director's Update on the 2020 Atlantic Hurricane Season**

Kevin Peters, Emergency Management Director, stated that the Emergency Operations Center has been activated for 100 days. He provided an overview of the County's preparations for the 2020 hurricane season.

- Commissioner Dozier confirmed the use of non-congregate housing for sheltering the most vulnerable population including the elderly, special needs and those who recently tested positive.

CONSENT

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

2. Minutes: March 10, 2020 Regular Meeting

The Board approved Option 1: Approve the minutes of March 10, 2020, Regular Meeting.

3. Payment of Bills and Vouchers

The Board approved Option 1: Approve the payment of bills and vouchers submitted for June 16, 2020 and pre-approve the payment of bills and vouchers for the period of June 17, 2020 through July 13, 2020.

4. FY 2018/19 Annual Audit and Financial Statements

The Board approved Option 1: Accept the FY 2018/19 Annual Audit and Financial Statements and authorize the Chairman to sign a letter transmitting the report to the Auditor General.

5. Florida Department of Health Emergency Medical Services Matching Grants

The Board approved Option 1: Accept the two Florida Department of Health grants which total \$129,259 and authorize the County Administrator to execute all documents related to the grant funded projects.

Option 2: Approve the Resolution and associated Budget Amendment Request.

6. Memorandum of Understanding with Leon County Schools for Emergency Sheltering

The Board approved Option 1: Approve the proposed Memorandum of Understanding with Leon County Schools.

7. Supervisor of Elections Proposed Realignment of Voting Precinct Boundaries

The Board approved Option 1: Adopt, via resolution, the Supervisor of Election's proposed realignment of the boundaries of Voting Precinct No. 5101 (Westminster Gardens), and reassignment of voters that are not residents of Westminster Gardens to Voting Precinct No.5105 with a new polling location at the Sue Herndon McCollum Community Center.

8. Request to Schedule a Workshop on Affordable Housing Initiatives in Leon County

The Board approved Option 1: Schedule a workshop on affordable housing initiatives in Leon County for October 27, 2020.

Status Reports:

9. Status Report on Activities to Reduce Contamination into Lake Henrietta

The Board approved Option 1: Accept the status report on intergovernmental coordination and activities to reduce contamination entering Lake Henrietta.

- Peter Kleinhenz, 2414 Dozier Drive, President of the Apalachee Audubon Society, commented in support of treatment wetlands as a means to remove nutrients and pollutants, and to clean the water.
- *The Board approved Option 1: Accept the status report on intergovernmental coordination and activities to reduce contamination entering Lake Henrietta.*

CONSENT ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

- **None**

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDAED ITEMS

Citizen comments were received via online submission in opposition to the manner the Tallahassee Police Department is handling the recent shootings in the community by officers, from the following:

- Clara Nunez –Regueiro, 2174 Delaware Drive Ann Arbor, Michigan
- Rithika Reddi, 2189 Woodview Lane Ann Arbor, Michigan
- Kelman Wolfkoston, 513 Potter Avenue, Ann Arbor, Michigan
- Emily Oberg, 6830 Dexter Ann Arbor Road, Dexter, Michigan
- Rachel Takasaki, 28 Cottage Street Natick, Massachusetts
- Abby Kohn. 5901 Lafayette Lane, Ann Arbor, Michigan

GENERAL BUSINESS

10. Authorization to Rename the Leon County Health Department’s Dental Clinic in Honor of the Former Dental Director Dr. Edward F. Zapert

County Administrator Long introduced this item. He stated this agenda item seeks the Board’s approval to rename the Leon County Health Department’s Dental Clinic in honor of former Dental Director Dr. Edward F. Zapert.

Commissioner Minor moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Dozier, The Board approved Options 1-2: Option 1: Approve the renaming of the Leon County Health Department’s Dental Clinic to The Dr. Edward F. Zapert Dental Clinic – The Molar Express in honor of former Dental Director Dr. Edward F. Zapert.

Option 2: Approve the associated a Budget Amendment Request for \$6,000 from General Fund Contingency.

The motion carried 7-0.

11. Options to Adjust the Board of County Commissioners Meeting and Public Hearing Schedule

County Administrator Long introduced the item. He stated as requested at the Board's May 12, 2020 meeting, this agenda item provides options for adjusting the Board of County Commissioners Meeting and Public Hearing Schedule for Board consideration.

Commissioner Proctor acknowledged staff and stated his support of Option #2c.

He motioned for Option 2c. with 3:00 p.m. regular meetings instead of 9:00 a.m.

Chairman Desloge seconded the motion for discussion.

Commissioner Lindley recalled how many counties held their meetings during morning business hours. She shared that she could not support the motion but indicated her support of Option 2d. *Alternative #4: Morning Regular Meetings Once Per Month; Evening Public Hearings on Separate Day, Regular Meetings: 2nd Tuesday at 9:00 a.m., Workshops: 2nd and/or 4th Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. and Public Hearings: 4th Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.*

She made a substitute motion for Option 2 d. Motion died for lack of a second.

Commissioner Proctor noted that holding meetings before workshops would require additional time for policy approval that was provided at the workshops since it would need to be ratified at the next meeting.

Commissioner Minor expressed appreciation to staff for working on the agenda item with the time it took. He shared he couldn't support the motion and explained he felt Option #1 was more appropriate, the current meeting schedule. He reflected on the need for bi-monthly meetings and he expressed that the citizens would not want to reduce the number of Board meetings.

Commissioner Dozier agreed with Commissioner Minor and stated her support of Option #1. She reflected on some issues being delayed with only monthly meetings. She expressed that cancelling a meeting may be easier than adding a meeting. She reflected on the other entities that plan their calendars around the County's meeting schedule.

Chairman Desloge commended staff's report and stated his support of the motion. He stressed that the goal was to increase public input. However, technology has made the Board more accessible, so the public may not need to attend a meeting in order to be heard.

Commissioner Jackson confirmed that this would not preclude the County from calling for an additional meeting on the 4th Tuesday if necessary.

Commissioner Proctor reflected on the increase in the number of persons participating in the virtual Board meetings. He stated his support of monthly Board meetings.

Commissioner Proctor moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Desloge to approve Option 2: as amended: Adopt revisions to the Board's 2020 Meeting and Public Hearing Schedule to reflect:

- c. ~~Alternative #3: Morning-Afternoon~~ Regular Meetings Once Per Month; Evening Public Hearings Same Day
Regular Meetings: 2nd Tuesday at 9:00a.m.
Workshops: 4th Tuesday at 1:00 p.m.
Public Hearings: 2nd Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.

The motion carried 5-2. (Commissioner's Minor and Dozier opposed).

12. Proposed Revisions to Board Policy No. 01-05, "Rules of Procedure for Meetings of the Leon County Board of County Commissioners"

County Administrator Long introduced this item.

County Attorney Chasity O'Steen stated as requested at the May 21, 2020 meeting, this agenda item seeks the Board's adoption of proposed revisions to Board Policy No. 01-05, entitled "Rules of Procedure for Meetings of the Leon County Board of County Commissioners". She noted one change in section one of the draft that clarifies that Robert Rules would be used but not binding.

Citizen Comments received via online submission:

- Darwin Gamble, 1248 Halifax Court, commented in support of the use of Roberts Rules of Order for the Board's Rules of Parliamentary Procedure.

Commissioner Dozier commended the County Attorney's efforts to clean -up the policy with clearer language for transparency. She confirmed that the County Attorney could provide a Robert Rules of Order primer for a guide to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Maddox moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Lindley, The Board approved Option 1: as amended: Adopt proposed revised Board Policy No. 01-05, "Rules of Procedure for Meeting of the Leon County Board of County Commissioners." and provide a Robert Rules of Order primer as a guide for the Commissioners.

The motion carried 7-0.

13. Proposed Policy for the Recruitment of County Administrator and County Attorney

County Administrator Long introduced this item. He stated as proposed by the Board at the July 9, 2019 meeting, this agenda item seeks the Board's consideration of a new policy titled "Recruitment of County Administrator and County Attorney" which would require a formal external search be conducted by the Board upon initiating the selection process to fill the County Administrator and County Attorney positions.

Chair Desloge shared that the policy may tie the hands of future Commissions.

Commissioner Dozier recommended that in the future the County Administrator bring an agenda item to the Board for direction before bringing an agenda item naming a current employee and made a substitute motion to codify the process.

Motion died for lack of second.

Commissioner Maddox stated the he did want to tie the hands of future Commissions and motioned for Option #2.

Commissioner Maddox, moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Desloge. The Board approved Option 2: Do not approve the proposed new Policy, "Recruitment of County Administrator and Attorney." The motion carried 6-1. (Commissioner Dozier opposed).

14. Bid Award for Construction of the Bradfordville Volunteer Fire Department Building

County Administrator Long introduced this item. He stated this item seeks Board approval to award the bid for construction of the Bradfordville Volunteer Fire Department building to Tip-Top Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$278,168.

Commissioner Lindley moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Maddox. The Board approved Option 1: Approve the bid award to Tip-Top Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$278,168 for construction of the Bradfordville Volunteer Fire Department building and authorize the County Administrator to execute the Agreement. The motion carried 7-0.

15. Authorization to Negotiate a Development Agreement with Golden Oak Land Group, LLC, and Cawthon Family Properties, LLC.

County Administrator Long introduced this item. He stated this item seeks authorization to negotiate a Development Agreement pursuant to Florida Statutes and the Land Development Code, to provide for development of the 180-acre property located on the south side of Bannerman Road and east of Bull Headley Road, in addition to the donation of right-of-way for the Bannerman Road widening and the establishment of a regional stormwater facility.

Citizen Comments received via online submission:

- George Lewis, 2143 Miller Landing Road, commented in support of the County requiring the full completion, testing, and certification of all stormwater facilities on property being developed that is located in the Lake Jackson Basin before any other development activity could occur on the property related to the stormwater facility.

Commissioner Proctor discussed that resources continue to be invested in the north side of the County, but the south side is being ignored, especially the Fairgrounds.

Commissioner Minor confirmed with County Administrator Long the ability to incorporate the building, testing and certifying of stormwater facilities before development begins, into the development agreement.

Commissioner Minor moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Desloge, to approve Option 1: Authorize the County Administrator, with the assistance of the county Attorney, to negotiate a Development Agreement with Golden Oak Land Group, LLC, and Cawthon Family Properties, LLC, for donation of property needed for to the widening of Bannerman Road to establish a regional stormwater facility to support the future development of the Property and the widening of Bannerman Road, and to include the building, testing, and certifying of the stormwater facilities before development begins in the development agreement.

The motion carried 7-0.

16. Full Board Appointments to the Advisory Committee for Quality Growth, the Architectural Review Board, the Board of Adjustments and Appeals, the Canopy Roads Citizens Committee, the CareerSource Capital Region Board, and Planning Commission

County Administrator Long introduced the item. He stated this agenda item seeks the full Board's consideration of the appointment of citizens to the Advisory Committee for Quality Growth, the Architectural Review, the Board of Adjustments and Appeals, the Canopy Roads Citizens Committee the CareerSource Capital Region Board and the Planning Commission.

Commissioners Proctor moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Maddox, to approve Option 1:

Option 1: Appoint three nominated, eligible applicants to the Advisory Committee for Quality Growth for three-year terms ending May 31, 2023 as follows: appoint Bill Kimberl to Seat #1, Jackie Wilson to Seat #3, and Antonio Jefferson to Seat #13.

The motion carried 7-0.

Commissioner Lindley moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Desloge, to approve Option 2: Appoint one citizen to Seat #9 on the Advisory Committee for Quality Growth for a three-year term ending May 31, 2023. The Board appointed Lateefah Muhammad. The motion carried 7-0.

Commissioner Jackson moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Dozier, to approve Option 3: Reappoint one eligible applicant. The Board appointed Leslie Jacobs, to the Architectural Review Board for a three-year term ending June 30, 2023. The motion carried 7-0.

Commissioner Lindley moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Dozier, to approve Option 4: Reappoint two eligible applicants. The Board appointed Paul Patronis and Darryl Williams to the Board of Adjustments and Appeals for three-years ending June 30, 2023. The motion carried 7-0.

Commissioner Lindley moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Dozier, to approve Option 5: Appoint one citizen to Canopy Roads Citizens Committee for the remainder of unexpired term ending October 31, 2022. The Board appointed Mary Anne Koos. The motion carried 7-0.

Commissioner Minor moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Maddox, to approve Option 6: Appoint the two nominated and recommended citizens to the CareerSource Capital Region Board as follows: The Board appointed reappoint Rebecca Kelly-Manders for a three year-term ending June 30, 2023 and appoint Lisa Blaser from the remainder of the unexpired term ending June 30, 2021. The motion carried 7-0.

**Commissioner Maddox moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Jackson, to approve waiving the conflicting employment relationships for the applicants in Option 7 and 8, as disclosed on their forms 4A. The motion carried 7-0.*

Commissioner Maddox moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Jackson, to approve Option 7: Reappoint one eligible applicant, Martha Chauncey, to the School Board Seat on the Planning Commission for a three-year term ending June 30, 2023. The motion carried 7-0.

Option 8: Appoint one citizen to the Board appointed Seat on the Planning Commission for a three-year term ending June 30, 2023. The eligible applicants are: Jami Coleman, Debra Preble, Luis E. Rojas, James Billingsley and Jeff Blair.

Commissioner Maddox motioned to appoint Jami Coleman to the Planning Commission.

Commissioner Proctor seconded the motion.

Commissioner Dozier inquired about waiving conflicting employment relationships in future agenda items. She expressed concern about the Planning Commission members with conflicting employment relationships that must recuse themselves from voting on Commission business. She reflected on the need to know how often applicants had to recuse themselves from voting. She stated her support of the motion and offered a friendly amendment to include information on how often a current member had recused themselves from voting in future agenda items on reappointments of citizens who file a Disclosure Form 4A.

Commissioner Maddox reflected on the need for a separate motion for the recusal issue and was not in favor of accepting the amendment to his motion. He shared that knowing how many times the applicant had to recuse herself could be beneficial but stated that Jami Coleman is a valuable member of the Planning Commission. He commented on the diversity on that Board and that Jami Coleman provides diversity to that Board and is very astute.

Commissioner Proctor shared he agreed with the sentiments of Commissioner Maddox's statement.

Commissioner Lindley stated she agreed with Commissioner Maddox.

Commissioner Dozier commented she also agreed with Commissioner Maddox and diversity is needed. She asked for friendly amendment to have an analysis in the future.

Commissioner Maddox stated the need for diversity on each committee to reflect the community and suggested that in the future, agenda items include a diversity analysis. He amended the motion to include a committee's diversity.

Commissioner Maddox moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Proctor, to approve Option 8 as amended: Reappoint one citizen to the Board appointed Seat on the Planning Commission for a three-year term ending June 30, 2023. The Board appointed Jami Coleman and directed staff to include information on the diversity of the committee/board/authority in future agenda items. The motion carried 7-0.

17. ADDED - Funding Agreement with the Florida Division of Emergency Management to Receive CARES Act Funds

County Administrator Long introduced this item. He stated this agenda item seeks approval of a funding agreement with the Florida Division of Emergency Management required for Leon County to receive Coronavirus Relief Funds authorized by Congress in the CARES Act. This item also recommends the Board authorize the County Administrator to bring back a plan for the Board's consideration at the July 14 Budget Workshop which

will allow the County to seek reimbursements for eligible expenditures consistent with the CARES Act guidelines.

County Administrator Long noted those funds could be used to recoup cost directly related to the County's COVID-19 response but couldn't be used to address revenue losses; however, the County is working with our Congressional delegation to advocate for the ability to use those funds to offset lost revenues. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) projects a \$20 million loss in revenue across FY 2020 and FY 2021.

Commissioner Proctor motioned for Options 1 and 2. He confirmed with County Administrator Long that this the funding for Counties with a population under 500,000 who were not eligible for the direct funding through the U.S. Treasury. He commended staff and the Florida Association of Counties (FAC) for their work on the issue.

Commissioner Jackson reflected on the budget shortfall and the need to be deliberate and forward thinking in future budget decisions.

Chairman Desloge commended staff, the FAC and the National Association of Counties (NACo) for their work on this item.

Commissioner Proctor moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Minor, to approve Options 1 and 2: Option 1: Approve the Funding Agreement with the Florida Division of Emergency Management and the proposed associated Resolution and authorizing the County Administrator to execute the Agreement.

Option 2: Direct staff to prepare a plan for the Board's consideration at the July 14 Budget Workshop which will allow the County to seek reimbursements for eligible expenditures consistent with the CARES Act guidelines. The motion carried 7-0.

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.

COMMENTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

County Attorney O'Steen:

- Shared that she has enjoyed working with the County Administration staff and commended the staff in her office for their tireless work.

County Administrator Long:

- Congratulated Commissioner Maddox for his leadership this year as the FAC President.
- Congratulated Commissioner Dozier for her nomination for chair of the Institute of County Government (ICG).

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS

Commissioner Dozier:

- Confirmed with County Administrator Long that an agenda item is forthcoming for the Board's July 14th meeting, to provide an update on the potential burial site in the

Miccosukee Greenway. She asked that the agenda item include exploring some of the broader issues related to recommended procedures when sites are located in the County.

- Reflected on the confederate statute in front of the old Capital building and asked for an agenda item for staff to explore the history of the memorial.
- *Commissioner Dozier moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Minor, to direct staff to prepare an agenda item to explore the history of the confederate memorial in front of the old Capitol building and options for the memorial. The motion carried 7-0.*
- Recalled a citizen's comment she received that Styrofoam debris from a jobsite was littering the surrounding area. She asked for an agenda item to explore County options to mitigate water contamination by micro plastics and Styrofoam debris.
 - Commissioner Lindley inquired if Code Enforcement could handle this issue. County Administrator Long confirmed that they could not since it was a regulatory issue.

Commissioner Dozier moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Lindley, to direct staff to prepare an agenda item reviewing the County's authority to regulate the migration of micro plastics and Styrofoam pellets that leave construction sites. The motion carried 7-0.

- Acknowledged the County's "It's Not Too Much to Mask" Campaign.
- Thanked Commissioner Maddox for his service as the FAC Chairman. She also congratulated Commissioner Minor for being named co-chair of FAC committee to explore the COVID-19 response.
- Shared that she was nominated for the chair of the Institute of County Government (ICG) effective in September.

Commissioner Maddox:

- Thanked the Commission for its support this year as he served as the President of the Florida Association of Counties.
- Acknowledged Juneteenth (June 19th).
- Stated that the Sheriff brought forth some good points and that he looks forward to the agenda item exploring a committee to look at policies as it is the key to future change.

Commissioner Proctor:

- Congratulated Commissioner Jackson for his re-election.
- Thanked the County Administrator for the update on the FEMA reimbursement funding to the Kearney Center for non-congregate housing.
- Commended Marpan Recycling for their recycling efforts in the community and reflected on the future of recycling in the County.
- Requested permission to travel to Washington for the 2020 March on Washington on August 28th, to commemorate the 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom.
- *Commissioner Proctor moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Minor, to approve travel, to Washington D.C. for the 2020 March on Washington on August 28th, to commemorate the 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. The motion carried 6-0. (Commissioner Jackson was absent).*
- Commissioner Maddox asked if the approval applied to all the Commissioners and Chair Desloge clarified that if it was specific ask and if others wanted to attend they should make a similar motion to approve their travel.
- Stated that the Supervisor of Elections expressed concern that there is a shortage of poll workers for the upcoming elections.
- Shared that that he and City Commissioner Matlow will be hosting a Community Listening Session on Police Reform on Friday Morning at the Old West Florida Center on Lake Bradford Road as part of the Juneteenth celebrations/conversation.

- Announced the Drive through Farm Share event at Fairgrounds Saturday morning that would include voter information/registration.
- Thanked Chair Desloge for a great meeting and County Staff lead by the Administrator.
- Reflected on the need for Juneteenth (June 19th) to be a paid holiday for County Employees. He discussed the significance of slavery and contribution of African Americans.
 - Commissioner Dozier expressed the need for countywide acknowledgement of the historic significance.
 - Commissioner Maddox stated his support and seconded motion as agenda item.
 - *Commissioner Proctor moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Maddox, to have staff provide an agenda item exploring the option to include Juneteenth (June 19th) as a Leon County government employee paid holiday. The motion carried 6-0. (Commissioner Jackson was absent).*

Commissioner Lindley:

- Shared her support of requiring masks in all indoor facilities in the County and made a motion to require masks in all indoor facilities in the County. Commissioner Dozier seconded the motion.
 - Commissioner Minor inquired if the motion was for a requirement to wear masks for only County Facilities. Commissioner Lindley stated that her motion was for the entire County, not just County facilities.
 - Chair Desloge stated he could not support the motion for a countywide mask mandate.
 - County Attorney O’Steen confirmed that Alachua County has a countywide mask mandate and offered to provide additional information to the Board via e-mail.
 - Commissioner Lindley withdrew her motion.
 - Commissioner Dozier shared she supports requiring masks in County facilities and suggested a substitute motion requiring masks be worn when social distancing is not possible.
 - County Administrator Long confirmed that the County’s standard operating procedure is for employees to wear masks when social distancing is not possible. However, the Board could require that the public wear mask when entering County facilities such as the library.
 - Commissioner Maddox indicated that if we were to require masks be worn to enter County facilities that the County should provide the masks.

Commissioner Jackson:

- Acknowledged Commissioner Dozier for appointment as chair with the Institute of County Government (ICG).
- Congratulated Mrs. Beth Jackson as new principal of Hawks Rise Elementary.
- Thanked all for a great meeting!

Vice-Chairman Minor:

- Congratulated Commissioner Dozier for being named Chair of ICG.
- Acknowledged Commissioner Maddox for his year as FAC President.
- Stated that Supervisor of Elections is having trouble recruiting volunteers for upcoming elections, and that the County Administrator confirmed that County employees can volunteer.

Chairman Desloge:

- Commended the County’s IT staff for the virtual Board meetings.

- Inquired if Community Media Relations could help to get the message out that the Supervisor of Elections (SOE) is looking for volunteers for the upcoming elections.
- Reflected that we are not out of the woods for the pandemic and asked that citizens continue wearing masks. He stated that if health metrics in community change, the Board can revisit the face mask discussion in the future.

RECEIPT AND FILE:

- Capital Region Community Development District Meeting Minutes for February 13, 2020

ADJOURN:


There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTEST:



BY: 
Rick Minor, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

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