

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA
REGULAR MEETING
September 15, 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 Commissioner Proctor. The Pledge of Allegiance was provided by Chairman Bryan Desloge.

Chairman Desloge shared 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.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Update on Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Claudia Blackburn, Leon County Health Department
 - County Administrator Long reported that there are over 8,000 cases in Leon County and discussed the factors that contributed to these cases. Additionally, the county is testing about 1,000 people per day. There is adequate hospital capacity in case of a second wave. He discussed the Leon CARES Act which has led to the County executing contracts with their partners. He highlighted the expanding testing, pop up testing sites operated by the community medical center and additional contact tracing, and a partnership with Second Harvest to address food insecurity. \$1.8 million has been allocated to non-profits and programs for citizens in need. The county has awarded grants to local businesses and help with utilities and rent payments for citizens. They are following the best practices throughout state.
 - Claudia Blackburn, Health Officer, gave a brief overview. She stated that Leon County has a higher COVID-19 rate than the State for the last week, but that the two – week numbers are trending downward. Most cases are in the 18-24 age group but without hospitalizations. There are 9,276 cases in Leon County with 46 deaths. The 7-day rolling average has been about 189 cases per day. Testing is very robust with about 1,246 tests being done per day. The majority of the cases fall within the 18-24 age range for the last couple of weeks. They are working very close with all schools in the county to ensure safety. She stated that the recommendation for Halloween is for short events, outdoors with 10 or less people with social distancing, and for hand washing. The goal is to make the community as safe as possible.
 - Commissioner Dozier confirmed with Claudia Blackburn that the guidance from the Florida Department of Health and CDC has not changed, and includes the recommendation to wear masks, social distancing and hand washing. She also confirmed that everyone should get their flu shot by the end of October.

- Commissioner Proctor established with Claudia Blackburn that positive cases on college campuses are reflected in the data for Leon County.
- Commissioner Jackson thanked Ms. Blackburn and asked for the infection percentages for the zip codes 32304 and 32310. He noted his understanding was that it was close to 35% and that one out of three who tested positive lived in one of these zip codes. Ms. Blackburn stated she would get those percentages.
- Commissioner Proctor commented that in recent weeks, Commissioner Lindley has asked the Board to consider a mandatory mask mandate outdoors. Due to the beginning of football season, it is pertinent to know whether a mask mandate can be implemented at these games as well as other outdoor events. Pictures of patrons at the FSU football game have been shown on the news, showing that many people did not wear masks at this event.
- County Attorney O'Steen stated such a mandate depends on whether the event is on public or private property. She did not know the legality of a mask mandate at the football stadium because she does not know who owns it. She would look into the issue if the Board desires.
- Commissioner Lindley shared her opinion that the issue with the college football game was concerning. The students spill out into the community and can spread the virus. She stated she was outraged by the students' behavior.
- Commissioner Dozier agreed with the comments. She noted she had a hard time watching the game as it was troubling. In general, some are asking that the mask mandate be repealed. She felt the mandate would benefit lives. She stated the part that was troubling was the lack of enforcement. She questioned how it was possible to regulate masks at a business but not at a stadium. She would like to sit down with the colleges and university to discuss enforcement. She asked for a plan moving forward.
- County Attorney O'Steen clarified that enforcement of the "County's Mask Ordinance is the responsibility of law enforcement, not individual business establishments." Hosting a pool party is not dictated by the same laws as a business establishment, and it would be difficult to mandate masks on private property. The mandate was tailored to not implicate constitutional rights. She stated now they are looking at different options.
- Commissioner Dozier stated it would depend on the ownership of the building. She wanted to know more about enforcement of the mask mandate on gatherings of 2,500 people or more occurring outside. She asked for more information on a plan for phase 2 of reopening.
- County Attorney O'Steen stated the county's plan is parallel with the Governor's plan for reopening.
- County Administrator Long shared they are working daily with agencies. He stated it is a very active conversation on large gatherings. The schools are executing the safety precautions in a robust way as well as utilizing the student honor code and enforcing social distancing and the mask mandate to ensure the students' safety.
- Commissioner Desloge noted he had the same concerns. He asked for staff to come back with recommendations to improve the situation.

Commissioner Dozier moved to have an agenda item regarding this issue for a future meeting, dutifully seconded by Commissioner Desloge. The motion carried 7-0.

- Chairman Desloge reflected on citizen questions he has received about when the County's mask mandate would be repealed.
 - Claudia Blackburn indicated that there are no clear metrics to determine when mask requirements can be rolled back and stated the Health Department's guidance on the matter would be consistent with that of the

CDC, Florida Dept. of Health, and the Surgeon General's Office, which currently recommends the use of masks.

- o Commissioner Jackson expressed his support of the mask mandate. He encouraged everyone to look at the data not as numbers but instead as individual people.
- o Commissioner Dozier reflected on the possibility of memorializing the 46 lives lost in Leon County. She confirmed with Claudia Blackburn that names of these individuals were not public.
- o Commissioner Lindley stated that the mask ordinance is the only alternative to support the local economy.
 - Commissioner Minor expressed that students wearing masks will keep the students in Tallahassee and boost the local economy.
 - Claudia Blackburn expressed the importance of getting a flu shot by October 31st. She stated that the Health Dept., with Emergency Management, is preparing a plan on how to vaccinate the priority groups and the population at-large once the COVID-19 vaccine becomes available.

CONSENT

Commissioner Lindley moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Jackson, approval of the Consent Agenda as printed. The motion carried 7-0.

1. Minutes: April 14, 2020 Regular Meeting, April 28, 2020 Regular Meeting and April 28, 2020 Attorney-Client Meeting

The Board approved Option 1: Approve the minutes of April 14, 2020 Regular Meeting, April 28, 2020 Regular Meeting and April 28, 2020 Attorney-Client Meeting.

2. Payment of Bills and Vouchers

The Board approved Option 1: Approve the payment of bills and vouchers submitted for September 15, 2020 and pre-approve the payment of bills and vouchers for the period of September 16, 2020 through September 28, 2020.

3. Commissioner Appointments to the Tallahassee-Leon County Commission on the Status of Women and Girls

The Board approved Option 1: Ratify the individual Commissioners' appointments of three (3) citizens to the Tallahassee-Leon County Commission on the Status of Women and Girls for two-year teams ending September 30, 2022 as follows:

- a. *Commissioner Dozier reappoints Katie Britt Williams*
- b. *Commissioner Proctor reappoints Gwendolyn Singleton*
- c. *Commissioner Minor reappoints Lashawn Gordon.*
Should the Board choose to appoint Ms. Gordon it would be necessary for the Board to waive the conflicting employment relationship disclosed on Form 4A (Attachment #4) by a two-thirds affirmative vote.

Ratify the Commission on the Status of Women & Girls' appointment of four (4) citizens to the Tallahassee-Leon County Commission on the Status of Women and Girls for two-

year terms ending September 30, 2022 as follows: reappoint Jeanne O’Kon, Bernice McMillan and Gina Giacomo and appoint new member Courtney Akins.
Should the Board choose to appoint Ms. Atkins it would be necessary for the Board to waive the conflicting employment relationship disclosed on Form 4A (Attachment #9) by a two- thirds affirmative vote.

4. Commissioner Appointments to the Housing Finance Authority and the Science Advisory Committee

The Board approved Option 1: Ratify Commissioners’ appointment of citizens to the Housing Finance Authority of Leon County for four-year terms ending September 30, 2024 and approve to the associated Housing Finance Authority Certifies of Appointment (Attachment #1).

- a. *Ratify Commissioner Desloge’s reappointment of Thomas H. Lewis.*
- b. *Ratify Commissioner Dozier’s reappointment of Mike Rogers.*
- c. *Ratify Commissioner Lindley’s reappointment of Marnie George.*

Option #2: Ratify the reappointment by Commissioner Jackson’s eligible applicant, Dr. Puja Jasrotia, to the Science Advisory Committee for a four-year term ending September 30, 2024.

5. Florida Association of Counties 2021 Legislative Policy Platform Proposal-Food Insecurity

The Board approved Option 1: Support the legislative policy platform proposal; regarding food insecurity submitted by Commissioner Minor for consideration during the Florida Association of Counties (FAC) Innovation & Policy Conference (Attachment #1).

6. Authorization to Negotiate a Develop Agreement with Pepe Silvia Group, LCC and the Estate of Samuel William Crowder

The Board approved Option 1: Authorize the County Administrator, with the assistance of the County Attorney, to negotiate a Development Agreement with Pepe Silvia Group, LLC, and the Estate of Samuel William Crowder for the donation of property needed to establish a flood attenuation facility to support the redevelopment of the Swamp Fox Road Parcel and to address know flooding concerns in the area.

7. Proposed Revisions to Policy No. 11-6, “County Administrator Evaluation and Annual Reporting Process”

The Board approved Option 1: Adopt the proposed revisions to Policy No. 11-6, “County Administrator Performance Evaluation and Annual Reporting Process” (Attachment #1).

8. Community Human Services Partnerships FY 2021 Agency Funding

The Board approved Option 1: Approve the FY 2021 funding allocation of \$1.445 million to the Community Human Service Partnership agencies (Attachment#1).

Option #2: Authorize the County Administrator to execute or modify agreements with the Community Human Service Partnership funded agencies, as necessary, subject to legal review by the County Attorney.

9. Florida Housing Finance Corporation Coronavirus Relief Funds

The Board approved Option 1: Ratify the Funding Agreement with the Florida Housing Finance Corporation (Attachment #1) and adopt the associated Resolution (Attachment #2) authorizing the County Administrator to execute any subgrants, documents, certification and do all the things necessary and proper to carry out the term and conditions of the Agreement. Option 2: Approve the Resolution and associated Budget Amendment Request realizing \$261,734 from the Florida Housing Finance Corporation (Attachment #3).

10. State of Florida Department of Health FY 2021 Public Health Contract

The Board approved Option 1: Approve the FY 2021 Contract with the State of Florida Department of Health for state-mandated public health services (Attachment #1) and authorize the County Administrator to execute.

11. Letters of Agreement with the Agency for Health Care Administration for Low Income Pool Funding to Bond Community Health Center, Neighborhood Medical Center, and Apalachee Center, Inc.

The Board approved Option 1: Approve the Letters of Agreement with the Agency for Health Care Administration for Low Income Pool funding to Bond Community Health Care, Neighborhood Medical Center, and Apalachee Center, Inc. (Attachments #1, #2, and #3) and authorize the County Administrator to execute the Agreements.

12. Driver's Education Agreement with Leon County Schools for Fiscal Year 2021

The Board approved Option 1: Approve the Agreement with Leon County School Board for Fiscal Year 2021 Leon County Expanded Driver's Education Program (Attachment #1) and authorize the County Administrator to execute.

Option 2: Accept the Leon County School's Summary Report for School Year 2019/2020 and Dori Slosberg Fund Proposals for FY 2021 (Attachment #2).

13. 2021 U.S Department of Justice Assistance Grant

The Board approved Option 1: Approve the submittal of an application to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement for U.S. Department of Justice grant funds.

Option 2: Approve the Agreement with the City of Tallahassee and the Leon County Sheriff's Office for the distribution of \$130,288 in grant funds from the U.S. Department of Justice (Attachment #1) and authorize the County Administrator to execute.

14. State Aid to Libraries Grant Agreement and FY 2021 Annual Plan

The Board approved Option 1: Approve the FY 2020-2021 State Aid to Libraries Grant Agreement with the Florida Department of State (Attachment #1) and authorize the County Administrator to execute.

Option 2: Approve the Library's FY 2021 Annual Plan for Library Service (Attachment #2).

15. Acceptance of Maintenance Agreement and Surety Device for Dempsey Office Park Subdivision

The Board approved Option 1: Authorize the County Administrator to accept the Maintenance Agreement and Surety Device for Dempsey Office Subdivision in a form approved by the County Attorney (Attachment # 1).

16. Local Agency Program Supplemental Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for the Construction of the Big Bend Scenic Byway Project

The Board approved Option 1: Approve the Resolution and associated Budget Amendment Request realizing \$538,932 from the Florida Department of Transportation into the County budget (Attachment # 1) for the construction of the Big Bend Scenic Byway Project.

17. Approval of the Plats for Summerfield Single Family Phase II and III Subdivisions

The Board approved Option 1: Approve the plat for Summerfield Single Family Phase II 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 to be approved by the County Attorney (Attachment # 2).

Option 2: Approve the plat for Summerfield Single Family Phase III Subdivision for recording in the Public Record (Attachment # 3), 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 # 4).

18. Approval of the plat for the Bradfordville Road Commercial Subdivision

The Board approved Option 1: Approve the plat for Bradfordville Road Commercial Subdivision for recording in the Public Record (Attachment # 1), contingent upon staff's final review and approval.

19. Approval of Plat for the Bannerman Commons- Phase 1 Subdivision

The Board approved Option 1: Approve the plat for Bannerman Commons – 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).

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

- none

21. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDAED ITEMS (3-minute limit per speaker; there will not be any discussion by the Commission)

The following Citizen Comments were received via online submission:

- Brian Tease, 21111 Monticello Drive, commented in support of bus passes for Kearney Center clients.

The following submitted an online comment in support repealing the mask ordinance:

- Drew McLeod, 6619 Pisgah Church Road

- Stephanie Henningsen, 408 Meridian Ride
- Alesha Waller, 8701 Freedom Road
- Ashley Crosby, 2612 Manassas Way
- Cynthia Ham, 961 Towhee Road
- Stephanie Pohler, 6064 Thackeray Drive

The following submitted an online comment in support holding a joint workshop on the Welaunee Arch Master Plan Comprehensive Plan amendments.

- Linda Deaton, 9601 Miccosukee Road
- Deborah Lawson, 1803 Old Fort Drive
- Kelly McGrath, 9601 Miccosukee Road
- Robert Apgar, the Buckhead Neighborhood
- Jeff Gilbert, Association of Tallahassee Inc., 9601 Miccosukee Road
- Jeff Blair, 1803 Old Fort Drive
- Laura Newton, 4541 Pecan Br
- Debbie Lightsey, 2340 Cypress Cove Drive
- Armani Arellano, 500 Chapel Drive

General Business

22. 2020 Leon County Annual Report

County Administrator Long introduced the item. He stated this item serves to present the County Administrator’s 2020 Annual Report pursuant to Policy No. 11-6 and Section 125.85 (1), Florida Statutes. He noted 2020 was an unprecedented year. He highlighted as follows:

- Thanked the Board and employees for their hard work
 - Citizens and Community partners
 - Organization wide effort, daily essential services
 - COVID-19 Response
 - Fiscal Stewardship
 - Economy
 - Environment
 - Quality of Life
 - Governance
- Commissioner Proctor acknowledged County Administrator Long and staff for work to address the \$17 million budget shortfall.
 - Commissioner Dozier commented on the challenges with the pandemic and thanked both County Administrator Long and County Attorney O’Steen along with staff for their efforts.
 - Commissioner Jackson gave recognition that there has been no raise in the millage rate for 9 years.
 - Commissioner Desloge also highlighted the hard work of the County.

Commissioner Proctor moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Maddox, approval of Option 1: 1) Accept the 2020 Leon County Annual Report. The motion carried 7-0.

23. Status Report on the Use of County Parks for Organized Outdoor Sports and Athletic Events During COVID-19

County Administrator Long introduced the item. He stated with high schools and colleges making their announcements related to Fall sports, and some youth leagues conducting sign-ups for Fall sports, and several upcoming cross county events tentatively scheduled at Apalachee Regional Park, this item provides a status report for the Board's consideration regarding the use of the County parks for organized outdoor sports and athletic events during COVID-19.

Public Comment:

**Due to the number of submissions, addresses of the citizens will not be listed. (You may contact the Clerk's Office for a detailed list).*

• Citizen Comments received via online submission:

- Ronald Harrison submitted an online comment in opposition of opening parks to organized athletics.
- The following citizens submitted online comments in support of cross country at County facilities from the following:

Carlos Bailly	Jennifer Kilinski (2)	Dana Springer
Claudia Bailly	Bryan Koon	Jeffrey Springer
John Baughman	Amber Kristian	William Springer
D. Beener	Kaitlyn Kristian	Lillee Tang
Trey Black	Tommy Kristian (2)	To-Ha' Tang
Allen Blay	Tristan LaNasa	Kathan Tang
Doug Butler	Pia Lehtonen	Mikaela Tang
Lindsay Calabro	Lily Moore (3)	Tracy Tang
Hope Carrasquilla	Cecilia Ortiz	Daniel Timiraos
JA Colasanti	Rachel Perrin Rogers	Wyatt Townsend
Richard Davis (2)	Terri Poore	Lisa Unger
Theodore DeVos	Tamara Poucher	Tim Unger
Annabel Diaz	Katrina Reffitt (2)	Wesley White
Raul Fernandez	Jake Rogers	Carmen Williams
Kevin Forsthoefel	Francisco Ruiz	Mark Williams
Tony Guillen	Frankie Ruiz	Brandon Williams
Andy Holmes	Pedro San Juan	David Williams
Denise Howard	John & Angela	Herb Wills
Deneice Howell	Schwenkler	David Yon

- Citizen Comments were received via online submission in support of active recreation at County Parks from the following:

Chet Allen	Russel Bruce	Samantha Oven
Kayse Hammond	Dan Manausa	Charlie Usina
Greysen Rudd	Anne Springer	Mandi Dyal
Molly Assantes	Mary Buchanan	Anna Pawelczyk
Kathy Hedrick	Litzie Martin	Alia Vincent
Jonathan Rudd	Amber Stallings	Eddie Fristoe
Sarah Aulph	Rob Chaney	Kristen Phillips
Stephanie Humphrey	Sam Mast	Robert Vos
Sherry Rudd	Lori Sytsma	Michael Gallagher
Glenn Bedonie	Tanner Collins	Stuart Poage
Lauren Kendall	Michelle May-Knowles	Alesha Waller
Kevin Rudd	Renee Taylor	Elizabeth Garber
Jeff Bedonie	Paul Colombo	Amy Powell
Kristen & Joe Knapp	Betsy McDonald	Kip West
J. Terry Ryan	Dawn Lynn Tentz	Michele Garber
Grace Bigelow	Natalie Colon	Manny Quinones
Wyatt Knowles	Calvin Melton	Donnie Westcott
Jan Scheff	Bob Thomas	Brian Garber
Andrew Branch	Jessica Compton	Benjamin Reams
Chris Kuhn	Cari Miller	James Wilkinson
Sean Shanks	Elizabeth Thorp	Aaron Gerteisen
Stefanie Briscoe	Nancy Copa	Kimberly Reams
Ryan Lawson	James Miller	Carrie Woodson
Danielle Sparkman	Nicole Trafton	Nicole Gerteisen
Ramona Brookins	Jeffrey Del Fuoco	Laura Revis
Mike LePorin	Ian Mott-Smith	Callie Griffin
Jessica Spinosa	Mark Trainor	Kimberly Ritchie

- Commissioner Maddox stated that this is a tough issue and that he would like to open up to organized sports but expressed concerned about keeping the community safe. Commended Pop Warner on their proposed protocol.
- Commissioner Dozier agreed with Commissioner Maddox and expressed concern of crowds of parents/spectators and enforcing a mask mandate. She stated that she could not support cross country events at this point since the positivity rate has gone up in recent weeks.
- Commissioner Jackson agreed with both Commissioners Maddox and Dozier. He stated that the Leon County Public schools have stringent standards in schools and expressed concern with opening up for organized sports.
- Commissioner Lindley stated that opening up to cross country and/or organized sports is inconsistent with the County's efforts towards preventing the spread of COVID-19.
- Commissioner Proctor expressed concern about crowds at organized sports wearing masks and stated that allowing cross country would be waiving the County's policy and asked about the impact to the economic impact.
 - Kerri Post, Director of Tourism, stated that it is a tough issue, but staff has revamped the entire event to make this a safe event. She stated the economic impact is \$5M for the cross-country championship events and recognized that it is a difficult decision.

- Commissioner Minor stated that the downward trend of the test positivity rate and expressed his support and made a motion for Options #1 and #2.
- Commissioner Lindley seconded the motion for discussion.
- Commissioner Maddox expressed that he could not support the motion, although he recognized the importance of youth organized sports and expressed that a decision needs to be made to proceed or not on youth sports, so that it could coincide with the sports seasons. He suggested only bringing the item back for organized your sports, with protocols for each sport.
- Commissioner Dozier stated that there is still a risk with cross country and expressed concern with allowing cross country without allowing the other organized sports
- Chairman Desloge is concerned about making an exception for cross country.
- Commissioner Lindley stated that the cross-country issue needs a decision at this meeting since the event is for October 2nd. She suggested trying this initial event and reevaluate on October 13th meeting. She clarified that the motion only applied to cross country.
- Commissioner Dozier said considering organized youth sports would be going against the guidance provided by administration and staff and presented a friendly amendment to bring back a report on the October 13th meeting about how the race was conducted.
- Commissioner Jackson asked the County Attorney if he had a conflict since he is a principal at a school.
 - County Attorney indicated that she did not think there was a direct conflict, but there may be an appearance of a conflict.
- Commissioner Jackson recused himself from the vote.
- Commissioner Maddox offered a friendly amendment to add Cheer and Dance.
- Commissioner Minor said he would accept the amendment.
- Commissioner Proctor said cross county is willing to be the canary in the mine, but he was not willing to put the children at risk.
- Commissioner Lindley stated that she would not accept Commissioner Maddox's friendly amendment.

Commissioner Minor moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Lindley, approval of Options 1 and 2, as amended to bring back a report on the October 13th meeting about how the cross-country race was conducted. Option 1: Accept the report on Re-opening County Parks for Organized Outdoor Sports and Athletic Events.

Option 2 as amended: Direct staff to modify Phase 2 of the Leon County COVID-19 Response and Reopening Plan to authorize organized cross-country practices and events at County facilities with the following protocols:

- a. Prohibit spectators and nonessential personnel at cross county races*
- b. Require everyone at a cross country race to wear a face cover unless they are actively competing or have a chronic pre-existing or demonstrable medical condition.*
- c. Require everyone to be screened for COVID-19 symptoms, including temperature checks, prior to admission to the designated cross-country race area.*
- d. Require all competitors, coaches, and their essential personnel to test negative for COVID-19 within 72 hours of a cross country race with competitors from outside the four-county region (Leon, Gadsden, Wakulla, and Jefferson Counties).*

Direct staff to prepare a report for the October 13th meeting on how the guidelines were implemented for the October 2nd and 3rd running events.

The motion carried 4-2 (Commissioners Dozier and Maddox in opposition and Commissioner Jackson recused).

24. Update on County Lobbyist Registration Procedures and Request to Schedule the First and Only Public Hearing to Consider Adopting an Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, Article XII of the Code of Laws of Leon County Relating to Lobbying Regulations for October 13, 2020

County Administrator Long introduced this item. He stated this item provides an update on the County's lobbyist registration procedures and requests to schedule a public hearing to consider adopting proposed amendments to Chapter 2, Article XII of the Leon County Code of Laws concerning the County's lobbying regulations.

- Commissioner Minor commended the County Attorney and the staff who put together the item. He shared that he received additional feedback on September 15th and made a motion for Options 1 and 2 with two amendments.

Commissioner Minor moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Lindley, approval of Option 1: Accept update on the County's Lobbyist Registration procedures, and Option 2 as amended: Schedule the first and only public hearing to consider adopting an Ordinance amending Chapter 2, Article XII of the Leon County Code of Laws relating to lobbying regulations and explore the recent feedback that may improve transparency and accountability, for ~~October 13, 2020~~ the earliest feasible future date. The motion carried 7-0.

25. Fifteen-Year Lease Financing for Energy Savings Capital Projects

County Administrator Long introduced this item. He stated this item seeks Board adoption of a Bond Resolution and approval of a 15-year equipment lease/purchase financing agreement for the implementation of cost saving, more energy efficient, building-related capital projects valued at \$16.5 million as authorized by the Board as part of the CFY 2021 Budget Workshop.

- Commissioner Desloge commented that this is a creative way to meet the County's sustainable and financial goals.

Commissioner Lindley moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Maddox, for the approval of Option 1: Adopt the Bond Resolution and approve the Master Tax-Exempt Lease/Purchase Agreement (attached thereto) with US Bancorp Government Leasing and Finance, Inc. for the financing of the ESCO equipment (Attachment #1) and authorize the County Administrator to execute the necessary financing documents, and Option 2: Approve the associated Budget Resolution and Budget Amendment. The motion carried 7-0.

*Commissioner Dozier noted that she was experiencing technical difficulties.

26. Renewal of the Enterprise Agreement for Microsoft Licensing

County Administrator Long introduced this item. He stated this agenda item seeks Board approval to the three-year renewal of the County's Enterprise Agreement for Microsoft licensing.

Commissioner Maddox moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Procter, approval of Option 1: Approve the renewal of the Enterprise Agreement for Microsoft Licensing and authorize the County Administrator to execute a three-year agreement with Software House International for a total amount \$2,040,255. The motion carried 7-0.

27. Renewal of Permitting Software Licenses

County Administrator Long introduced the item. He stated this item seeks Board approval to renew the County's permitting software licenses and authorize the County Administrator to execute a five-year agreement with Carahsoft Technology Corporation in the amount of \$932,516.

- Commissioner Procter asked if the cost covered the 5 years. County Administrator Long confirmed.

Commissioner Maddox moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Jackson, approval of Option 1: Approve the renewal of the Accela permitting software licenses and authorize the County Administrator to execute a five-year agreement with Carahsoft Technology Corporation in the amount of \$932,516 (Attachment # 1). The motion carried 7-0.

28. Full Board Appointments to the Leon County Research and Development Authority Board of Governors

County Administrator Long introduced the item. He stated this item seeks Board approval of appointments to the Leon County Research and Development (LCRDA) Board of Governors as recommended by the LCRDA Nominating Committee.

Commissioner Maddox moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Jackson, approval of Option 1: Appoint three citizens to the Leon County Research and Development Authority Board of Governors, as recommended by the nominating committee, for four-year terms ending September 30, 2024, and approve the associated proposed appointment Resolution.

- a. Reappoint David Ramsay*
- b. Reappoint Sonjoy Goswami*
- c. Appoint Thomas Allen*

The motion carried 7-0.

29. Full Board Appointments to the Advisory Committee for the Quality Growth, the Animal Shelter Advisory Board, the Board of Adjustments & Appeals, and the CareerSource Capital Region Board

County Administrator Long introduced this 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 Animal Shelter Advisory Board, the Board of Adjustments and Appeals, and the CareerSource Capital Region Board.

Commissioner Jackson moved for, duly seconded by Commissioner Desloge, approval of Option # 1: Appoint one citizen, Sean Friend, to Seat #5 on the Advisory Committee for Quality Growth, for the remainder of the three-year term ending May 31, 2023.

The motion carried 7-0.

Commissioner Maddox moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Lindley, for approval of Option #2: Appoint one nominated eligible applicant, Byron Greene, to Seat # 15 on the

Advisory Committee for Quality Growth, for the remainder of three-year term ending May 31, 2023. The motion carried 7-0.

Option #3:

Commissioner Lindley moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Desloge, to approve Option 3: to appoint a citizen, Jessica Lauria, to the Animal Shelter Advisory Board for a three-year term ending in September 30, 2023. The motion carried 7-0.

Commissioner Lindley moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Maddox, to approve Option 3: to appoint Michael Gagliardi, to the Animal Shelter Advisory Board for a three-year term ending in September 30, 2023. The motion carried 7-0.

Commissioner Lindley moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Maddox, to approve Option 3: to appoint a citizen, Jamie Clift Rager, to the Animal Shelter Advisory Board for a three-year term ending in September 30, 2023. The motion carried 7-0.

Commissioner Lindley moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Proctor, to approve Option #4: Appoint John Outland, the current alternate member on the Board of Adjustments & Appeals (BOAA), to the permanent seat on the BOAA for the remainder of the unexpired term ending June 30, 2022. The motion carried 7-0.

Commissioner Dozier moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Lindley, to approve Option #5: Appoint one nominated and recommended eligible applicant, Stephen Copper-Butler, to the CareerSource Capital Region Board for the remainder of the three-year ending June 30, 2023. The motion carried 7-0.

30. Status Update on Virtual County Commission Meetings and Options for Public Participation

County Administrator Long introduced this item. He stated this item provides a status update on public participation at Board meetings and seeks Board consideration to allow real time public participation during future virtual meetings, in addition to the current practice of allowing written comments.

- Citizen Comments were received via online submission in support of live citizen input at virtual meetings from the following:
 - Robert Apgar, 510 Frank Shaw Road
 - Rob Lombardo, 9704 Abbey Road
 - Jeff Blair, 1803 Old Fort Drive
 - Kelly McGrath, 9601 Miccosukee Road
 - Darwin Gamble, 1248 Halifax Court
 - Laura Newton (2), 4541 Pecan Branch
 - Julie Hauserman, 8516 Sun Hawk Lane
 - Mike Rychlik, 9601-68 Miccosukee Road
 - Michelle Joly, 4050 Sunhawk Boulevard
 - Sarah Rychlik, 9601-68 Miccosukee Road
 - Deborah Lawson, 1011 Shalimar Drive
 - Jane Terrell, 9601 Miccosukee Road

Commissioner Maddox motioned for Option 2, seconded by Commissioner Minor.

Commissioner Jackson asked if there were public comments lined up to speak. County Administrator Long stated that they chose not to speak on the agenda items.

Commissioner Dozier confirmed with the County Administrator Long that written comments would continue to be accepted even after virtual meetings are over. She offered a friendly amendment to include a virtual option for public comments once the County resumes in-person Commission meetings. She confirmed with County Administrator Long that either audio and/or video options would be acceptable.

Commissioner Maddox accepted the friendly amendment. Commissioner Dozier noted that some people who could come to the courthouse may opt for the virtual option.

Chairman Desloge noted that the board has received comments on the lack of public participation. Most of the board is familiar with the more traditional in-person manner of public participation. More people seem to participate through the virtual means.

- County Administrator Long inquired whether the board had a preference as to the comments happening over telephone or through video. Commissioner Dozier stated that she mentioned both as she does not know what will be easier for the staff to accommodate.

Commissioner Minor added that the public could use the zoom platform.

Commissioner Procter stated he was not in favor of large amount of people calling in as it can lead to unsolicited messages. He suggested a time limit may be appropriate for the virtual comments on each issue.

- County Administrator Long offered that pre-registration could be an option that would also give the ability to cap the number of callers.

Commissioner Dozier expressed concern about limiting the amount of public comments as it is the main purpose of the board meetings. There is a difference between receiving emails and listening to real-time comments. She shared it was her belief that the public commenters should sign up in advance.

Chairman Desloge stated that the process will be fluid.

Commissioner Maddox moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Minor, for approval of Option 2 as amended: Accept the status report and modify current procedure to allow for real time citizen participation on all agenda items beginning with the September 29, 2020 meeting and while under the Emergency Declaration, to continue the virtual option for public comments once in-person meetings resume. The motion carried 7-0.

Scheduled Public Hearings, 6:00 P.M.

Citizens wishing to provide input for this meeting may submit their comments at Leoncountyfl.gov/PublicComments. In addition, citizens may provide real-time comments during the virtual public hearings for the Tentative Budget and the Non-Ad Valorem Assessments (items #29 through #32) by calling (929) 205-6099 or (301) 715-8592/ Webinar ID: 940 4581 3270

31. First Public Hearing to Consider Adoption of the FY2020/2021 Tentative Millage Rates and Tentative Budgets

County Administrator Long introduced this item. He stated this item requests the Board conduct the first of two virtual public hearings as allowed by Executive Order Number 20-179 and required by Florida Statutes for the adoption of the Leon County FY 2020/2021 tentative budget.

Fiscal Impact: This item has a fiscal impact. If adopted, the Leon County FY 2020/2021 tentative budget is \$280,565,746; which includes the Emergency Medical Services budget of \$23,350,669.

- Commissioner Proctor asked if the School Board will be asking for a tax increase and inquired about the Children's Services Council tax.
 - County Administrator Long stated that he was not aware of an increase request from the School Board and the tax for the Children's Services Council will be on the November ballot per Board direction.

Public Comments:

- None

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Lindley moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Jackson, approval of Options: Option #1: Adopt, via Resolution 20-21, the tentative FY 2020/2021 Countywide millage rate of 8.3144 mills (Attachment #1). The motion carried 7-0.

Commissioner Proctor moved to adopt, duly seconded by Commissioner Lindley Option #2: Adopt, via Resolution 20-22, the tentative FY 2020/2021 Countywide budget (Attachment #2). The motion carried 7-0.

Commissioner Maddox moved to adopt, duly seconded by Commissioner Lindley, Option #3: Adopt, via Resolution 20-23, the tentative FY 2020/2021 Emergency Medical Services MSTU millage rate of 0.5000 mills (Attachment #3). The motion carried 7-0.

Commissioner Proctor reflected on the need for additional fire hydrants in the Pines neighborhood near Oakridge Road.

Commissioner Lindley moves to adopt, duly seconded by Maddox, Option #4: Adopt, via Resolution 20-24, the tentative FY 2020/2021 Emergency Medical Services MSTU budget (Attachment #4). The motion carried 7-0.

Commissioner Proctor stated he would like different methods researched to decrease ambulance costs.

Commissioner Minor moves to adopt, duly seconded by Commissioner Lindley Option #5: Direct staff to advertise, in accordance with Florida Statutes, the tentative millage rates and budgets for FY 2020/2021 and the date, time, and place of the public hearing to adopt the final millage rates and budgets for FY 2020/2021. The motion carried 7-0.

32. First and Only Public Hearing to Approve the Resolution Adopting the Fire Rescue Services Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll and Certification of the Entire Roll to the Tax Collector

County Administrator Long introduced the item. He stated as required by Florida Statutes, this Public Hearing provides for the adoption of an assessment roll for all properties being assessed for the first time, and certification of the entire assessment roll for Fire Rescue Services.

Fiscal Impact: This item has a fiscal impact. The total estimated collection for the unincorporated area of the Fire Rescue Services Assessment is \$8,939,633, of which \$2,969,518 will be placed on property tax bills as an assessment for FY 2021. The remaining amount (\$5,970,145) will be collected by the City of Tallahassee through the City utility bill and quarterly billing.

Citizen Comments received via online submission:

- Doris Lee, 6400 Williams Road, commented in opposition to adding the fee to her tax bill.
- Kenisha Lockhart, 4429 Rivers Landing Drive, commented in opposition to adding the fee to the tax bill.

Commissioner Jackson moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Maddox, approval of Option #1: Conduct the first and only public hearing and approve the proposed Resolution adopting the Fire Rescue Services Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll (Attachment #1) and authorize the certification of the entire Roll to the Tax Collector (Attachment #2). The motion carried 7-0.

33. First and Only Public Hearing to Approve the Resolution Adopting the Solid Waste Disposal Services Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll and Certification of the Entire Roll to Tax Collector

County Administrator Long introduced this item. He stated as required by Florida Statutes, this Public Hearing provides for the adoption of an assessment roll for all properties being assessed for the first time, and certification of the entire assessment roll for Solid Waste Disposal Services.

Fiscal Impact: This item has a fiscal impact. This non-ad valorem special assessment generates revenue in the amount of \$1,585,904 that is contemplated in the proposed FY 2021 budget.

Commissioner Lindley moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Maddox, approval of Option #1: Conduct the first and only public hearing and approve the Resolution adopting the Solid Waste Disposal Services Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll (Attachment #1) and authorize the certification of the entire Roll to the Tax Collector (Attachment #2). The motion carried 7-0.

34. First and Only Public Hearing to Approve the Resolution Adopting the Stormwater Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll and Certification of the Entire Roll to Tax Collector

County Administrator Long introduced this item. He stated as required by Florida Statutes, this Public Hearing provides for the adoption of an assessment roll for all properties being assessed for the first time, and certification of the entire assessment roll for Stormwater.

Fiscal Impact: This item has a fiscal impact. This non-ad valorem special assessment generates revenue in the amount of \$3,690,200 that is contemplated in the proposed FY 2021 budget.

Commissioner Lindley moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Maddox, approval of Option # 1: Conduct the first and only public hearing and approve the Resolution adopting the Stormwater Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll (Attachment # 1) and authorize the certification of the entire Roll to the Tax Collector. The motion carried 7-0.

35. Second and Final Public Hearing on a Development Agreement Between Leon County and Golden Oak Land Group LLC, and Cawthon Family Properties, LLC

County Administrator Long introduced this item. He stated this item requests the Board conduct the second and final required Public Hearing and approve 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 associated with the future development of a 180-acre property located near the intersection of Bannerman and Bull Headley Roads.

He noted this item has no fiscal impact to Leon County Government. Should the Board approve the Development Agreement which includes the donation of property for the widening of Bannerman Road and the establishment of a regional stormwater facility, local taxpayer funds (Blueprint 2020) will be saved on the right-of-way acquisition costs for future public infrastructure projects.

Commissioner Lindley moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Jackson, approval of Option # 1: Conduct the second and final Public Hearing and approve the Development Agreement between Leon County, Golden Oak Land Group, LLC, and Cawthon Family Properties, LLC (Attachment # 1). The motion carried 7-0.

Comments/Discussion Items

County Attorney O'Steen:

- Acknowledged the Clerk and staff for their assistance on the modification of the Code of Ethics. She also acknowledged the County Attorney's Office and the IT team.

County Administrator Long:

- No additional comments.

Commissioner Discussion Items

Commissioner Dozier:

- She reflected on the joint County-City workshop regarding the Welaunee Arch Master Plan Comprehensive Plan Amendments and confirmed with County Administrator Long that staff would provide an overview of the City's previous actions, the workshop agenda and format, as well as what actions each commission will be responsible for voting on. She reflected on the stormwater report and presentation at the upcoming September 17th Blueprint IA meeting. She directed staff to bring an agenda item to look at the stormwater analysis as presented to the Blueprint IA and include stormwater alternatives and new technology for stormwater and the maintenance program.

- *Commissioner Dozier moved, duly seconded by Chairman Desloge to direct staff to bring an agenda item exploring the stormwater analysis report as presented to the Blueprint IA at its September 17th meeting, including alternate and new technology and the current maintenance program. The motion carried 7-0.*
- She asked that the commissioners wear a “pink flair” for the October 13th meeting in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.
- She reflected on the popularity of vehicle protests during pandemic and confirmed with the County Administrator that staff would provide update on how these protests are being accommodated in regard to the need for a permit.

Commissioner Maddox:

- He thanked staff for their support and condolences after the passing of his father.
- Acknowledged how excited he was to be meeting again.

Commissioner Proctor:

- Commended FSU as they were ranked in the top 20 public universities and that FAMU was ranked the top public historically black college and university by U.S. News & World Report.
 - *Commissioner Proctor moved, duly seconded by Chairman Desloge to authorize the Chairman to send letters to FSU and FAMU on behalf of the Board acknowledging their recent rankings by U.S. News & World Report. The motion carried 7-0.*
- Announced that a farm share food distribution event will be held at the fairgrounds on Saturday, September 19th.

Commissioner Lindley:

- She was impressed with the participation regarding the Welaunee Arch amendments to the Comprehensive Plan. Additionally, she enjoys the Parks and Greenways ideas. *Commissioner Lindley moved to change the Oct. 13th meeting to a workshop to discuss the propositions. Commissioner Minor seconded the motion.*
- Commissioner Dozier wanted to pause the discussion as she had additional questions.
- Commissioner Minor wanted to encourage public input on the suggested workshop.
- Commissioner Dozier believes the issue is complex. She noted that the board does not need to act. She seeks clarity as to what the goal is for the amendments. She would like more than one workshop scheduled to discuss the Master Plan.
 - County Administrator Long stated that the amendments have already gone through the processes, such as public comments and notices. They are at the final step of going through a final adoption meeting. The city chose not to introduce their ordinances. The board still had the ability to adopt. They will have the ability to hear from staff and public comments.
 - Commissioner Desloge would like to adopt the Welaunee Arch amendments.
 - Commissioner Jackson asked if Commissioner Lindley’s motion received a second. He stated he was pleased with the changes and endorses her motion.
 - Commissioner Lindley stated she had an addition to her motion. She would like to convert the October 13th meeting into a workshop and schedule an adoption hearing on November 10th.
 - Commissioner Minor stated the reason he was supporting the workshop was to look into different categories of the Master Plan, including diversity of housing, transportation, greenways, etc. He asked that they find the balance as some parts of the plan were too simple, and some parts were too complex.
 - *Commissioner Proctor moved to call the question. Commissioner Maddox seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-1. (Commissioner Dozier in opposition).*

- *Commissioner Lindley moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Minor to delay the adoption public hearing on the Welaunee Arch Master Plan Comprehensive Plan amendments scheduled for October 13th and instead hold a joint County/City workshop at 6 p.m. The motion carried 5-2. (Commissioners Dozier and Minor in opposition).*
- *Commissioner Dozier made a substitute motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Proctor to direct staff to bring an agenda item to the Board on September 29th outlining the structure of the October 13th meeting, and the County and City roles. The motion failed 3-4. (Commissioners Desloge, Jackson, Maddox and Lindley in opposition).*
- Commissioner Minor wanted more information as to how the workshop would be structured and how the previous topics he mentioned would be included.
- Commissioner Proctor commented on the due process how everything is in the City's hands.
- *Commissioner Lindley moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Maddox to hold the joint adoption hearing on the Welaunee Arch Master Plan Comprehensive Plan amendments on November 10th. The motion carried 5-2. (Commissioners Dozier and Minor in opposition).*

Commissioner Jackson:

- He thanked colleagues for their concern and their messages during and after their personal COVID-19 experiences. He discussed the 40% increase of positive cases between the ages of 18-24 and mentioned effected communities.
- He announced a new website for the Fort Braden Community: FBCommunity.org
- He requested a proclamation recognizing October as Breast Cancer awareness month.

Vice-Chairman Minor:

- Questioned if the vote changing the Welaunee public hearing was valid.
 - County Attorney O'Steen specified that policy action during the Discussion Items by Commissioner portion of the meeting have to be a unanimous vote, but this Board action was governed by a different provision of the Policy which states that the Commission may direct the scheduling of a matter that requires a public hearing by a majority vote. The previous vote was valid.
- Stated that the City directed staff to request a 6-month extension from the State for the adoption of the Welaunee Amendment.
 - *Commissioner Minor moved to join the City in their request for an extension from the State.*
 - County Attorney O'Steen clarified that Statutes states the second public hearing must be held within 180 days after receipt of Agency comments, but it is unclear on who requests the extension and who must agree to the extension.
 - *Commissioner Minor withdrew his motion, with the understanding that the County has the option to request the extension later if needed.*
 - County Administrator Long stated that staff would provide thorough analysis for the October 13th Welaunee workshop.

Chairman Desloge:

- He requested a proclamation recognizing October as Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) awareness month.
- He asked that an agenda item be created for guidelines on policy debates on social media regarding Sunshine law and public records law.

- *Commissioner Dozier moved, duly seconded by Chairman Desloge to direct staff to bring back an agenda item providing guidelines for policy debates on social media in regard to the Sunshine law and public records law. The motion carried 7-0.*
- Commissioner Dozier commented on the Sunshine laws concerning social media and stated an update would be helpful.

Receipt and File:

- Capital Region Community Development District Meeting Minutes for June 11, 2020

Adjourn:

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTEST:



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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bryan Desloge".

BY: _____
Bryan Desloge, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners