

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA
REGULAR MEETING
July 14, 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 H. O'Steen, Assistant Finance Director Edward Burke 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

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance by Chairman Bryan Desloge followed by 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 explained the virtual meeting process and noticed means by which the public could view the meeting and provide public comment.

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS, 3:00 P.M.

1. First of Two Public Hearings on a Development Agreement Between Leon County and Golden Oak Land Group, LLC, and Cawthon Family Properties, LLC

This item requests the Board conduct the first of two required Public Hearings on a Development Agreement pursuant to Ch. 163, Florida Statutes, and Article II, Section 5 of the Land Development Code, to provide for the donation of right-of-way for the Bannerman Road widening and the establishment of a regional stormwater facility.

No public comment was heard.

Commissioner Dozier moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Lindley to approve Option # 1: Conduct the first of two Public Hearings on a Development Agreement between Leon County, Golden Oak Land Group, LLC, and Cawthon Family Properties, LLC, and schedule the second and final Public Hearing for September 15, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. The motion carried 7-0.

2. First and Only Public Hearing for the Type C Site and Development Plan Application for the Elizabeth Popular Spring Church on the Northwest Corner of Dempsey Mayo Road and Lonnie Road

This item requests the Board conduct the first and only public hearing and seeks Board approval of the Elizabeth Popular Spring Church Type "C" site and development plan application. The Residential Preservation zoning district allows community facilities, which includes religious organizations, as 'Special Exception' uses, provided the application for development can demonstrate compliance with the standards applicable to nonresidential and community service/institutional uses. Establishment of a Special Exception use requires approval by the Board of County Commissioners.

Public Comment:

- Sean K. Marston P.E., 2851 Remington Green Circle Street., stated he looks forward to the approval of this item by the Board.
- Sean Marston, 5979 Ansel Ferrel Road, submitted that the new location will have many benefits for the church's plans to expand.

Commissioner Lindley moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Maddox to approve Option # 1: Conduct the first and only Public Hearing for the Type "C" Site and Development plan application for the Elizabeth Popular Spring Church on the Northwest Corner of Dempsey Mayo Road and Lonnie Road and approve the application with conditions, based on the findings of fact and conclusions of law included herein and those established within the Development Review Committee's record, as well as any evidence received at the Public Hearing. The motion carried 7-0.

3. Second and Final Public Hearing to Consider Adopting an Ordinance Amending the Leon County Land Development Code to Create a New Section 10-6.659, Entitled "Government Operational (GO) Zoning District"

This item provides for the second and final Public Hearing for the Board to consider adopting 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 new zoning district will provide certainty on the permitted uses, as well as provide the appropriate development standards for permitted uses within the district.

Commissioner Lindley moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Dozier to approve Option # 1: Conduct the second and final Public Hearing to adopt an Ordinance amending the Leon County Land Development Code to create a new Section 10-6.659, entitled "Government Operational (GO) zoning district". The motion carried 7-0.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATION

- Update on the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Pandemic
(*Vincent S. Long, County Administrator*)
 - Claudia Blackburn, Health Officer for the Florida Department of Health in Leon County, provided an overview of the recent statistics for the pandemic and stated that 50% of all of the County's cases have occurred in the last two weeks. 2,444 residents tested positive for COVID and there have been 10 deaths in Leon County. She stated that the Health Department's priorities are working closely with long-term care facilities and hiring staff for case investigation and contact tracing. She shared that OPS staff will be hired to do contact tracing and that they are working closely with the School Board.
 - Commissioner Proctor asked Ms. Blackburn for the racial breakdown of infected citizens and deaths. She stated that some of the labs are not collecting that data so at this time it is difficult to ascertain. She stated that the Bragg Stadium testing site is testing the maximum of 500 persons per day. Commissioner Proctor expressed concern about the possible upsurge when children return to school and reflected that Title 1 schools may be at a greater risk. Ms. Blackburn stated that the Health Department is working closely with the Leon County School Board and will be hiring personnel with the CARES Act funding to work at the schools to monitor the reopening and collect data.
 - Commissioner Desloge asked for clarification on the rate of the positive cases. Ms. Blackburn verified that 50% of the cases in Leon County are from the previous week.

- Commissioner Dozier commented on contract tracing and the reporting of COVID -19 tests. She asked that total numbers be added to the County's website. She gave accolades to the Board for getting masks to the community.
- County Administrator Long stated at this time they are not looking to shut down or roll back current pandemic polices in place.
- Commissioner Minor reflected on the number of ICU beds available on the State's dashboard and confirmed with Ms. Blackburn that the local hospitals are managing with the increase in patients. He suggested the local hospitals would be better equipped to answer. Mrs. Blackburn stated they have great communication with the hospital and they are managing in all aspects. At this point, the numbers are manageable.
- Commissioner Lindley confirmed the mask ordinance does apply to private and charter schools. She suggested limiting gatherings to ten people. She noted that churches have asked for a mask exemption. County Administrator Long stated that it is probably not a good idea for persons to be attending in-person church services at this time.
- Commissioner Dozier reflected on the Seminole County's heat map on their dashboard and confirmed with County Administrator Long that staff would look into whether a similar tool would be helpful for Leon County.

CONSENT

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

4. Minutes: February 25, 2020, Joint County/City 2020 Comprehensive Plan Amendments Workshop

Option # 1: Approve the minutes of the February 25, 2020, Joint County/City 2020 Comprehensive Plan Amendments Workshop.

5. Payment of Bills and Vouchers

Option # 1: Approve the payment of bills and vouchers submitted for July 14, 2020 and preapprove the payment of bills and vouchers for the period of July 15, 2020 through September 14, 2020.

6. Status Report on the 2019 Leon County Real Estate Portfolio

Option # 1: Accept the Status Report on the 2019 Leon County Real Estate Portfolio (Attachment # 1).

7. Commissioner Appointments to the Code Enforcement Board

Option # 1: Ratify Commissioners' respective appointments of a citizen to the Code Enforcement Board for three-year terms ending July 31, 2023:

a. Commissioner Lindley reappoints David Muntean

b. Commissioner Maddox reappoints Willie Vann

8. Leon County Sheriff's Policy Review Committee PULLED

This item was pulled by Commissioner Dozier. She commented on the Sheriff's Policy Review Committee. She felt it was right in line with his ALL -In approach.

County Administrator Long confirmed that the Committee's final report and recommendations will be brought back to the Board with an analysis of how they align with the County's public safety and human service programs.

Commissioner Dozier moved, seconded by Commissioner Maddox to approve Option # 1: Endorse the proposed plan for the Leon County Sheriff to establish a committee to review law enforcement policies, funding priorities and other services supporting public safety, and make recommendations for improvements; and request the Sheriff to share any changes to existing law enforcement policies, programs and funding priorities at a future meeting.

9. Memorandum of Understanding with Apalachee Center Inc. for the Forensic Intervention and Re-entry Services Team

(County Administrator/ Office of Intervention & Detention Alternatives)

Option # 1: Approve the grant match funding through in-kind contributions for the Forensic Intervention and Re-entry Services Team (FIRST) and authorize the County Administrator to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Apalachee Center Inc. (Attachment # 1).

10. Approval of Five-Year Program Funding Agreement with the Council on Culture and Arts (COCA) through FY 2025

(County Administrator/ Tourism Division)

Option # 1: Approve the Five-Year Program Funding Agreement with COCA through FY 2025 to include \$150,000 from general revenue and one-cent of Tourist Development Taxes annually (Attachment # 1) and authorize the County Administrator to execute the Agreement.

Public Comment

- Kathleen Spehar (1410 Chocksacka Nene) - On behalf of the COCA Board of Directors, staff, and the arts, culture, history, and heritage sector, we look forward to continuing our work together for the good of our community.

11. Request to Schedule a First and Only Public Hearing to Consider a Proposed Resolution Renouncing and Disclaiming any Right of the County in a Portion of Jack Vause Landing Road and Boat Landing for September 15, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.

(County Administrator/ Office of Financial Stewardship/ Office of Resource Stewardship)

Option # 1: Schedule the first and only Public Hearing to consider a proposed Resolution renouncing and disclaiming any right of the County in a portion of Jack Vause Landing Road and Boat Landing lying within the Lake Talquin State Park, for September 15, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.

12. Request to Schedule a First and Only Public Hearing to Consider a Proposed Resolution Adopting Inventory List of County-Owned Properties Appropriate for Affordable Housing for September 15, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

(County Administrator/ Office of Financial Stewardship/ Office of Human Services & Community Partnerships)

Option # 1: Schedule a first and only public hearing to consider a proposed Resolution adopting the inventory list of County-owned properties deemed to be appropriate for affordable housing for September 15, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

13. Request to Schedule the First and Only Public Hearing to Consider Adopting an Ordinance Amending Section 8-156 of the Code of Laws of Leon County Relating to the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee for September 15, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.
(County Administrator/ County Attorney/ Office of Human Services & Community Partnerships)

Option #1: Schedule the first and only public hearing to consider adopting an Ordinance amending Section 8-156 of the Code of Laws of Leon County relating to the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (Attachment #1) for September 15, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

14. Authorization for the Leon County Research and Development Authority to Participate in the Employee Benefit Insurance Plans
County Administrator/ Human Resources)

Option #1: Authorize the County Administrator to negotiate and execute an agreement with the Leon County Research and Development Authority to be a participating employer in the County's employee benefit insurance plans, subject to legal review by the County Attorney.

15. Acceptance of State and Federal Emergency Management Grant Agreements for Fiscal Year 2020-2021
(County Administrator/ Office of Management & Budget/ Emergency Management)

Option #1: Accept the COVID-19 Supplemental Emergency Management Performance Grant Agreement in the amount of \$18,994 (Attachment #1), and authorize the County Administrator to execute, including any future modifications, in a form approved by the County Attorney.

Option #2: Approve the Resolution and associated Budget Amendment Request for the COVID-19 Supplemental Emergency Management Performance Grant in the amount of \$18,994 realizing the funds into the FY 2020 budget (Attachment #2).

Option #3: Accept the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Agreement in the amount of \$90,529 (Attachment #3), and authorize the County Administrator to execute, including any future modifications, in a form approved by the County Attorney.

Option #4: Accept the Emergency Management Preparedness and Assistance (EMPA) Trust Fund Base Grant Agreement in the amount of \$105,806 (Attachment #4), and authorize the County Administrator to execute, including any future modifications, in a form approved by the County Attorney.

16. Additional Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act Funding
(County Administrator/ Emergency Medical Services)

Option #1: Approve the Resolution and Budget Amendment (Attachment #1) accepting the additional Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Provider Relief Funding for Leon County Emergency Medical Services in the amount of \$44,149 and authorize the County Administrator to execute any required documentation.

Public Comments

- Michelle Bono (3493 Gardenview Way)- She would like to thank the board for the support they have given to keep businesses operational during the pandemic.
- Mike Goldstein (217 W 2nd Avenue) – He stated that if the additional funding was approved, it would help small businesses continue to operate.
- Crystal Vinson (1366 Blountstown Street) - She stated her support for the Leon CARES Small Business Assistance Program.
- Justine Spells (1358 Colonial Dr #1)- She commented that many businesses are suffering due to the pandemic. They play a large role in the county by providing jobs and growing the economy.
- Rabbi Schneur Oirechman (224 Chapel Drive)- He stated his support for the agenda item.

17. Request to Schedule the First and Only Public Hearing to Consider a Revised Sixth Amendment to the Southwood Development of Regional Impact Integrated Development Order for October 13, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Option #1: Schedule the first and only Public Hearing to consider a sixth amendment to the Southwood Development of Regional Impact Integrated Development Order for October 13, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

18. State-Funded Grant Agreement with Florida Department of Transportation to Design the Realignment of Old Bainbridge Road at Capital Circle Northwest

Option #1: Approve the State Funded Grant Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for design of the realignment of Old Bainbridge Road at Capital Circle Northwest Intersection (Attachment #1) and authorize the County Administrator to execute.

Option #2: Adopt the Resolution authorizing the State Funded Grant Agreement for design of the realignment of Old Bainbridge Road at Capital Circle Northwest Intersection (Attachment #2) and authorize the Chairman to execute.

Option #3: Approve the Resolution and associated Budget Amendment Request realizing \$80,000 from the Florida Department of Transportation into the County budget (Attachment #3).

19. Approval of the Plat for Unit 2 of Chastain Manor Phase II Subdivision

Option # 1: Approve the plat for Unit 2 of Chastain Manor Phase II Subdivision for recording in the Public Record (Attachment #1), contingent upon staff's final review and approval, and authorize the County Administrator to accept the Performance Agreement and Surety Device in a form approved by the County Attorney (Attachment#2).

20. Approval of the Plat for Bannerman Residential – Phase 1 Subdivision

Option # 1: Approve the plat for Bannerman Residential – Phase 1 Subdivision for recording in the Public Record (Attachment #1), contingent upon staff's final review and approval, and authorize the County Administrator to accept the Performance Agreement and Surety Device in a form approved by the County Attorney (Attachment#2).

21. Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Arthropod/Mosquito Control State Aid

Option # 1: Approve the Detailed Work Plan Budget for the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Arthropod/Mosquito Control State Aid (Attachment # 1) and authorize the Chairman to execute.

Option #2: Authorize the County Administrator to execute the associated Mosquito Control State Aid Agreement, when received from the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, in a form approved by the County Attorney.

Option #3: Approve the Resolution and associated Budget Amendment Request adding \$2,029 into the FY 2020 budget (Attachment #2).

22. Approval to Negotiate an Interlocal Agreement with Gadsden County for Temporary Mosquito Control Services

Option # 1: Authorize the County Administrator to negotiate and execute an agreement with Gadsden County for temporary mosquito control program services, subject to legal review by the County Attorney.

23. Recreational Fishing in Stormwater Treatment Facilities

Option # 1: Direct staff to post signage limiting fishing at Leon County stormwater treatment facilities as "catch and release" only.

24. Memorandum of Agreement between Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and Leon County for Boating Access Projects

Option # 1: Approve the Memorandum of Agreement with Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission for the maintenance of County Boat Landings. (Attachment # 1) and authorize the County Administrator to execute subject to a legal review by the County Attorney.

25. Status Report on a Potential Unmarked Cemetery within the Miccosukee Greenway (County Administrator/ Office of Resource Stewardship/ Parks & Recreation)

Public Comments:

- Gloria Anderson, 3515 Easter Stanley Rd., thanked the Board for their assistance with the identification of the slave burial ground.
- Jeffrey Shanks, 1425 Silver Pine Lane, - stated that he is an archaeologist with the National Park Service and has investigated a number of unmarked cemeteries. It may be advisable for municipal governments like Leon County to take action through local ordinances or by developing a technical advisory committee or task force to address the issue. NPS is always available as a potential resource to provide technical assistance as needed.

Option # 1: Accept the Status Report regarding a potential unmarked cemetery within Miccosukee Greenway.

Status Reports: (These items are included under Consent.)

26. Status Report on the South City Foundation's Purpose-Built Community Plan

Option #1: Accept the Status Report from the South City Foundation (Attachment #1).

27. 2020 Florida Legislative Session Final Report and Request to Schedule the Board Workshop on 2021 State and Federal Legislative Priorities
(County Administrator/ County Administration)

Option #1: Accept the 2020 Florida Legislative Session Final Report.

Option #2: Schedule the Board Workshop on the 2021 State and Federal Legislative Priorities for October 27, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.

Option #3: Authorize the County Administrator to extend the existing contract for state lobbying services with Capitol Alliance Group, in a form approved by the County Attorney, for \$70,000 annually for an additional one-year term.

Option #4: Authorize the County Administrator to extend the existing contract for federal lobbying services with Squire Patton Boggs, in a form approved by the County Attorney, for \$100,000 annually for an additional one-year term.

28. Status Report Update Regarding Curbside Collection Service Provided by Waste Pro, Inc. PULLED

Consent Item pulled by Commissioner Dozier. She commented on the first quarterly report from Waste Pro. She thanked them for addressing the prior issues. She felt it should be under general business, since it was a major issue.

Commissioner Dozier moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Lindley to approve Option #1: Accept the status update regarding curbside collection service through Waste Pro, Inc. The motion carried 7-0.

Citizens to be Heard on Non-Agendaed Items – 3 citizens commented

- Darwin Gamble, 1248 Halifax Court, stated his disappointment in the lack of real time public comment during the virtual board meetings.
- Feng Ji, 2555 Carthage Lane, asked the Board to consider a temporary stay at home order during the pandemic.
- Kai Qu, 5652 Burnside Circle, was in support of a temporary stay at home order during the pandemic as well as reevaluating the reopening of schools.

General Business

29. Consideration of Amendment to Emergency Ordinance No. 20-15

This agenda item seeks the Board's approval of an amendment to Leon County Emergency Ordinance No. 20-15. County Attorney O'Steen explained that she has had numerous conversations with the Leon County School Board counsel, reviewed the law, and concluded that the School Board has its own home rule powers under the Constitution and Statutes. The recommended amendment to the Ordinance makes clear that the "business

establishment” definition in the County’s Ordinance does not apply to School District property.

Commissioner Maddox moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Jackson to approve Option #1: Declare that an emergency exists and that the immediate amendment of Emergency Ordinance 20-15 is necessary, which justifies a waiver the notice requirements of section 125.66(2), Florida Statutes, that are typically required to amend an ordinance. (Requires four-fifths vote). The motion carried 7-0.

Public Comments:

- o Kelly Fleck, 2436 Arvah Branch Blvd. stated that she would like an end to the mask mandate.

Commissioner Dozier asked for clarification on the ability for the school district to order a mask mandate rather than Leon County. County Attorney O’Steen stated that it is correct that schools can dictate their own mask mandate.

Commissioner Jackson stated that he is proud of Leon County Schools for implementing their own mask requirements. Masks will be enforced during school transportation and in school buildings.

Commissioner Minor asked for clarification on the motion currently pending. County Attorney O’Steen stated that the motion would not change current county policy, but clearly state that the school district is under a different jurisdiction and does not need to abide by the county’s emergency ordinance. The school district has home rule power, meaning that they have power over what occurs on their property. They are responsible for the students and staff on campus. However, not every school is under the jurisdiction of the school district. These schools include charter schools, specialty schools, private schools, etc. These schools do not have home rule power and must abide by the county’s emergency ordinance.

Commissioner Desloge asked how the county would be able to work with private schools to ensure that they follow the county’s emergency ordinance. County Attorney O’Steen stated that there are policy decisions that board could make in regard to private schools. Commissioner Maddox moved, seconded by Commissioner Dozier to approve Option #2: Amend Emergency Ordinance 20-15 to exclude property over which the School Board has management, control, operation, administration, and supervision from the definition of “business establishment” and the application of the Emergency Ordinance.

Commissioner Proctor asked the maker of the motion to include a recommendation to schools to delay opening doors. He is afraid, based on current reports, that schools are not ready to open.

Commissioner Maddox stated he couldn’t support the friendly amendment. He believes that the school board and superintendent can make the right decision.

Commissioner Jackson shared the schools are discussing the safety of the children and staff. Returning to school will help with students who have fallen behind and ensuring they can return safely is the top priority.

Commissioner Maddox moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Dozier to approve Option #2: Amend Emergency Ordinance 20-15 to exclude property over which the School Board has

management, control, operation, administration, and supervision from the definition of “business establishment” and the application of the Emergency Ordinance. The motion carried 7-0.

Options:

1. Declare that an emergency exists and that the immediate amendment of Emergency Ordinance 20-15 is necessary, which justifies a waiver the notice requirements of section 125.66(2), Florida Statutes, that are typically required to amend an ordinance. (Requires four-fifths vote)
2. Amend Emergency Ordinance 20-15 to exclude property over which the School Board has management, control, operation, administration, and supervision from the definition of “business establishment” and the application of the Emergency Ordinance (Attachment #1).
3. Board direction.

30. Bid Award for Construction of the Annawood and Belair Phase I Subdivisions Septic-to-Sewer Conversions

This item seeks Board approval to award the bid for construction of the Annawood and Belair Phase I Subdivisions Septic-to-Sewer Conversions to Hale Contracting, Inc., in the amount of \$1,835,705.

Commissioner Maddox moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Proctor to approve Option # 1: Approve the bid award to Hale Contracting, Inc., in the amount of \$1,835,705 for construction of the Annawood & Belair-Phase I Subdivisions Septic-to-Sewer Conversions and authorize the County Administrator to execute the Agreement. The motion carried 7-0.

31. Approval for the Purchase and Financing of a Backup System Replacement

This agenda items seeks Board approval to purchase a planned replacement of the County’s enterprise data backup system.

Commissioner Maddox moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Lindley to approve Option # 1: Approve the purchase of a replacement data backup system utilizing OMNIA Partners Public Sector cooperative contract and authorize the County Administrator to sign a three-year financing program with Insight Public Sector, Inc. dba Insight Global Finance for a total amount not to exceed \$529,677. The motion carried 7-0.

32. Bid Award for the Construction of the Daniel B. Chaires Ballfield Improvements

This item seeks Board approval to award the bid for the construction of the Daniel B. Chaires ballfield improvements to Shaffield Building Specialties, Inc., in the amount of \$2,695,000, and the approval of a Resolution and associated Budget Amendment Request for \$300,000 for field lighting.

Commissioner Dozier commented on their discussion from their previous budget meeting in the beginning of the year. She believes that the funding needed for the project is too large at this point.

Administrator Long clarified that the construction of a ballfield has run into many issues that have led to increases in cost. In order to save money, the county started the work itself by removing the trees. If the county did not start this project itself, the Board would not have voted in favor of this agenda item.

Commissioner Proctor noted the courage needed by Commissioner Dozier to place on hold a project in her district. He stated he would second the motion. He shared that he had read that field activities are at a halt and there is little demand for these sports at this time.

Commissioner Dozier responded that another set of bathrooms and concession stands with additionally facilities would be needed. The current budget does not include funding for these items. She recommended they put a pause on the project until September.

County Administrator Long asked that Commissioner Dozier reword her motion to include language to request the contractor hold the bid for the project as to keep the bid valid.

Commissioner Dozier moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Proctor to approve Option #4, Board Direction: Delay the Daniel B. Chaires ballfield improvements project, request the contractor hold the bid until September, and have staff bring back recommendations at that time. The motion carried 7-0.

33. Full Board Appointments to the Advisory Committee for Quality Growth, the Big Bend Health Council, and the Leon County Educational Facilities Authority

This agenda item seeks the full Board's consideration of the appointment of citizens to the Advisory Committee for Quality Growth, the Big Bend Health Council, and the Leon County Educational Facilities Authority.

Option #1: Appoint Jeff Blair to Seat #7 on the Advisory Committee for Quality Growth for a three-year term ending May 31, 2023.

Commissioner Minor moved, seconded by Commissioner Lindley to approve Option #1: Appoint Jeff Blair to Seat #7 on the Advisory Committee for Quality Growth for a three-year term ending May 31, 2023. The motion carried 7-0.

Option #2: Appoint four citizens to the Big Bend Health Council for two-year terms ending July 31, 2022. The eligible applicants are: William McCort, Nathaniel Myers, Stephen Rollin, Ronald Burger, Steven Harris, Keemasheka Jones and Hannah Reynolds.

Commissioner Lindley moved, seconded by Commissioner Dozier to approve Option #2: Appoint four citizens, William McCort, Nathaniel Myers, Stephen Rollin, and Keemasheka Jones to the Big Bend Health Council for two-year terms ending July 31, 2022. The motion carried 7-0.

Option #3: Appoint two citizens to the Leon County Educational Facilities Authority for five-year terms ending July 31, 2025. The eligible applicants are: Richard Givens, Ramsay Sims, Rica Calhoun, Michele Corichi, and Andrew Kalel.

Commissioner Jackson moved, seconded by Commissioner Minor to approve Option #3: Reappoint Ramsay Sims to the Leon County Educational Facilities Authority for a five-year term ending July 31, 2025. The motion carried 7-0.

Commissioner Maddox moved, seconded by Commissioner Lindley to approve Option #3: Reappoint Richard Givens to the Leon County Educational Facilities Authority for five-year terms ending July 31, 2025. The motion carried 7-0.

34. Ratification of the July 14, 2020 Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Workshop

(County Administrator/ Office of Financial Stewardship/ Office of Management & Budget)

This agenda item ratifies the Board's actions at the July 14, 2020 Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Workshop concerning the development of the FY 2021 Tentative Budget, and the revenue shortfalls for the current year FY 2020 Budget.

Public Comments:

- o Dr. Claudette Harrell, 1017 Epping Forest Drive, asked the board to consider the Tallahassee Urban League Inc. as a partner of the CARES program and dedicate funding to support the services.

Commissioner Proctor moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Maddox to approve Options 1-15:

Option #1: Ratify the actions taken by the Board during the July 14, 2020 FY 2021 Budget Workshop.

Option #2: Adopt the "Human Services Emergency Assistance Programs" policy for the Direct Emergency Assistance (DEAP) and Veteran Emergency Assistance (VEAP) Programs.

Option #3: Authorize the implementation of RFID/self-checkout and Collection Management Services at the Library in FY 2020 and authorize the County Administrator to execute contracts for these services based on available state term contracts subject to legal review by the County Attorney.

Option #4: Authorize the County Administrator, or designee, to negotiate and execute an agreement with KAHOA, subject to legal review by the County Attorney, for the transfer of ownership to Leon County of Pimlico and Man O War parks, and to execute any associated documents as necessary to finalize the transaction.

Option #5: Accept the status report on the County's long-term funding support of the Kearney Center.

Option #6: Authorize the County Administrator to negotiate and execute a contract with Energy Services Group for the provision of Energy Savings Performance Contractor Services (ESCO).

Option #7: Authorize the County Administrator to engage the County's Financial Advisor to conduct a competitive solicitation to procure tax-exempt financing for the Energy Savings projects.

Option #8: Establish the maximum countywide millage rate for FY 2021 at 8.3144.

Option #9: Establish the maximum Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Municipal Services Taxing unit (MSTU) for FY 2021 at 0.5 mills.

Option #10: Approve the proposed Leon CARES expenditure plan for the County's allocation of Coronavirus Relief Funds.

Option #11: Authorize the County Administrator to expend Coronavirus Relief Funds as provided in the Leon CARES plan, make modifications to program criteria as may be needed to ensure the efficient and timely use of the County's allocation prior to December 30, 2020, and enter into subgrant agreements with fund recipients, subject to legal review by the County Attorney.

Option #12: Approve the Leon CARES Resolution and associated Budget Amendment Request.

Option #13: Authorize the County Administrator to negotiate and execute a final agreement with Ernst & Young, to support the County's implementation of the Leon

CARES plan, in an amount not to exceed \$1.1 million, subject to legal review by the County Attorney.

Option # 14: Authorize the County Administrator, if necessary, to execute future change orders with Ernst & Young to support an increase in the number of individual and business applications processed beyond original estimates or to support other programmatic changes made to Leon CARES.

Option # 15: To bring back an agenda item to explore program development and/or expansion, funding alternatives and administrative options of micro loan programs for Black owned businesses and engage the Big Bend Minority Chamber and Capital City Chamber in the evaluation. In addition, include a discussion of micro loans for women owned businesses.

The motion carried 7-0.

Commissioner Dozier commented on the lack of an increase in fire services fees. She would like to have a discussion on the issue at a later meeting. She noted that the comprehensive plan will be delayed. She would like to hear an update from the county administrator in the fall for the plan moving forward with a consultant. County administrator Long stated that an update will be available by that time. She noted the low number of fire hydrants in certain districts including District 5. There is a need for fire infrastructure and commended them for keeping the county line item in the budget. She also acknowledged that the youth programs, including the Page program, should be kept in the budget. She thanked the employees for their hard work during this time.

Commissioner Dozier moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Minor to request staff bring back a summary or annual report on the activities of the Community Redevelopment Authority. The motion carried 7-0.

Commissioner Maddox asked the County Administrator to track the percentages of the spending of CARES dollars made in the Bond/Southside, Frenchtown and Griffin Heights neighborhoods. County Administrator Long confirmed that approximate percentages could be provided and that the programs are targeted to low-income individuals.

COMMENTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

County Attorney O'Steen:

- County Attorney O'Steen informed the Board that she had filed a Motion to Dismiss in the Neilson case but had also learned that the Canvassing Board has been named as a party in all three consolidated cases. Opposing counsel contacted the County Attorney to propose a Letter of Agreement, which would stay the case against the Canvassing Board and ensure that the Canvassing Board was not liable for attorneys' fees or costs if the Plaintiffs' prevailed in the case. The Canvassing Board held a special meeting to discuss the litigation and proposed Letter of Agreement. The Canvassing Board decided to enter into the Letter of Agreement and adopt the position of the Leon County Supervisor of Elections in all three cases that are going to trial next week. The Canvassing Board has requested that the County Attorney's office represent the current Canvassing Board on an as-needed basis.

Commissioner Maddox moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Lindley that the County Attorney continue to represent the current Canvassing Board and that future Canvassing Boards

request authorization from the Board for future representation by the County Attorney's Office. The motion carried 7-0.

- Commissioner Proctor expressed support of the County Attorney's office representing the Canvassing Board.
- Commissioner Maddox requested an email update from the County Attorney to the Board. He thanked the Board for allowing the County Attorney to continue to represent the Canvassing Board and expressed that it would be in the best interest of the Canvassing Board for the County Attorney's office to continue to represent them in perpetuity.
- Commissioner Minor stated his support of the motion and asked the County Attorney approximately how much time would be required from the County Attorney's office. She indicated that at this time it doesn't seem that it would be a large amount of time, but if it became burdensome, she would bring it back to the Board for further conversation.
- Reported on the favorable ruling in the Power vs. Leon County litigation.

County Administrator Long:

- Acknowledged county staff for handling the changes that have resulted from the pandemic. He shared they have diligently worked for the past 126 days in this situation.
- Commended County Attorney O'Steen and staff for their recent victory in the mask mandate case.

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS

Commissioner Proctor:

- Recognized County Attorney O'Steen for her victory in court regarding the county's mask mandate.
- Commented on Commissioner Lindley and gave kudos for need to have mask mandate.

Commissioner Dozier:

- Voiced her appreciation for the staff's hard work. She also agreed with Commissioner Proctor's statements on the Power vs. Leon County case.
- Shared she received a question regarding the county's fertilizer ordinance. She believes that there should be an update to the ordinance as it was last updated in 2012.

Commissioner Dozier moved, seconded duly by Commissioner Lindley, to direct staff to prepare an update on the Fertilizer Ordinance. The motion carried 7-0.

- She suggested starting a conversation with the Leon County Schools for a partnership with the Library allowing students to document their experiences during the pandemic. Commissioner Jackson stated that the first 3 days of the new school year will be devoted to issues the children may be having.

Commissioner Dozier moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Jackson, to explore a conversation with Leon County Schools on documenting young people's pandemic stories. The motion carried 7-0.

- Commissioner Proctor asked if the County had any standing to delay the start of schools or to close schools. County Attorney stated that the School Districts have their own home rule authority and since it is an uncharted area, she could not answer definitively.

Commissioner Jackson:

- Shared his appreciation for a great meeting. He stated they have far outreached in protecting citizens and funding organizations and business. He encouraged everyone to continue taking coronavirus seriously.

Commissioner Minor:

- Commended Commissioner Lindley for bringing the face covering issue to the Board twice and reflected on the lives being saved.
- Thanked the staff for their hard work on the budget.
- Applauded Commissioner Dozier for bravely putting a pause on the Chaires ballfield agenda item.
- Stated that reducing Board meetings to once a month may not have been the best choice and the size of the agendas may be too large to review in one week. Commissioner Dozier agreed with Commissioner Minor and stated that the meetings may be longer in the future.

Commissioner Maddox:

- Stated that if the Chair and County Administrator feel the need for additional Board meetings that they would be added. The Board only conducted 15 meetings last year. He noted they are still committed to doing the work. He commended fellow Boards that did not raise a millage rate in the middle of a pandemic.

Commissioner Maddox moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Desloge to request a proclamation recognizing the opening of the Leon County Sheriff's Reentry, Innovative Services and Empowerment Center (RISE) Center. The motion carried 7-0.

Commissioner Lindley:

- Commended County staff for their commitment during these difficult times.

Commissioner Desloge:

- Commended County Attorney O'Steen for her work on the Power vs. Leon County case. Thanked staff for work on the budget and highlighted the millage rate not rising.
- Stated that the Commission's workload has evolved over the years as citizens have far greater access to County government information and services. Commissioner Desloge shared that he has approximately 60 meetings per month on County-related business and committees, and that future monthly Commission meetings will provide ample time to take up County business.
- Stated that the County's passive parks are open. County Administrator Long reiterated that active competition sports are still closed in County parks.

RECEIPT AND FILE

- The Capital Regional Community Development District Meeting Minutes of April 21, 2020

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA

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BY:

Rick Minor, Chairman Board of
County Commissioners

BY:

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