

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA
REGULAR MEETING
September 29, 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. He shared this meeting was held via video conference and was held utilizing communications media technology pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order 20-69, Emergency Management due to COVID-19 for Local Government Public Meetings.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Invocation was provided by Chairman Bryan Desloge followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. He then proceeded with a roll call.

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 the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Pandemic**
 - County Administrator Long provided an overview of the County's COVID-19 mitigation efforts. He reported that the county has been testing 12,000 people a day. There are reports of 1,000 deaths a day in the country due to the Coronavirus. There is adequate space in hospitals in case a second wave does hit.
 - Claudia Blackburn, Health Officer for the Florida Department of Health in Leon County, reported that Leon County cases have been increasing at a rate that is two times more than the state rate. For the past two weeks, 51% of the cases have been reported from the 18-24 age range. Leon County did not see a change in the spread of the virus regarding the K-12 age group. Testing continues to be robust. COVID related visits to the ER have been decreasing. She shared that 32304 has the highest case rate in the County and 32310 is second highest then 32308 has the third highest rate. She stated that the recommendation for Halloween is for short events, outdoors with 10 or less people with social distancing, and for hand washing.
 - Commissioner Dozier asked if the guidance from the Florida Department of Health and CDC has changed, and includes the recommendation to wear masks, social distancing and hand washing.
 - Mrs. Blackburn stated that nothing has changed regarding masks and social distancing. She reported masks have shown to help with the severity of the disease. She also confirmed that everyone should get their flu shot by the end of the October.
 - Commissioner Proctor confirmed with Claudia Blackburn that positive cases on college campuses are reflected in the data for Leon County.

- Commissioner Jackson stated that it was important to report that 32304 and 32310 are among those areas with a high number of economically disadvantaged people and many are essential workers. The virus is disproportionately attacking this population. He noted that 1 out of 2 students coming from these areas lives under the poverty line.
- Commissioner Lindley confirmed with County Attorney O'Steen that the County's mask Ordinance fines and fees are suspended by the Governor's recent order.
 - County Administrator Long stated that the County is on a downward trend, but this is following a peak in positive cases.
 - Chairman Desloge confirmed with the County Administrator that staff would look into providing citizen comments before the item presented for the next meeting. Additionally, he thanked Mrs. Blackburn and county staff who have been working hard during this pandemic.
 - Claudia Blackburn reminded everyone to wear their masks properly.
 - Commissioner Dozier asked for clarification on when public comments will be heard. Commissioner Desloge clarified that the public comments on non-agendaed items will be heard before Consent and General Business.
 - County Administrator Long clarified that there is one person who is registered to speak on Item 24.
 - Commissioner Maddox asked the chairman to consider allowing public comments to be 3 minutes per item rather than 3 minutes in total.
 - Chairman Desloge asked if it would be possible to allow 3 minutes per item during this meeting or the next meeting.
 - Commissioner Maddox reflected on the possibility of allowing citizens more than 3 minutes if speaking on multiple items. He motioned to move item #24 to first on general business.

Commissioner Maddox moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Dozier, to adjust the September 29th agenda to move agenda item #24 to the first item on general business. The motion carried 7-0.

VIRTUAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following Citizens provided virtual comments:

- Danielle Irwin, 3185 Ferns Way Drive, spoke in support of item 11, the proposed fertilizer ordinance, to become aligned with the city and state ordinances. She asked that the County work with the City to self-regulate in public spaces.
- Jody Walthall, 2239 Ellicott Drive, representing the local Audubon Society, spoke in support of item 11 and encouraged a stronger fertilizer ordinance with more protection than the proposed ordinance.
- Max Epstein, 1001 San Luis Road, spoke in support of item 11, the County being respectful in handling the possible graveyard in the Miccosukee Greenway and also in support of a stronger fertilizer ordinance. He believed that the county should be looking into preserving cultural and environmental sites. He requested that the Leon County ordinance mirrors those in Indian River and Alachua counties.
- Adriene Wright, Ph.D., President and CEO of Abelita Consulting LLC, spoke in support of item 13, OEV's expansion of support to certified firms for the Leon Cares funding.

- Christy Halt, to speak on item 13 was no longer on the call.
- Katrina Tuggerson, Capital City Chamber of Commerce, spoke in support of item 13, the expansion for the CARES funding.
- Dianne Williams-Cox, City of Tallahassee Commissioner, spoke in support of item 15, celebrating May 20th Emancipation Day and hoped that the State of Florida would adopt it as a statewide holiday as well as the County.

Non-Agendaed Item Public Comments:

- Alesha Waller, 8107 Freedom Road, on a Non-Agendaed Item, spoke in support of the Governor’s opening up to Phase 3.
- Susan McLeod, 801 Chestwood Avenue, on a Non-Agendaed Item, spoke in support of a resolution for a free and fair national election and not recognize any government.
- Whitfield Leland III, to speak on a non-agendaed item was no longer on the call.
- Sierra Bush Rester, spoke on a non-agendaed Item, Item 11, Item 20 and Item 24, spoke in support of public comment and for 3 minutes for each item; in support of Juneteenth; in support of the proposed fertilizer ordinance; in opposition to entering into Phase 3.
- Chelsea Rimert, 176 Parkbrook Circle, spoke on a Non-Agendaed Item and Item 15 and 24, spoke in support of Item 15 Option 2, for a County resolution for Juneteenth as a national holiday; commented on Item 24 not given enough notice. She commented in support of public comment.
- Jon Rimert, 176 Parkbrook Circle, spoke on a Non-Agendaed Item, Item 15 and 24. He commented in support of public comment time. He supported staying in Phase 2. Spoke in support of Option 2 for a County resolution for Juneteenth. He also commented and supported the wearing of masks.

CONSENT

Commissioner Maddox moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Proctor, to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of items 2 and 11. The motion carried 7-0.

1. Payment of Bills and Vouchers

The Board approved Option 1: Approve the payment of bills and vouchers submitted for September 29, 2020 and pre-approve the payment of bills and vouchers for the period of September 30, 2020 through October 12, 2020.

2. PULLED - Proposed Public Notice 2021 Tentative Board Meeting Schedule and Proposed 2021 Board Travel

3. Resolution in Support for the Florida Legislature’s Expansion of Medicaid Eligibility

The Board approved Option 1: Adopt the Resolution of support for Medicaid expansion in Florida.

Written public comment submitted:

- *Richard Polangin, 1300 North Duval Street, spoke in support of the resolution.*

4. Request to Schedule the First and Only Public Hearing to Consider a Seventh Amendment to the Southwood Development of Regional Impact Integrated Development Order for December 8, 2020

The Board approved Option 1: Schedule the first and only Public Hearing to consider a seventh amendment to the Southwood Development Order for December 8, 2020.

5. Renewal of the Tallahassee Fire Department Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

The Board approved Option 1: Approve the renewal of the Advanced Life Support Non-Transport Certificate of Public Necessity issued to the Tallahassee Fire Department

6. Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act Award for Fiscal Year 2020 from the State of Florida Division of Elections

The Board approved Options 1 -2: option Accept and authorize the Leon County Supervisor of Elections to recognize and spend its FY 2020 Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act award in the amount of \$315,771, plus 20% matching funds, within the requirements of the Memorandum of Agreement. Option 2: Approve the Resolution and associated Budget Amendment Request.

7. Florida Housing Finance Corporation Coronavirus Relief Funding Agreement Amendment

The Board approved Options 1 -2: Option 1: Approve the amendment to the CRF Funding Agreement with the Florida Housing Finance Corporation and authorize the County Administrator to execute. Option 2: Approve the Resolution and associated Budget Amendment Request realizing \$170,521 of additional funding from the Florida Housing Finance Corporation.

8. Joint Project Agreement with the City of Tallahassee for Utility Upgrades for the Magnolia Drive Phase 4 Trail project from South Monroe Street to South Meridian Road

The Board approved Option 1: Approve the Joint Project Agreement with the City of Tallahassee for water and wastewater infrastructure relocation or installation in the Magnolia Drive Trail Phase 4 project area and authorize the County Administrator to execute.

9. Interlocal Agreement with the City of Tallahassee for the Woodville Sewer System Project

The Board approved Option 1: Approve the Interlocal Agreement between Leon County and the City of Tallahassee for the Provision of Water and Sewer Service to Woodville Rural Community and authorize the County Administrator to execute.

10. Centers for Disease Control Hurricane Relief Crisis Mosquito Control Grant

The Board approved Options 1-2: Option 1: Accept the Center for Disease Control and Prevention grant in the amount of \$15,000 and authorize the County Administrator to execute any grant documents subject to legal review by the County Attorney. Option 2: Approve the Resolution and associated Budget Amendment Request.

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

- 11. PULLED - Status Report on Leon County's Fertilizer Ordinance**
- 12. Status Report on Potential Unmarked Cemetery within the Miccosukee Greenway**
The Board approved Option 1: Accept the Status Report regarding a potential unmarked cemetery within Miccosukee Greenway.

CONSENT ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

2: Proposed Public Notice 2021 Tentative Board Meeting Schedule and Proposed 2021 Board Travel Schedule

The following Citizen Comment was received via online submission:

- Steven Bohl, 5979 Thornton Lane, submitted an online comment in opposition to increasing homeowners' taxes.

This item was pulled from Consent Agenda by Commissioner Minor.

- Commissioner Minor shared he could not support Option #1.
- Commissioner Dozier voiced that she could not support Option #1.

Commissioner Proctor moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Jackson, The Board approved Options 1 -2: Option 1: Adopt the proposed Leon County Board of County Commissioners' Public Notice 2021 Tentative Board Meeting Schedule. Option 2: Approve the proposed Board of County Commissioners' 2021 Travel Schedule and authorize Commissioners' travel to the scheduled events. The motion carried 5-2. (Commissioners Minor and Dozier in opposition).

Commissioner Minor made a motion to allow public comment at workshops.

- Commissioner Maddox clarified with Commissioner Minor that the intent is to allow public input for the workshop item and non-agendaed items.
- County Administrator Long explained that workshops provide the Board the opportunity for discussion without the expectation that a vote would be taken, and that the public input is taken when the ratification item of the actions taken at the workshop is presented at a regular Board meeting.
- Commissioner Minor stated that, since there are fewer meetings scheduled for 2021, it was his hope that allowing public comments at workshops would allow more opportunities for public input.
- Chairman Desloge confirmed with County Administrator that there is only a reduction of one regular meeting from the previous year and, if additional Commission meetings are necessary, another meeting would be scheduled on the 4th Tuesday of the month in addition to or in place of a workshop.

Commissioner Minor moved, seconded by Commissioner Dozier directed staff to bring back an

agenda item exploring the option to allow for public comment at future workshops. The motion carried 7-0.

11. Status Report on Leon County's Fertilizer Ordinance

The following Citizen Comments were received via online submission:

- Max Epstein, 1001 San Luis Road, submitted an online comment in support of updating the Ordinance.
- Peter Kleinhenz, 1709 Verina Court, submitted an online comment in support of regulating the use of fertilizers.

Other citizens to speak were recognized in public comment.

Commissioner Dozier requested this item be pulled from the consent agenda. She stated her support for updating the ordinance and expressed that additional public comment and more discussion is needed.

- County Administrator confirmed that the item will be brought back as a general business item.

Commissioner Dozier moved, seconded by Commissioner Lindley to approve Option #1 as amended: Accept the Status Report on Leon County's Fertilizer Ordinance and direct staff to draft changes to update the Ordinance in accordance with the State Model Ordinance and direct staff to bring back an agenda item that provides information from Indian River and Alachua County ordinances and includes comments from the County's Water Resources Committee and Science Advisory Committee. The motion passed 7-0.

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.*

- Allen Blay, 6253 Buck Run Circle, submitted an online comment in support of allowing parents to attend high school cross country events since the participants are minors and in opposition to the mandatory COVID testing for the events.
- Ruth Chase, 9540 Oak Hollow, submitted an online comment support of the Board adopting a resolution that will not consent to any government formed by those who organize and execute a coup of our free and fair national elections.
- Matthew Hays, 2133 Foshalee Drive, submitted an online comment in opposition to the maskmandate.
- Michelle & David Logsdon, 5674 Tea Rose Trail, submitted an online comment in support of opening baseball fields to youth sports.
- Susan McLeod, 801 Chestwood Avenue, submitted an online comment in support of the Board adopting a resolution supporting free and fair national elections and rejecting any attempt to negate the valid results.
- Maribel Parzych, 233 Chapel Drive, submitted an online comment in support of opening Leon County School's athletic fields and facilities
- Elizabeth Walker, 1903 6700 Visalia Place, submitted an online comment in support of allowing parents to attend cross county events and in opposition for COVID testing prior to the meets.

GENERAL BUSINESS

24. ADD-ON Status Report and Recommendations on the *Leon County COVID-19 Response and Re-opening Plan*

The following Citizen Comments were received via online submission:

- Paul Arons, 1706 Beechwood Circle North, submitted an online comment in support of Option #1, maintaining Phase 2 of the Leon County COVID-19 Response & Reopening Plan.
- Jocelyne Fliger, 912 Chestwood Avenue, submitted an online comment in support of the mask mandate to protect seniors and those who are immunocompromised.
- Sheryl Grossman, 2288 Hampshire Way, submitted an online comment in support of the mask ordinance.
- Stephanie Henningsen, 408 Meridian Ride, submitted an online comment in support of ending the mask mandate.
- Deneice Howell, Saw Palmetto Lane, submitted an online comment in support of allowing parents to attend cross country events and removing the testing requirements for participation.
- Tara Huls, 2555 Eddie Road, submitted an online comment in support of keeping the mask ordinance in place.
- Jeanne Lebow, 1918 Wahalaw Court, submitted an online comment in support of the mask ordinance.
- Christine Lucas, 3325 Vassar Court, submitted an online comment in support of the mask ordinance.
- Michelle May-Knowles, 1237 Sandler Ridge Road, submitted an online comment in support of opening the County ballfields to youth baseball.
- Sarah Mueller, 3515 Daylilly Lane, submitted an online comment in support of the mask ordinance.
- Sine Murray, 2015 Seminole Drive, submitted an online comment in support of keeping the mask ordinance in place.
- Terri Poore, 715 Red Fern Road, submitted an online comment in support of keeping the mask ordinance in place.
- Chelsea Rimert, 176 Parkbrook Circle, submitted an online comment in support of remaining in Phase 2 and following CDC recommendations.
- Barbara Ross, 1806 Tamiami Drive, submitted an online comment in support of keeping the mask ordinance in place until there is a vaccine.
- Mandy Rozier, 1126 Miccosukee Road, submitted an online comment in support of the mask mandate.
- Ron Saff, 2300 Centerville Road, submitted an online comment in support of the mask mandates in lieu of the New York Times listing Tallahassee as a COVID-19 hot spot.
- Tracy Warrington, 2276 Tuscavilla Road, submitted an online comment in support of the mask ordinance.
- Kenneth Williams, 2532 Opal Court, submitted an online comment in support of supplemental funding for the Leon CARES program.
- Ken Winker, 1791 Cassatt Drive, submitted an online comment in support of the mask mandate, limited indoor restaurant seating and restrictions on large gatherings.

- County Administrator Long provided an overview of the County’s status regarding the gating criteria. He recommended no changes to the County’s operations, programs, and services at this time and that County business restrictions be consistent with that of the State.
- Chairman Desloge explained that the County did not get the Governor’s executive order until late Friday and County staff worked the weekend putting the agenda item together. He stated his support of the mask mandate, spectators for cross country events, and opening County facilities for fall sports. He stated that the City has opened its fields and expressed his support of the County doing the same.
- **Commissioner Proctor made a motion to keep the mask mandate and to stay in Phase 2 (Option #2). Commissioner Minor seconded.**
- Commissioner Dozier expressed the need for a broader discussion of Phase 2 and Phase 3. She confirmed that a special meeting would be called for, if needed, when the County meets the gating threshold. She reflected on the need to clarify the gating criteria and stated her support of youth sports with specific guidelines.
 - County Administrator Long confirmed that, if the County meets the gating criteria, an agenda item would be brought back to the Board.
- Commissioner Maddox stated his support of reopening youth sports. **He made a substitute motion for Option #2 amended to include permitting youth sports with approved mitigation plans submitted by the leagues.**
- Commissioner Minor confirmed with County Attorney that fines could not be issued for violations of the mask ordinance while the Governor’s Executive Order is in effect.
- Commissioner Jackson discussed support for permitting fall sports and stated that children in unincorporated Leon County should have the same opportunities as the children living in the City limits since the City has opened its facilities.
- Commissioner Lindley stated that she could not support the substitute motion.
- Commissioner Maddox clarified that his substitute motion would only permit local leagues to utilize Countyfields.
- Commissioner Dozier reflected that there has not been a spike in cases among school aged children since schools reopened and credited Leon County Schools’ protocols. She stated that the leagues should be enforcing their established guidelines and reflected on the possibility of establishing penalties and perhaps an agreement with the County’s partners is in order.
 - County Administrator Long confirmed that County staff would assist with facility changes that support social distancing. He stated that noncompliance with an agreement may be an issue and deferred to the County Attorney.
- Commissioner Maddox discussed the possibility of conducting random compliance checks with consequences for violations.
 - County Attorney O’Steen explained that there are many enforcement issues including determining who shuts down the league and/or team,

should there be noncompliance with the guidelines.

- Commissioner Dozier reflected on allowing Little League and Pop Warner to open registration for fall sports while the County works on the compliance options. She stated her support of the motion if the guidelines are in place.
- Commissioner Desloge reflected on the need to open playgrounds, too.
 - County Administrator Long noted that the playgrounds are a complement to the fields and suggested that that they also be opened for consistency.
- Commissioner Minor stated his support of the substitute motion.
- Commissioner Proctor stated that he could not support the motion based on science, and CDC guidance. He expressed concern regarding possible consequences of resuming fall sports.

Commissioner Maddox moved, seconded by Commissioner Desloge to approve Option #2, as amended, to direct the County Administrator to revise Phase 2 of the Leon County COVID-19 Response and Re-opening Plan for county operations, programs, and services, to allow fall youth sports and playgrounds to reopen and require leagues to submit mitigation plans, and direct the County Attorney to execute agreements with the leagues whereby the leagues agree to the responsibilities to include penalties, and delegate to the County Administrator the ability to enforce the agreements and provide updates to the Board.

The motion passed 5-2 with Commissioners Proctor and Lindley opposed

- Commissioner Dozier reflected on the availability for rapid testing for cross country participation through the County's partners and stated her support of testing. She reflected on allowing one parent per student as a spectator.
- Commissioner Jackson stated that Leon County Schools has committed to not competing out of the County. He stated that there are several testing facilities in Leon County that could assist with the testing. He confirmed with the County Attorney that the School Board leases Gene Cox stadium from the County and is responsible for determining whether events like the FHSAA Football Championship can be held at the facility.
- Commissioner Maddox made a motion to ask for screenings instead of testing for athletes and allowing spectators at local events at ARP. Seconded by Commissioner Desloge.
- Commissioner Jackson noted that screenings would be for temperatures of 100 degrees.
 - County Administrator Long confirmed that currently testing is only for the large statewide or major events, not for local events, and spectators are not allowed at either.
- Commissioner Dozier stated her opposition to removing testing for large, statewide events as it would affect the entire community.

Commissioner Maddox moved, seconded by Commissioner Desloge to modify the COVID-19 safety requirements for local cross-country events at County facilities to allow one

parent spectator per participant, subject to a health screening including a body temperature of less than 100 degrees Fahrenheit.

The motion passed 7-0

Commissioner Maddox moved, seconded by Commissioner Desloge to modify the COVID-19 safety requirements for statewide cross-country events at Apalachee Regional Park by eliminating the negative COVID-19 test requirement and allowing one parent spectator per participant, subject to a health screening including a body temperature of less than 100 degrees Fahrenheit.

The motion passed 5-2 with Minor and Dozier opposed

GENERAL BUSINESS

13. Status Update and Recommended Enhancements to the Leon CARES Expenditure Plan

County Administrator Long introduced this item. He stated this item provides a status update on the Leon CARES expenditure plan approved by the Board at the July 14 meeting and presents recommended enhancements to the Leon CARES Individual Assistance and Small Business Assistance programs as well as additional modifications the Board may wish to consider. These recommended enhancements and additional considerations are intended to further streamline these programs, simplify the application process, and expedite funding assistance to meet the community's greatest needs resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

- Commissioner Minor confirmed with County Administrator Long that individuals who have already been approved for Leon CARES would not have to reapply but would just need to prove an additional need. He also confirmed that businesses that have already applied would automatically receive any difference in award amounts. Commissioner Minor made a motion for Options 1-3.
- Commissioner Lindley stated her support of the motion and offered a friendly amendment to add Option #4.
- Commissioner Minor accepted the amendment and added that the recipient must agree to use the dollars for rent/mortgage or utilities.
- County Attorney O'Steen confirmed that the County could add conditions to the receipt of the funds.
- Commissioner Maddox offered a friendly amendment to allow all individual assistance to be used for childcare and healthcare costs. He asked if new guidance had come out on microloans and reflected on reserving some funds for micro loans.
- Commissioner Minor accepted the amendment.
- County Administrator Long explained that the County has partnered with Early Learning Coalition to offer childcare assistance, and the Board could increase that funding. He stated that he was not aware of any changes regarding microloans but would look into the matter.

- Commissioner Maddox withdrew his amendment.
- Chairman Desloge stated his support of Option #4 with the parameters in the motion.
- Commissioner Dozier asked about assistance for childcare costs outside of the Early learning program, and if the program with the Early Learning Coalition could be expanded.
 - County Administrator Long confirmed that the County will reach out to the County's partners to see if a need exists for expanding the program and, should programs be expanded or added, staff will keep the Board apprised.
- Commissioner Dozier stated that nonprofits employ a large number of local residents. She reflected on expanding the small business assistance to include nonprofits (not human services providers) to include the exceptions from the LEAN program. She proposed a friendly amendment to the motion.
- Commissioner Proctor reflected on including elder care and micro loans.
 - County Administrator Long indicated that Ernst & Young has advised that the micro loan is not a good idea and that the health care reimbursement would need to be explored.
- Commissioner Lindley stated her opposition to adding a recipient agreement and possible audit to Option #4.
 - Commissioner Jackson said adding micro loans would minimize the impact on the hardest hit businesses and individuals.

Commissioner Minor moved, seconded by Commissioner Proctor to approve Options #1-#4 including amending the Leon CARES Small Business Assistance program to allow open eligibility to 501(c)(3) non-profits as stipulated in the LEAN program and amending the Individual Assistance program to require recipients agree to use the dollars for rent/ mortgage, utilities or health care, and include that the recipient could be audited.

- Commissioner Maddox stated his support of adding the nonprofits to the small business assistance program. He recused himself from the vote on Option #2 due to the appearance of a conflict, and made a substitute motion for Options #1, #3 & #4. Commissioner Proctor seconded the motion.
- Commissioner Proctor stated his support of increasing the MWSBE supplement to \$20,000 and adding elder care.
- Commissioner Dozier stated her support of the substitute motion.
- Commissioner Minor stated that the County would have no control of the funds if Option #4 is approved in the substitute motion. He stated his support of the original motion.
- Commissioner Lindley stated her support of the substitute motion.

*Commissioner Maddox moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Proctor to approve:
Option #1: Approve the following enhancements to the Leon CARES Individual Assistance program:*

- a) *Increase the income threshold from 80% of AMI to 120% of AMI to reach additional households.*

b) Increase the maximum award per from \$3,000 to \$5,000 per household.

Option #3: Authorize the County Administrator to reallocate funding between all programs and the Reserve/Replenishment Account as needed to maximize the use and impact of the County's allocation of CARES Act funding.

Option #4: Authorize direct payments to applicants in place of the current practice of providing payment to applicants' landlord, mortgage holder, and/or utility provider in the Individual Assistance program

The motion carried 7-0.

- Commissioner Dozier motioned for Option #2 amended to include 501(c)(3) non-profits with the same eligibility criteria as in the Blueprint LEAN grant program.
- Commissioner Dozier moved, seconded by Commissioner Minor to approve Option #2 including amending the Leon CARES Small Business Assistance program to allow open eligibility to 501(c)(3) nonprofits as stipulated in the LEAN program.
- Commissioner Proctor offered a friendly amendment to change the MWSBE award amount to \$20,000.
 - Commissioner Dozier stated she was not in favor of accepting the amendment and suggested an agenda item to explore increasing the amount for the next meeting. She reflected on the possible increase in other categories like Rebounding Business.
 - County Administrator Long stated that now is the optimal time for the Board to make those changes to the Supplemental Awards, as delaying the decision would delay the changes to implement the new guidelines for all the programs.

Commissioner Proctor moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Lindley to approve Option #2 as amended: Approve the following enhancements to the Leon CARES Small Business Assistance program:

a. Increase the base award and supplemental award amounts as follows:

Baseline Awards:	1-10 employees: \$5,000
	11-24 employees: \$7,500
	25-49 employees: \$10,000
	50-100 employees: \$12,500
Supplemental Awards:	"Hardest Hit" Businesses: \$10,000-\$20,000
	MWSBE Businesses: \$10,000 \$20,000
	"Rebounding" Businesses: \$5,000

b. Expand eligibility for the "Hardest Hit" supplemental award to include businesses in NAICS Industry Code 71 (Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation).

- c. *Reduce documentation requirements for very small businesses meeting the “Hardest Hit” criteria.*
- d. *Expand allowable documentation for all other businesses to demonstrate COVID-19-related financial impacts.*
- e. *Open eligibility to non-profits 501(c)(3)’s as stipulated in the Blueprint LEAN program*

The motion carried 6-0. (Commissioner Maddox recused from the vote).

14. Report and Legal Analysis regarding COVID-19 Mitigation Measures

County Attorney O’Steen introduced this item. She stated that this item provides a brief overview of various COVID-19 mitigation measures and legal analysis that may be useful to the Board as it explores options to improve community-wide compliance with the County’s face covering emergency ordinance and options for enforcing social distancing and mask requirements at large gathering.

The following citizen comments were received via online submission:

- Olivia Cooper, 821 Lake Ridge Drive, commented in support of lifting the mask mandate.
- Stephanie Pohler, 6064 Thackeray Lane, commented in opposition of extending the mask ordinance.
- Rahangdale, 3827 East Millers Bridge Road, commented in support of keeping the mask mandate in place.

Commissioner Dozier thanked the County Attorney for this item. She commended FSU and FAMU for enhancing their COVID-19 guidelines and enforcement.

Chairman Desloge clarified he was not in support of mandating wearing masks outside.

Commissioner Lindley moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Maddox, approval of Option 1: Accept the report and legal analysis regarding COVID-19 mitigation measures. The motion carried 7-0.

15. Proposed Revisions to Policy No. 03-16, “Holidays” to include Juneteenth as a Paid Holiday for Leon County Government Employees

County Administrator Long introduced this item. He stated this item requests the Board conduct the first and only public hearing to consider an Ordinance and enabling Resolution adding a County Commissioner to the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (“AHAC”), as required by newly adopted state legislation and approval of the associated revisions to Board policy. This item also seeks the full Board appointment of one Commissioner to serve on the AHAC. The following Citizen Comments were received via online submission:

- Anne Gilliam, 1248 Walden Road, submitted an online comment in opposition of adding Juneteenth as a County holiday and in support of celebrating May 20th as Emancipation Day in Florida
- Claude Kenneson, 1323 North Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, submitted an online comment in opposition of adding Juneteenth as a County holiday and in support of celebrating May 20th as Emancipation Day in Florida.
- Sandeep Rahangdale, 3827 East Millers Bridge Road, submitted an online

comment in opposition of adding Juneteenth as a County holiday due to the reduction of workforce.

- Chelsea Rimert, 176 Parkbrook Circle, submitted an online comment in support of a Board resolution in support of legislation to establish Juneteenth as a state and/or national holiday.
- Kathleen Spehar, 2124 Dozier Drive, Executive Director of the Council on Culture & Arts (COCA), submitted an online comment in support of shifting the focus to May 20th Emancipation Day.

- Commissioner Proctor offered a motion to recognize May 20th as Emancipation Day.
- Commissioner Lindley stated her support of recognizing May 20th and confirmed with the County Administrator that the item could be addressed at the upcoming Legislative Priorities Workshop.
- Commissioner Dozier confirmed with the County Administrator that staff would revisit the issue next year on how to commemorate the holiday.
- Commissioner Minor stated his support for the motion. He commended Mrs. Althemese Barnes of the Riley Museum for her contribution and enlightenment on May 20th.
- Commissioner Maddox offered a friendly amendment to the motion to include a resolution to recognize May 20th as a State holiday and a resolution in support of Juneteenth as a federal holiday.
- Chairman Desloge reflected on the need for further discussion should the State declare Juneteenth a holiday.

Commissioner Proctor moved, seconded by Commissioner Lindley to approve Option #1 as amended: Adopt the proposed revisions to Leon County Policy No. 02-10, "Holidays" to establish ~~Juneteenth (June 19th)~~ May 20th (Emancipation Day) as a paid holiday for Leon County Government employees; and Option #2: Direct the County Administrator to prepare a Resolution in support of legislation to establish ~~Juneteenth~~ May 20th, Emancipation Day as a state ~~and/or national~~ holiday and Juneteenth as a federal holiday. The motion carried 7-0.

16. Springs Restoration Grant Amendments for Construction of the Northeast Lake Munson and Woodville Sewer System Projects

County Administrator Long introduced this item. This item seeks Board approval to modify the existing Florida Department of Environmental Protection Springs Restoration Grant Agreements to accept additional State funds for the construction of the Northeast Lake Munson Sewer System Project and Phase IA of the Woodville Sewer System Project.

Commissioner Dozier commented on the item as related to funding and monitoring spending. She commented on water quality at Lake Munson and signage at the lake. She requested an update.

Commissioner Proctor recalled the history of this project. He stated that he has been an advocate for this project for a long time.

Commissioner Jackson concurred with Commissioner Proctor.

Commissioner Proctor moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Jackson, to approve Options 1-4:

Option 1: Approve the Florida Department of Environmental Protection Springs Restoration Grant Amendment for construction of the Northeast Lake Munson Sewer System Project and authorize the County Administrator to execute the grant amendment;

Option 2: Approve the Florida Department of Environmental Protection Springs Restoration Grant Amendment for construction of Phase 1A of the Woodville Sewer System Project and authorize the County Administrator to execute the grant amendment.

Option 3: Approve the Resolution and associated Budget Amendment Request; and

Option 4: Authorize the County Administrator to procure a line-of-credit at the appropriate time for current and future Septic to Sewer grants to supplement Blueprint Water Quality funds.

The motion carried 7-0.

17. Bid Award for the Leon County Detention Center Exterior Stair Renovation

County Administrator Long introduced this item. He stated this item seeks Board approval to award the bid for the Leon County Detention Center exterior stair renovations to Southland Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$337,008.

Commissioner Lindley moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Dozier, approval of Option 1: Approve the bid award to Southland Contracting, Inc., in the amount of \$337,008 for the Leon County Detention Center exterior stair renovations (Attachment #1) and authorize the County Administrator to execute the Agreement. The motion carried 7-0.

18. Bid Award for Janitorial Services at Leon County Facilities

County Administrator Long introduced this item. He stated this item seeks Board approval to award the bid for janitorial services at Leon County facilities, to two vendors. Due to the number of, and distance between sites, the bid includes five Groups of facilities, two of which would be awarded to ACP Facility Services and three of which would be awarded to local vendor C&L Associates of Tallahassee, Inc.

Commissioner Maddox moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Dozier, for approval of Option 1: Approve the bid award for janitorial services at Leon County facilities and authorize the County Administrator to execute two agreements (Attachment #1) subject to legal review by the County Attorney to:

- a. ACP Facility Services for Groups 3 and 4 in the amount of \$203,115.02; and
- b. C&L Associates of Tallahassee, Inc., for Groups 1, 2, and 5 in the amount of \$704,542.01.

The motion carried 7-0.

19. Full Board Appointment to the Council on Culture and Arts

County Administrator Long introduced the item. He stated this item seeks the full Board's consideration of the appointment of a citizen to the Council on Culture and Arts.

Commissioner Dozier moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Minor, for approval of Option 1. Option #1: The Board appoint eligible applicant Kristen Summers, to the Council on Culture and Arts (COCA) for a four-year term ending September 30, 2024, from the slate of three COCA nominees. The motion carried 7-0.

SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARINGS, 6:00 P.M.

20. Second and Final Public Hearing for Adoption of the FY 2020/2021 Final Millage Rates and Final Budgets

County Administrator Long introduced this item. In compliance with Executive Order Number 20-179 and Florida Statutes, this item recommends conducting the second of two virtual public hearings to adopt the FY 2020/2021 final millage rates and budgets. Maintaining the same millage rate for the ninth consecutive year, and the overall 2.32% increase in the budget, reflects the Board policy direction provided through-out the budget development process and the continuous efforts to identify and implement significant cost avoidances and savings.

Citizens to Speak:

- Sierra Bush Rester yielded her time.

Chairman Desloge read into the record language concerning the final budget for fiscal year 2020-2021 and acknowledged the one citizen that requested to speak.

County Administrator Long read the following into the record:

The proposed aggregate millage rate is 8.8144 mills which is 1.59% over the aggregate rolled back millage rate of 8.6768 mills. Ad valorem revenues will increase due to an upturn in property values and will be used to support the following: enhanced support of law enforcement and public safety including additional technology and support personnel, sustaining an elevated level of Countywide service delivery; sound fiscal planning to avoid increase in fire services fees; EMS and Solid Waste; continued community investment in parks, greenways, roads and sidewalks.

Chairman Desloge asked for and received the following motions:

Commissioner Proctor moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Dozier, for approval of Options 1 -4: Option 1: Adopt, via Resolution 20-28, the final FY 2020/2021 Countywide millage rate of 8.3144 mills. The motion carried 7-0.

Commissioner Proctor moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Maddox, to adopt Option 2: Adopt, via Resolution 20-29, the final FY 2020/2021 Countywide budget. The motion carried 7-0.

Commissioner Dozier moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Maddox, to adopt Option 3: Adopt, via Resolution 20-30, the final FY 2020/2021 Emergency Medical Services MSTU millage rate of 0.5000 mills. The motion carried 7-0.

Commissioner Lindley moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Maddox, to adopt Option 4: Adopt, via Resolution 20-31, the final FY 2020/2021 Emergency Medical Services MSTU budget. The motion carried 7-0.

21. 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

County Administrator Long introduced this item. He stated this item seeks Board approval for the County to transfer the Jack Vause Landing boat ramp and associated entry road, including all future maintenance and capital costs, to the State of Florida at no cost to the County. To effectuate this transaction, this item requests the Board conduct the first and only public hearing and adopt the proposed Resolution renouncing and disclaiming the County's right in a portion of road right-of-way for Jack Vause Landing Road and the associated boat landing lying within the Lake Talquin State Park boundary.

Commissioner Jackson moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Proctor, for approval of Option 1. Conduct the First and Only Public Hearing and adopt the Resolution renouncing and disclaiming any right of the County in a portion of Jack Vause Landing Road and the associated boat landing lying within the Lake Talquin State Park. The motion carried 7-0.

22. First and Only Public Hearing Regarding a Proposed Resolution Adopting Inventory List of County-Owned Properties Appropriate for Affordable Housing

County Administrator Long introduced this item. He stated as required by Florida Statutes, this Public Hearing considers a proposed resolution adopting an inventory list of County-owned properties deemed appropriate for affordable housing in accordance with Section 125.379, Florida Statutes.

Commissioner Proctor confirmed with County Administrator Long that an Affordable Housing Workshop is scheduled and that the affordable housing inventory list would be included in the workshop.

County Administrator Long stated that the workshop is already scheduled and that upon approval that the properties will be directed to the affordable housing partners.

Commissioner Dozier reflected on the City affordable housing policies in regard to the Southwood Development Order. She confirmed with the County Administrator that the upcoming Affordable Housing Workshop would include an update on County and City housing policies.

Commissioner Dozier moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Minor, for approval of Option 1. Conduct the first and only public hearing and adopt the Resolution Adopting Inventory List of County Property Appropriate for Use as Affordable Housing. The motion carried 7-0.

23. 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

County Administrator Long introduced this item. He stated this item requests the Board conduct the first and only public hearing to consider an Ordinance and enabling Resolution adding a County Commissioner to the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (“AHAC”), as required by newly adopted state legislation and approval of the associated revisions to Board policy. This item also seeks the full Board appointment of one Commissioner to serve on the AHAC.

Commissioner Proctor moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Jackson, for approval of Options 1-4: Option 1: Conduct the first and only public hearing and adopt an Ordinance amending Section 8-156 of the Code of Laws of Leon County relating to the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee.

Option 2: Adopt the amended and restated Affordable Housing Advisory Committee Resolution.

Option 3: Approve the associated revisions to Board Policy No. 11-2 “Commissioner Membership on Boards, Committees, Councils, and Authorities”.

Option 4: Full Board to appoint one Commissioner. The Board appointed Commissioner Maddox to serve on the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee for a term ending December 31, 2022. The motion carried 7-0.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDAED ITEMS (3-minute limit per speaker; Commission may discuss issues that are brought forth by speakers.)

- Chairman Desloge confirmed that there were no speakers on Non-Agendaed Items or list of speakers.

COMMENTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

County Attorney O’Steen:

- No comments.

County Administrator Long:

- No comments.

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS

Commissioner Dozier:

- Commended Commissioner Jackson on comments for colleges and universities about safety and mask mandate.
- Recalled the emails asking for the repeal of the mask mandate, and the community approval of the County Ordinance despite the Governor's recent order.
- Shared her concerns regarding collegiality at the BluePrint IA meetings.
- Reflected on the upcoming public hearings on the Southwood DRI DO 6th and 7th Amendments. She asked for an update on the stormwater master plan and confirmed with County Administrator Long that there are plans in place for social distancing during in-person meetings.
 - County Attorney O'Steen stated that if the Governor's order expires on September 30th, the Board would be required to have a physical quorum and that the current Board policy would need to be revised should the Board wish to allow telephonic participation by Commissioners.
 - County Administrator confirmed that there are plans in place for social distancing during in-person Commission Meetings.

Commissioner Maddox:

- Commended Chairman Desloge for a running a smooth virtual meeting.
- Expressed the hope that Commissioners could have patience and work together.
- Thanked the Board for the May 20th Recognition.
- Mentioned the BluePrint Meeting and asked about civility at those meetings and patience.

Commissioner Proctor:

- Thanked staff for the work on the Woodville Sewer Line.
- Announced the next Farmshare will be held October 24 at Gene Cox Stadium.
- Recalled the need for a Children's Agency, rather than an independent Children's Service's Council.
- Reminded all that early voting begins October 19, 2020.

Commissioner Lindley:

- Thanked those who were submitting comments in support of mask mandate.
- Requested a Proclamation recognizing October as Guardianship Awareness Month.
 - *Commissioner Lindley moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Desloge, to request a proclamation recognizing October as Guardianship Awareness Month. The motion carried 7-0.*
- Acknowledged Commissioners Maddox and Dozier's comments on civility and that she is proud to be a part of this Board.

Commissioner Jackson:

- Reminded the Board of safety measures in combating COVID-19. He recalled the number of deaths in the US.

- Recalled discussion on news article that commented on partying that could endanger you or others.
- Applauded President Thrasher for encouraging students to wear a mask and efforts mitigating COVID-19.
- Highlighted the other colleges and universities in the community for encouraging safe behaviors and helping to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.
- Expressed he was happy to return to Chambers and commended the Chairman for running great virtual meetings.

Vice-Chairman Minor:

- Commended Community Media Relations efforts in promoting Leon CARES.
- Acknowledged the public on the mask mandate.
- Recalled the Government Alliance for Racial Consideration and Equity.
- Encouraged everyone to vote.

Commissioner Minor moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Dozier to direct staff to explore the County's possible membership in the Government Alliance for Racial Equity. The motion carried 7-0.

Chairman Desloge:

- Thanked staff for their efforts and patience for the virtual meetings.
- Reflected on the availability of mobile testing on the north side of town and suggested the possibility of using the library as a site for future mobile testing.
 - County Administrator Long confirmed that staff would look into the matter.

RECEIPT AND FILE:

- Capital Region Community Development District Audit RFP Committee Meeting Minutes for June 11, 2020.

ADJOURN:


There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:18p.m.

LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTEST:



BY: _____
Rick Minor, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

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