

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA
REGULAR MEETING
February 16, 2021**

The Board of County Commissioners of Leon County, Florida met in regular session at 3:30 p.m. with Chairman Rick Minor presiding. Present were Vice-Chairman Bill Proctor and Commissioners Nick Maddox, Brian Welch, Kristin Dozier, Carolyn Cummings, and Jimbo Jackson. Also present were County Administrator Vincent Long, County Attorney Chasity O'Steen, and Clerk to the Board Beryl H. Wood.

Chairman Minor called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Invocation was provided by Reverend Don Tolliver, Vice President of the Tallahassee Chapter of the National Action Network. The Pledge of Allegiance was provided by Commissioner Carolyn Cummings.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. **Recognizing Leon County Volunteer Champion Annie Johnson for “Project Annie” Meal Program (*Chairman Minor/Royle King, Volunteer Services Manager*)**
 - Royle King, Volunteer Services Manager, recognized Annie Johnson of the “Project Annie” Meal Program. Ms. Johnson provided meals during the holidays, supplied bagged groceries for people in need in Leon County, and distributed clothes.
 - Annie Johnson spoke on her passion for helping others and thanked the community for helping her clothe and feed people in need.

2. **Presentation from Cecka Rose Green, Children’s Home Society of Florida Big Bend Region, on behalf of Sabal Palm Elementary, a Community Partnership School (*Commissioner Dozier/Cecka Rose Green*)**
 - Commissioner Dozier introduced the speaker Cecka Rose Green, Regional Executive Director of the Children’s Home Society of Florida Big Bend Region. She believed that this presentation would help the Board learn more about Community Partnership Schools.
 - Ms. Rose Green serves as the Regional Executive Director of the Children’s Home Society of Florida Big Bend. She gave a presentation on the need for community partnership schools.
 - Commissioner Welch noted that his Leadership Tallahassee class has worked with Sabal Palm Elementary School.
 - Commissioner Dozier thanked Ms. Rose Green for her presentation. She asked Ms. Rose Green to speak on some of the issues that they have faced.

- Ms. Rose Green thanked Commissioner Welch for his work through Leadership Tallahassee. She reflected on the need for additional support that could be provided through AmeriCorps for \$8,000 for two full-time team members.
- Commissioner Jackson thanked her for her presentation. He recognized Principal Walker for her work in the school. He also recognized the FSU School of Medicine for its help. He noted that the district the school serves faces poverty, and that Sabal Palm Elementary School is helping alleviate these burdens for children.
- Commissioner Cummings has had the opportunity to meet with Ms. Rose Green. She gave accolades for the staff of Sabal Palm Elementary. She reflected on the possibility of the County providing financial support.
- Chairman Minor noted that he attended the Community Partnership School Luncheon where he learned more about Sabal Palm Elementary.
Commissioner Dozier moved, seconded by Commissioner Cummings to direct staff to prepare an agenda item exploring the opportunity to provide funding to the Community Partnership School for two full-time AmeriCorps team members, for March 9, 2021.
The motion carried 7-0.

3. **Presentation on The Big Bend Continuum of Care and Homelessness (Amanda Wander, Executive Director of the Big Bend Continuum of Care)**

- Ms. Amanda Wander, Executive Director of the Big Bend Continuum of Care (BBCC), provided an overview on the BBCC activities, services, and its work within the homeless population. She also provided an update on the City Walk Homeless Shelter on Mahan Drive.
- Commissioner Dozier reflected on the emails she received regarding the City Walk shelter. She referred to the recently added Strategic Initiative to “Develop a public engagement coordination and planning process with the City and Big Bend Continuum of Care for the siting of all future homeless shelters and support facilities.” She reflected on the need to improve partner coordination and align the County/City CHSP funding metrics with the BBCC metrics for their service providers. She confirmed with Ms. Wander that improving coordination, collaboration, and aligning the metrics could help to leverage additional federal funding.
- Commissioner Dozier stressed the importance of aligning the metrics with the County/City CHSP process, coordinating funding and information sharing, and codifying procedures for cold night shelters. She stated that the funding coordination should be covered as part of the new Strategic Initiative.
- Commissioner Dozier stated that the County should coordinate with the BBCC to maximize funds that will become available under the Biden administration. Commissioner Welch confirmed with Ms. Wander that the BBCC does an annual count of the homeless population. He asked if there are any new innovative ideas to address homelessness.
 - Ms. Wander confirmed that there are approximately 100 unsheltered homeless in our community. She stated that the focus should continue to be on expanding permanent supportive housing and rapid rehousing.

Commissioner Dozier moved for extra speaking time, seconded by Commissioner Welch.
The motion carried 7-0.

- Commissioner Dozier requested an agenda item to align the County/City CHSP metrics with the Big Bend Continuum of Care and to codify cold night shelter policies.

Commissioner Dozier moved, seconded by Commissioner Maddox to direct staff to prepare an agenda item exploring aligning the metrics of County/City CHSP and Bend Continuum of Care metrics and codifying the process coordinated by Leon County Emergency Management with support from community partners in siting cold night weather shelters. The motion carried 7-0.

4. **Update on the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Pandemic (Vincent Long, County Administrator and Claudia Blackburn, Health Officer for the Florida Department of Health in Leon County)**

- County Administrator Vincent Long introduced Claudia Blackburn.
- Claudia Blackburn, Health Officer for the Florida Department of Health in Leon County, shared that the COVID-19 positivity rate as well as the number of cases reported is declining. She stated cases are disproportionately in the 18-24 age group. The County's goal is to vaccinate 80% of citizens 65 and over, and the County has currently vaccinated 65% of citizens 65 and over. She reported that FAMU has been designated as a State COVID vaccination site for the underserved and stressed that, in addition to vaccinations, the best ways to mitigate the spread is to wear a mask, wash your hands and socially distance.
- Commissioner Dozier reflected on the increase in cases in the 18-24 age group and confirmed with Ms. Blackburn that an increase in other demographics usually follows when there has been an increase in infections in the 18-24 age group. She asked the County Administrator how the County staff is holding up and if County staff is following the mask mandate.
 - County Administrator Long confirmed that staff is holding up well, and opportunities have been taken to reinforce the mask protocols and rules.
- Vice-Chairman Proctor thanked Ms. Blackburn for her work. He asked for an update regarding the vaccination of incarcerated individuals.
- Commissioner Cummings asked for an update on the initiatives that were brought up during the last Board meeting regarding the minority community and their vaccine reluctance.
 - Ms. Blackburn stated that she believed that having FAMU as a vaccine site would help with vaccinating minority populations in Leon County.
- Chairman Minor reflected on Commissioner Cummings' question regarding the equity in distribution of the vaccine. He asked about the order of priority for persons with disabilities.
 - Mathieu Cavell, Assistant to the County Administrator, provided an overview of the County's comprehensive effort to promote COVID vaccinations in minority communities.
 - Claudia Blackburn stated that TMH has a pilot program to prioritize the highest risk populations to be immunized. She recommended that citizens in that population contact their health care provider to be placed on a waiting list.

CONSENT

Vice-Chairman Proctor moved, seconded by Commissioner Maddox, to approve the Consent Agenda except for the pulled items, #6, #8 and #12. The motion carried 7-0.

1. Minutes: October 13, 2020 Regular Meeting and November 17, 2020 Reorganization/Regular Meeting

The Board approved Option 1: Approve the minutes of October 13, 2020 and November 17, 2020 Reorganization/Regular Meeting.

2. Payment of Bills and Vouchers

The Board approved Option 1: Approve the payment of bills and vouchers submitted for February 9, 2021 and preapprove the payment of bills and vouchers for the period of February 10, 2021 through March 8, 2021.

3. Ratification of Board Actions Taken at the January 25, 2021 Annual Retreat

- The following Citizen Comment was received via online submission:
 - Shane Herman, 1017 Marys Drive, provided an online comment in opposition to the location of the City Walk Urban Mission homeless shelter.

The following citizen provided a virtual comment:

- Bart Bibler, 3673 Mossy Creek Lane, Founder I Hope Inc. LLC, spoke in support of improving race relations, crime prevention and poverty reduction. He commended the Board for the recently adopted County Strategic Initiatives and suggested a poverty reduction goal of 20% within 5 years. He stated the United to Ensure Prosperity for All Leon County virtual event will be held on Friday, March 26th from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and invited the Commissioners to participate as panelists. He also stated that the Bridges out of Poverty Programs virtual event will be held on Thursday, May 20th.

The Board approved Option #1: Ratify the actions taken at the January 25, 2021 Annual Retreat.

The following reflects the new strategic initiatives the Board approved during the January 25, 2021 Retreat:

- 1. Update Existing Initiative: Complete and implement the joint County/City disparity study and enhancements to the MWSBE program and conduct an update to the study in 2021.*
- 2. Continue to pursue and position the County to accept and further advance local priorities to distribute additional CARES funding in support of individual assistance, small business assistance and vaccinations.*
- 3. Evaluate potential enhancements to the Lake Talquin/Urban Fringe (LT/UF) zoning district to provide more opportunity for commercial uses that are functionally supportive and related to eco-tourism or natural resource-based activities, along the southern shoreline of Lake Talquin.*
- 4. Develop a policy and criteria for adding County roads to the canopy road system.*
- 5. Develop a Sustainable Business Recognition Program.*
- 6. Coordinate with the City of Tallahassee in pursuing designation as an AARP Age-Friendly Community Network to enhance the community's livability for residents of all ages.*
- 7. Relocate the proposed Northeast Park to the Welaunee area and support Blueprint accelerating the funding of the project in coordination with the Northeast Gateway project.*

8. *Evaluate and implement options to address chronic speeding and traffic issues in the Northeast and along Deer Lake Road.*
9. *Implement targeted outreach and education to minority communities to encourage vaccinations.*
10. *Develop a plan to address poverty and inequities in 32304 in collaboration with the City and other community partners.*
11. *Create a Citizen's North Monroe Street Task Force with City of Tallahassee participation, staffed by the City/County Planning Department charged with identifying opportunities to reduce crime and improve conditions along the North Monroe Corridor between Fred George Road and Tharpe Street.*
12. *Working with community partners, develop possible options for those struggling with food insecurity by utilizing the results of Feeding Florida's recent study on food insecurity that provides granular information down to the neighborhood block group level.*
13. *Conduct the redistricting process as mandated by the Florida Constitution to ensure Leon County's Commission districts reflect the results of the 2020 Census.*
14. *Become a member of the Government Alliance on Race and Equity (GARE) organization and integrate initiatives and resources of GARE in human service programs such as CHSP where possible.*
15. *In working with community partners, bring greater community awareness of Florida Emancipation Day (May 20th).*
16. *Provide the Children Services Council a loan to support its initial operations.*
17. *Develop a public engagement coordination and planning process with the City and Big Bend Continuum of Care for the siting of all future homeless shelters and support facilities.*

The following reflects the agenda items and other administrative items requested by the Board during the January 25, 2021 Board Retreat.

- *Direct the County Administrator to have an agenda item prepared for the Blueprint/OEV strategic planning workshop regarding pathways to job creation, government's public policy role in job creation, and how these issues are considered in the future.*
- *Request that LCSO evaluate the need to create a separate mental health officer position.*
- *Direct staff to prepare a status report on bike-ped safety and educational initiatives.*
- *Direct staff to explore options for supporting property owners in addressing inheritance and title issues for the purpose of subdividing property.*

4. **Consideration of Additional 2021 State Legislative Priorities**

The Board approved Option 1: Add the following policy statements to Leon County's 2021 state legislative priorities:

- a. *Support HB 387 or similar legislation to expand the types of projects eligible for Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) financing.*
- b. *Support HB 107/SB 256 or similar legislation to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity or expression in employment, housing and public accommodations.*
- c. *Oppose SB 62 or similar legislation that would limit, reduce, or eliminate the statutory roles and responsibilities of Regional Planning Councils in Florida.*

5. **Resolution Reauthorizing the Housing Finance Authority of Leon County to Issue a Multifamily Housing Revenue Bond for the First Phase of the Magnolia Family/Orange Avenue Apartments Redevelopment Project**

The Board approved Option 1: Approve the Resolution reauthorizing the Housing Finance Authority of Leon County to issue a \$15,000,000 Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds for Magnolia Family (Attachment # 1).

6. Letter of Support to FDOT to Reroute US Bicycle Route 90 - PULLED

- County Administrator Long corrected that Agenda Item #6 had not been pulled.

Commissioner Dozier moved, seconded by Vice-Chairman Proctor, to approve Option 1: Authorize County Administrator, or designee, to issue the proposed Letter of Support to the Florida Department of Transportation for US Bicycle Route 90 change (Attachment # 1). The motion carried 7-0.

7. Approval of the Plat for Tower Gates Phase 1 Subdivision

The Board approved Option 1: Approve the plat for Tower Gates 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)

8. Second Performance Agreement and Surety Device for Summerfield Phase I Subdivision - PULLED

9. Adoption of Proposed New Policy for the Traffic Calming Program

The Board approved Option 1: Adopt the proposed Policy No. 21-X "Traffic Calming Program" (Attachment #1).

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

10. Fiscal Year 2020 Annual Leon County Contractors' Licensing and Examination Board Report

The Board approved Option 1: Accept the Contractors' Licensing and Examination Board Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Annual Report.

11. FY 2020 Annual Code Enforcement Board, Nuisance Abatement Board, and Code Compliance Program Report

The Board approved Option 1: Accept the FY 2020 Annual Code Enforcement Board, Nuisance Abatement Board, and the Code Compliance Program Report.

12. Status Update Regarding Curbside Collection Service Provided by Waste Pro, Inc. - PULLED

CONSENT ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

8. Second Performance Agreement and Surety Device for Summerfield Phase I Subdivision

Chairman Minor pulled this agenda item. He disclosed the appearance of a conflict of interest and stated he would abstain from voting.

Commissioner Maddox moved, seconded by Commissioner Dozier, to approve Option 1: Accept the Second Performance Agreement and Surety Device for Summerfield Phase I Subdivision. The motion carried 6-0. (Chairman Minor abstaining.)

12. Status Update Regarding Curbside Collection Service Provided by Waste Pro, Inc.

The item was pulled from consent by Commissioner Dozier.

Commissioner Dozier reflected on the dramatic decrease in the liquidated damages but noted the highest number of complaints and requests received since 2014. She asked for a breakdown of the nature of the complaints and requests and how Waste Pro is addressing them.

Maggie Theriot, Director of Resource Stewardship, stated that she would be happy to provide details in an email and that the numbers include complaints and requests, which are predominantly bulk service requests, and per the contract, it is the customers responsibility to request this service. She noted the difference between a complaint and a validated complaint.

Commissioner Dozier asked for an email including a breakdown of the requests and complaints.

Chairman Minor agreed that an email with the breakdown would be helpful and thanked staff.

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

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDAED ITEMS (3-MINUTE LIMIT PER SPEAKER; THERE WILL NOT BE ANY DISCUSSION BY THE COMMISSION).

Citizens wishing to provide input on any item(s) on the published agenda (or a non-agenda subject) for the upcoming meeting may:

- *Provide in-person comments during the meeting; or*
- *Submit their written comments prior to the meeting using the following link <https://leoncountyfl.gov/PublicComments>; or*
- *Register to provide comments using communications media technology during the meeting through the registration form using the following link <https://www2.leoncountyfl.gov/coadmin/agenda/>*
- *The following Citizen Comment was received via online submission:*
 - Sarah Portillo, 937 Spottswood Drive, submitted an online comment in opposition to the location of the City Walk Urban Mission homeless shelter.
 - Aaron Eagle, 412 Chestnut Drive, submitted an online comment in opposition to the location of the City Walk Urban Mission homeless shelter.
 - Janis Richardson, 412 Chestnut Drive, submitted an online comment in opposition to the location of the City Walk Urban Mission homeless shelter and

in support of the DRC denying City Walk's application for the shelter on Mahan Drive.

- Jesse Jones, 1737 Kathryn Drive, submitted an online comment in support of the City Walk Urban Mission homeless shelter.
 - Brian Webb, 2487 Elfinwing Lane, submitted an online comment in opposition to the location of the City Walk Urban Mission homeless shelter.
 - Anne Marie Hough, 1204 Brookwood Drive, submitted an online comment in opposition to the location of the City Walk Urban Mission homeless shelter.
 - Sara Gerard, 1729 Belvedere Street, submitted an online comment expressing concerns with the City Walk Urban Mission homeless shelter.
 - Kirsten Doolan, 1225 Tallbot Avenue, submitted an online comment in opposition to the location of the City Walk shelter, in support of removing City and County Commissioners from the Big Bend Continuum of Care and the financial transparency of a nonprofit providing City or County services.
- The following citizens provided in-person comments:
 - Henry Choice, 141 Fleming Road, spoke regarding the sale of a food program to the State and asked for a meeting with Commissioner Dozier to finalize the sale of the breakfast program already approved by the Senate.
 - Stanley Sims, 1320 Avondale Way, spoke on agenda item #11, the issue with the homeless shelter on Mahan Drive. He lives in the area and can see that the rollout of this shelter was not done correctly. He would like to see action taken by the government to resolve these issues that the community has raised. He also invited the Board to see the work in progress in the Frenchtown area.
 - The following citizens provided virtual comments:
 - Jesse Jones, 1737 Catherine Drive, spoke in support of the City Walk homeless shelter at its current location. He shared he had received a flyer for the protection of the Mahan Corridor from City Walk.
 - Brian Webb, 1705 Mahan Drive, spoke in opposition to the location of the City Walk homeless shelter.
 - Samantha Johnson spoke in opposition to the location of the City Walk homeless shelter and how it has negatively impacted the area.

GENERAL BUSINESS

13. Status Report on the Process to Review and Update the Southern Strategy Goal of the Land Use Element of the Joint County/City Comprehensive Plan During the Forthcoming 2021 Comprehensive Plan Amendment Cycle

County Administrator Long introduced this item. This item provides a status report regarding the Southern Strategy Goal of the Land Use Element of the Joint County/City Comprehensive Plan and an overview of the upcoming review process to expand and stimulate quality land development and redevelopment in the Southern Strategy Area (SSA) which will be considered at the March 23, 2021 Joint County/City Comp Plan Amendment Workshop.

- Cherie Bryant, Director of the Tallahassee-Leon County Planning Department, provided an overview of the status report, including the focus areas and the upcoming public engagement.

- Vice-Chairman Proctor made a motion for Option #1, seconded by Commissioner Maddox. Vice-Chairman Proctor reflected on the past lack of action to fulfill the Southern Strategy objectives.
- Commissioner Dozier reflected on the need to align County and City policies that do not directly relate to land use with the Comprehensive Plan on the Southern Strategy area. She asked the County Administrator to explore strategies that the County could implement to make sure the policies align.
 - County Administrator Long confirmed that future agenda items would reflect whether the item advances a strategy for the Southern Strategy Area, similar to the way Strategic Initiatives are currently reflected in the Background sections of agenda items.
- County Attorney O’Steen raised a point of order.
- *Commissioner Dozier moved, seconded by Chairman Minor, to extend Commissioner Dozier debate time. The motion carried 7-0.*
- Commissioner Dozier commented on the City’s list of focus areas for the development of the Southern Strategy Report, to be included in the upcoming Joint Workshop. She reflected on the proposed Innovation Park road extension and the impact on the Providence neighborhood and questioned if it would be tied into the conversation.
 - Ms. Bryant stated that the first round of outreach would be to identify questions related to this topic and stated that it warrants discussion and consideration.
- Commissioner Dozier stated that decisions coming through the Planning Commission may not be supported by the City and County Commissions and reflected on the need to have a discussion with the City regarding how to interpret master plans going forward and a review of policies. She reflected that it is in the County’s interest to work collaboratively with the Planning Commission and that it may be time to review its structure.

Vice-Chairman Proctor moved, seconded by Commissioner Maddox, to extend Vice-Chairman Proctor’s debate time. The motion carried 6-0. (Commissioner Jackson out of Chambers.)

- Vice-Chairman Proctor reflected on the residential strategy in the Southern Strategy Area and the stagnation of building permits in that area. He stated that the largest number of building permits for the area is for mobile homes. He reflected on the CRTPA meeting agenda for February 16, 2021, and noted Table #7 of Attachment #2, which reflected that the Woodville Highway transportation project from Tram Road to Capital Circle S. was scheduled to go from two to four lanes 17 years ago and expressed concern that the project has laid dormant.

Vice-Chairman Proctor moved, seconded by Commissioner Maddox. The Board approved Option 1: Accept the Southern Strategy Area Objective Status Report. The motion carried 6-0. (Commissioner Jackson out of Chambers.)

14. Status Update on the Amphitheater Support Space; Approval of Agreement with the City of Tallahassee Regarding Programming for County’s Cascades Concert Series and use of Support Space at the North American Properties Cascades Development; and, Extension of Scott Carswell Presents Contract for Concert Promotions

County Administrator Long introduced this item. He stated this item provides a status update on the amphitheater support space and seeks Board approval of the Third Amended and Restated Interlocal Agreement with the City of Tallahassee regarding programming for the County's Cascades Concert Series and use of amphitheater support space at the North American Properties development at Cascades Park. In support of the County's Concert Series, this item also seeks Board authorization for the County Administrator to execute a long-term lease/license agreement with the City for a Ticket Office/Visitor Information Center and a three-year extension of the contract with Scott Carswell Presents through June 30, 2024.

- Commissioner Dozier disclosed the appearance of a conflict of interest and stated she would abstain from the vote on Option #4, and requested Options #1, #2 and #3 be separated from Option #4. She stated that she would like to participate in the discussions on Options #1, #2 and #3.

Commissioner Dozier moved, seconded by Commissioner Maddox to approve separating Option #4 from Options #1, #2 and #3 for the motions. The motion carried 7-0.
Commissioner Maddox moved, seconded by Vice-Chairman Proctor to approve Option #4: Authorize the County Administrator to execute a three-year extension of the contract with Scott Carswell Presents through June 30, 2024, subject to legal review by the County Attorney. The motion passed 6-0. (Commissioner Dozier abstaining.)

- Commissioner Dozier reflected on the need to build a 5-year review into the Agreement. She made a motion for Options #1, #2 and #3 as amended to include the 5-year Agreement review and update if need.
- Vice-Chairman Proctor expressed the need to balance the interests of private owners with interests of citizens using a public park that is in high demand.

Commissioner Dozier moved, seconded by Commissioner Maddox to approve Option #1: Accept the status update on the amphitheater support space;
Option #2 as amended: Approve the Third Amended and Restated Interlocal Agreement with the City of Tallahassee regarding programming for the County's Cascades Concert Series and use of the Amphitheater Support Space at the North American Properties development, including a review of the Agreement in 5 years; and

Option #3: Authorize the County Administrator to execute a long-term lease and/or license agreement with the City for the Ticket Office/ Visitor Information Center, subject to legal review by the County Attorney.
The motion carried 7-0.

**At this juncture of the meeting Vice-Chairman Proctor moved, seconded by Commissioner Welch, to recess until 6 pm. The motion carried 7-0.*

The Board reconvened at 6:05 pm.

15. **Consideration of the Tallahassee Community Redevelopment Agency's Recommendations to Reallocate Tourist Development Tax Funds for the Arts, Cultural and Heritage Grant Program**

County Administrator Long introduced this item. He stated this item seeks Board consideration of the reallocation of \$1.8 million in Tourist Development Taxes, previously awarded to TLH Arts, Inc. (TLH Arts) through the Community Redevelopment Agency's (CRA) Arts, Culture, and Heritage Grant Program, to support the "Ashmore Building" project and LeMoyne Arts "Art for Always" project as recommended by the CRA Board on January 28, 2021. Pursuant to an Interlocal Agreement between the County, City and the CRA, the County previously set aside tourism funds for cultural, arts, and heritage initiatives to be recommended by the CRA Board. The allocation of these funds requires the approval of the County and City Commissions.

- The following Citizen Comment was received via online submission:
 - Chip Chalmers, 2377 Diehl Drive, submitted an online comment in support of a Performing Arts Center and rehearsal space and in opposition to the CRA recommendation.
 - Benjamin Gunter, 516 Miccosukee Road, submitted an online comment in opposition to the CRA recommendation and in support of allowing THL Arts additional time to revise its proposal.
 - Stephanie Whitfield, 2306 Charles Court, submitted an online comment in support of the CRA recommendation to approve \$1.8 million to LeMoyne Arts to purchase the building next door.
 - Deborah DeSilets, 1233 Lutterloh Road, submitted an online comment questioning the status of the original proposal.
 - Brian Davis, 2782 Red Maple Drive, submitted an online comment in opposition to the CRA recommendation and in support of a performing arts venue.
 - Deborah DeSilets, 1233 Lutterloh Road, submitted two online comments in support of Option #2, to not approve the CRA recommendation and to initiate a new application process and stated her desire to speak at the meeting.
 - Terry Galloway, 1402 S. Meridian Street, submitted an online comment in support of allowing TLH Arts to submit a revised proposal.
 - James McMurtry, 402 Coldstream Drive, submitted an online comment in opposition to the CRA recommendation and in support of extending the timeline.
 - Jan Frankenfield, 2052 Doomar Drive, submitted an online comment in opposition to the CRA recommendation and in support of funding to local performing arts theaters.
 - Jake Kiker, 222 Oakland Avenue, submitted an online comment in opposition to the CRA recommendation.
 - Dee Selmore, 3987 Hydrangea Court, submitted an online comment in opposition to the CRA recommendation and in support of extending the timeline.
 - Carol Hill, 3480 Rosemont Ridge Road, submitted an online comment in opposition to the CRA recommendation and in support of extending the timeline.
 - Bianca Montague, 1135 Cooper Creek, submitted an online comment in opposition to the CRA recommendation and in support of extending the timeline.
 - Tyler Wold, 1504 Paula Drive, submitted an online comment in opposition to the CRA recommendation and in support of establishing a fair, transparent, and engaging funding process.
 - Max Epstein, 1001 San Luis Road, submitted an online comment in support of defunding TLH Arts and allowing the Ashmore Museum Project and LeMoyne Arts to update their grant proposals for review by the Arts Culture Review Committee.

The following citizens provided in-person comments:

- Paul Craft, 3582 Velda Woods Drive, immediate past president of Lemoyne, spoke in support of the CRA recommendation and about the flawed process.

- Scott Bell, 327 Meadowbrook Lane, President and Founder of Cat Family Records, spoke about the flawed process and in support of reopening the process.
- Pam Doffek, 9320 Royal Troon Drive, immediate past president of Lemoyne Arts, spoke in support of the LeMoyne Arts proposal and the CRA recommendation.
- Dianne Perkins, 9080 Old Chemonie Road spoke in support of the CRA recommendation.
- Gene Madden, 1114 Grey Bear Court, member of the LeMoyne Arts Board of Directors, spoke in support of the CRA recommendation.

The following citizens provided virtual comments:

- Tammy Hamlet, 1143 Ronds Pointe Drive W, spoke in support of the Ashmore Museum.
 - Dylan Rivers, 7862 Preservation Road, Board member of LeMoyne Arts, spoke in support of the LeMoyne Arts proposal.
 - Deborah DeSilets, 1233 Lutterloh Road, spoke in support of the Ashmore Museum and in support of providing all the funding to the Ashmore Museum.
 - Laura Johnson, 6228 Buck Run Circle, spoke in support of the TLH Arts proposal and expressed that the CRA process was flawed.
 - Jake Kiker, 2222 Avenue Way, Chairman of the Board of TLH Arts, spoke in support of allowing additional time for the organizations to resubmit their revised proposal and spoke about the flawed CRA process.
 - Liane Giroux, 927 Maple Wood Avenue, spoke in support Option #3 and in support of allowing more time for TLH Arts to submit a new proposal.
 - Max Epstein, 1001 San Luis Road, spoke in support of the Ashmore Museum.
- Commissioner Dozier disclosed the appearance of a conflict of interest and stated she would abstain from the vote on this item.
 - County Attorney O'Steen stated that an elected commissioner, as opposed to an appointment official, who has to recuse from voting due to a conflict of interest still has the ability to participate in discussion.
 - Commissioner Dozier requested to be allowed to speak on this agenda item.
 - Commissioner Maddox raised a point of order. He stated there was no need for a motion to allow Commissioner Dozier to speak on the agenda item.
 - *Commissioner Cummings motioned for Option #3, seconded by Commissioner Welch.*
 - Commissioner Cummings reflected that in 2018 the CRA vested TLH Arts, and to rescind the funding would require due process that includes adequate notice and the opportunity to be heard. She expressed that there should be adequate notice that a substantial interest may be/will be taken away.
 - Vice-Chairman Proctor stated his support of the motion and questioned if there is a statute of limitations considering the length of time since the 2018 CRA grant award process began.
 - County Attorney O'Steen stated that there is nothing in the Florida Statutes that requires a certain process and that there is nothing in the Interlocal Agreement that requires a certain process be used. She explained that the TLH Arts project was subject to a grant agreement that included certain milestones that TLH Arts has not been able to meet.

Vice-Chairman Proctor moved to extend his discussion time, seconded by Commissioner Maddox. The Motion carried 7-0.

- Vice-Chairman Proctor reflected on the request to ask the CRA to reconsider its decision and expressed a need for the CRA to provide due process in its procedure. He questioned the urgency for a decision on this item since the grants were originally awarded in 2018.
- Commissioner Welch shared his support of re-examining the process and expressed that Option #2 would be the fairest process.
- *Commissioner Welch made a friendly amendment for Option #2 which was accepted by Commissioner Cummings.*
- Commissioner Jackson reflected that the TLH Arts proposal did not have a “Plan B” in case the FDOT building lease did not work out, and the building was slated for demolition in August 2020. He expressed concern regarding opening the grant process back up.
- Commissioner Dozier expressed that the issue is about the lack of due process. She stated that although she cannot vote on this item, she hoped that if there was money left over that it should be reserved for a performing arts space.
- Commissioner Maddox stated that he was not in favor of opening a new grant process and expressed his support for only considering those projects that have already been reviewed.

- Chairman Minor expressed that all three projects are vastly different from what was originally proposed in 2018. He stated his support of Option #2, and he asked the County Administrator to estimate the amount of time for the process if it was opened back up. He confirmed with the County Administrator that the County has veto power on the recommended projects.
 - County Administrator Long clarified that the Board’s role is to approve the CRA recommended projects, either one, two, all or none. Regarding the process issues, the Board can only make requests of the CRA. He stated that Option #2 is requesting that the CRA initiate a new application process; however, the CRA would determine the final process and timeline.
- Commissioner Dozier confirmed with the County Attorney that the Interlocal Agreement specifies the types of projects that would qualify for the funding and, if the County wanted to have a role in the procedures, the County could request a change to the Interlocal Agreement. She expressed that if a solution cannot be easily reached, the Interlocal Agreement should be reviewed.
 - County Attorney O’Steen clarified that the Interlocal Agreement could be changed, but all three parties must agree.
- Commissioner Maddox suggested a joint meeting with the CRA may be in order and confirmed with the County Attorney that either a joint meeting or workshop could be held.
- Commissioner Jackson confirmed with the County Administrator that the letter to the CRA is merely a suggestion that it revise its process.
- Commissioner Cummings withdrew her acceptance of the friendly amendment to change the motion to Option #2 and reverted to her original motion for Option #3.
- Chairman Minor suggested that the Board could approve the funding for just the LeMoyne Arts proposal.
- Vice-Chairman Proctor stated that he could not support the Chairman’s suggestion and reflected on the value of the property that LeMoyne Arts would like to purchase. He stated his support of Option #3.
- Chairman Minor relinquished the gavel to Vice-Chairman Proctor. He made a substitute motion to allocate \$800,000 to LeMoyne Arts and request a re-evaluation by the CRA of the Ashmore and TLH Arts projects.
- Commissioner Welch stated that he could not support the substitute motion to allocate funding to LeMoyne.

- Chairman Minor reflected that the LeMoyne proposal has changed very little, the TLH Arts proposal is very different, and the Ashmore proposal has changed due to ownership of the building.
- Commissioner Cummings expressed concern regarding the lack of due process and taking \$800,000 from TLH Arts and reallocating it to LeMoyne.
- Chairman Minor stated that the original agreement with TLH Arts and the CRA stated that TLH Arts had 2 years to begin construction or the funds would be rescinded.
 - County Attorney O'Steen stated that if milestones in the Agreement were not met, then the funds could revert.
 - County Administrator Long explained that the CRA asked LeMoyne to revise its proposal but did not invite the other organizations to do the same.
- Commissioner Dozier stated that choosing to fund the Ashmore Museum is problematic since the City now owns the building. She reflected on the need for funding in Frenchtown but stressed the need for a fair and transparent process.
- Commissioner Maddox stated that the Ashmore project was the original #2 project and the only difference is that the City now owns the building. He reflected that TLH Arts, if given the opportunity, would have likely revised its proposal for CRA approval. He stated his opposition to the substitute motion.

Commissioner Dozier moved to extend her discussion time, seconded by Commissioner Maddox. The motion carried 7-0.

- Commissioner Dozier believes that any additional money left over after the allocation of funds should be dedicated for a performing arts center even if TLH Arts is not awarded the funds.
- Vice-Chairman Proctor reflected on the amount of CRA dollars invested in Frenchtown.
- Chairman Minor expressed that his substitute motion awards funding to the top 3 projects from 2018.

Commissioner Dozier moved, seconded by Chairman Minor to waive the time limit on Commission discussion for this item. The motion carried 7-0.

Chairman Minor moved, seconded by Commissioner Jackson, to approve the substitute motion to allocate \$800,000 to LeMoyne and a re-evaluation by the CRA of the Ashmore and TLH Arts projects. The motion failed 2-4. (Commissioners Maddox, Proctor, Cummings & Welch in opposition and Commissioner Dozier abstaining.)

Commissioner Cummings moved, seconded by Commissioner Welch, to approve Option #3: Do not approve the Community Redevelopment Agency's recommendations and direct the County Administrator to write a letter to the CRA Board requesting it extend the timeline and seek a revised proposal from TLH Arts for a performance and rehearsal venue. The motion carried 4-2. (Commissioners Minor and Jackson in opposition and Commissioner Dozier abstaining.)

16. **Final Status Report on Miccosukee Sense of Place Plan**

County Administrator Long introduced this item. He stated this item provides a final status report on the Miccosukee Rural Community Sense of Place Plan, including the renovation of the Old Concord School into a community center, and the County's continued investment in the Miccosukee community.

- Commissioner Dozier made a motion for Option #1, seconded by Vice-Chairman Proctor. She commended staff on the tremendous progress.
- Commissioner Maddox commended the Miccosukee Sense of Place Plan and the efforts of staff and workgroup.
 - County Administrator Long commended Devan Leavins and Maggie Theriot and their teams for their efforts.

Commissioner Dozier moved, seconded by Vice-Chairman Proctor to approve Option #1: Accept the Final Miccosukee Rural Community Sense of Place status report. The motion carried 7-0.

17. **Request to Schedule the First and Only Public Hearing to Consider Adopting an Ordinance Amending Leon County’s Fertilizer Ordinance for May 11, 2021**

County Administrator Long introduced this item. He stated this item seeks Board consideration of a draft Fertilizer Ordinance and to schedule the first and only Public Hearing for May 11, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

- The following Citizen Comment was received via online submission:
 - Max Epstein, 1001 San Luis Road, submitted an online comment in support of continued discussion on modifying the County’s fertilizer ordinance before scheduling the public hearing.
- The following citizens provided virtual comments:
 - Max Epstein, 1001 San Luis Road, spoke in support of continuing the conversation and the need for a strict ordinance.
- Commissioner Dozier thanked staff for its work on this item and reflected on the need for landscape practices to reduce the use of fertilizer. She asked that staff reach out to commercial applicators to seek input. She asked the County Administrator when the Board may expect the watershed management plan.
 - County Administrator Long confirmed that the watershed management plan is anticipated to come back to the Board in April or May.
- Commissioner Jackson requested an email update on the contamination from nitrogen and phosphorus discharge from the BASF Plant in Attapulcus, Georgia, into the Attapulcus River, flowing into the Little River which flows into Lake Talquin.

Commissioner Maddox moved, seconded by Commissioner Dozier to approve Option #1 as amended: Schedule the first and only Public Hearing to consider adopting an Ordinance amending Leon County’s Fertilizer Ordinance for May 11, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. and seek input from commercial applicators on the proposed ordinance. The motion carried 7-0.

Bid Award for Private Security Guard Services

County Administrator Long introduced this item. He stated this item seeks Board approval to award the bid for private security services to Moses Security Services, Inc. The existing private security contract expires on February 28, 2021 with no remaining extensions.

Commissioner Maddox moved, seconded by Commissioner Jackson, approval of Option 1: Option #1: Approve the bid award for private security services to Moses Security Services, Inc. in the amount of \$584,341, and authorize the County Administrator to execute the Agreement, subject to legal review by the County Attorney (Attachment #1). The motion carried 7-0.

19. **Full Board Appointment to the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee**

County Administrator Long introduced this item. He stated this item seeks the full Board's consideration of the appointment of a citizen to the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee.

- Commissioner Maddox stated that Mr. Payne works for Mr. Wilson who serves on the City's AHAC.
- Commissioner Dozier confirmed with the County Attorney that the City and County AHACs vote separately, and she questioned that if the County and City AHAC committees vote separately and meet jointly, are they bound by the Sunshine Laws from speaking to each other.
- County Attorney O'Steen stated if they vote separately, they are not constrained by the Sunshine Law, so appointing both individuals is not in conflict with the law.
- Commissioner Dozier offered a friendly amendment to bring this agenda item back in March with additional information regard the joint meetings.
- Vice-Chairman Proctor said he could not support the substitute motion and reflected that this is a volunteer position, and the nominee is a well-qualified applicant.
- Chairman Minor stated his support of the substitute motion.
- Commissioner Maddox stated that he wanted to be sure that Mr. Payne was fully aware of the Sunshine Law.
- County Attorney O'Steen stated that all three Commissioners have exceeded their time limit for debate.

Commissioner Dozier moved, seconded by Commissioner Maddox to approve the substitute motion to continue this item until March 9th, and direct staff to prepare an agenda item including the collaboration efforts between the City and County Affordable Housing Advisory Committees. The motion carried 6-1. (Vice-Chairman Proctor in opposition.)

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS, 6:00 P.M.

20. **First and Only Public Hearing to Consider Adopting a Resolution Abolishing the Leon County Health Facilities**

County Attorney O'Steen announced the Public Hearing. This item requests the Board conduct the first and only public hearing to consider adopting a proposed Resolution abolishing the Leon County Health Facilities Authority due to the inactivity and lack of bond indebtedness for a period of more than twenty-five years.

Commissioner Dozier moved, seconded by Commissioner Jackson, for approval of Option 1: Conduct the first and only public hearing and adopt the proposed Resolution (Attachment # 1), thereby abolishing the Leon County Health Facilities Authority. The motion carried 6-0. (Commissioner Maddox out of Chambers.)

21. **First and Only Public Hearing to Approve a Development Agreement Between Leon County and Pepe Silvia Group, LLC.**

County Administrator Long announced the Public Hearing. He stated this item requests the Board conduct the second and final required Public Hearing to approve a Development Agreement to provide for the redevelopment of a 10.5-acre property (Swamp Fox Road Parcel) located on the south side of Swamp Fox Road and the establishment of a flood attenuation stormwater management facility needed for the planned redevelopment. A portion of a 17.6-acre property (Crowder Parcel) located adjacent to the railroad and north of Highway 20, adjacent to the stormwater management facility, would be donated to the County for future expansion of the stormwater management facility or other public infrastructure needs.

The following citizen was available for in-person comments/questions:

- Roger Wynn, representing Pepe Silvia Group LLC, had no additional comments.

Vice-Chairman Proctor moved, seconded by Commissioner Dozier, for approval of Option 1: Conduct the second and final Public Hearing and approve a Development Agreement between Leon County and Pepe Silvia Group, LLC (Attachment # 1). The motion carried 6-0. (Commissioner Maddox out of Chambers.)

22. **First and Only Public Hearing to Consider a Proposed Ordinance Amending the Official Zoning Map to Change the Zoning Classification from the Office Residential-3 (OR-3) to the Single-Family Detached Residential (R-2) Zoning District (Parklawn Ct. and Blountstown St.)**

County Administrator Long announced the Public Hearing. He stated this item requests the Board conduct the First and Only Public Hearing to consider an ordinance amending the Official Zoning Map to change the zoning classification for the approximately 2.30-acre subject property located on the southwest corner of Parklawn Court and Blountstown Street from Office Residential-3 (OR-3) to the Single-Family Detached (R-2) Zoning District. The request is a downzoning to facilitate the development of the property for residential rental use at a density consistent with the general area. The agent for the rezoning application is Carmen Bourgeois Green, P.E., of Magnolia Engineering, Inc., and the applicant and present owner of the property is Nick Stoyschich.

Commissioner Dozier moved, seconded by Commissioner Jackson, for approval of Option 1: Conduct the first and only public hearing and adopt the proposed Ordinance (Attachment # 1), thereby amending the Official Zoning Map to change the zoning classification from the Office Residential-3 (OR-3) zoning district to the Single Family Detached (R-2) zoning district, based on the findings of fact and conclusions of the Planning Commission, the information contained within this report and any evidence submitted at the Hearing herein. The motion carried 7-0.

23. **First and Only Public Hearing on Adoption of the Annual Update to the Tallahassee Leon County Comprehensive Plan Capital Improvements Schedule**

County Administrator Long announced the Public Hearing. He stated this item provides for the annual update to the Five-Year Schedule of Capital Improvements pursuant to Florida Statutes, and requests the Board conduct the first and only public hearing to adopt an Ordinance updating the Tallahassee-Leon County Comprehensive Capital Improvement Schedule.

Vice-Chairman Proctor moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Cummings, for approval of Option 1: Conduct first and only public hearing and adopt the Ordinance updating the Tallahassee-Leon County Comprehensive Plan Capital Improvements Schedule (Attachment # 1). 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 Minor confirmed that there were no speakers on Non-Agendaed Items.

COMMENTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

County Attorney O'Steen:

- Shared that the Petrandis matter had been settled as of today, Tuesday, February 16, 2021.
- Stated that the County is on schedule to close on the Supervisor of Elections building on Friday, February 19, 2021.

County Administrator Long:

- No comments.

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS

Commissioner Dozier:

- Requested a proclamation for Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month to be presented offsite. *Commissioner Dozier moved, seconded by Chairman Minor to approve a proclamation recognizing March as Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month. The motion carried 7-0.*
- Asked that a proclamation for Women in Construction week to be presented at the March 9th meeting. *Commissioner Dozier moved, seconded by Chairman Minor to approve a proclamation recognizing March 7-13 as Women in Construction Week. The motion carried 7-0.*
- Sought an agenda item, if needed, for the adoption of a resolution in support of planning councils as proposed by the Apalachee Regional Planning Council in response to SB 62 that would eliminate the advisory role of regional planning councils in state comprehensive plan preparation and revision. *Commissioner Dozier moved, seconded by Commissioner Jackson to direct staff to prepare an agenda item to consider adopting a resolution in support of planning councils, for the March 9th meeting. The motion carried 7-0.*
- Commended the newly launched micro loan program for minority and women business owners in Leon County, through FAMU Credit Union, and thanked Sheila Montgomery, FAMU Credit Union, and Katrina Tuggerson, Capital City Chamber of Commerce.

Commissioner Maddox:

- No comments.

Commissioner Cummings:

- Acknowledged staff for its hard work and thorough analysis in agenda items.

Commissioner Welch:

- Thanked staff for the meals provided at meetings.
- Asked for an agenda item to be brought back at the next meeting to designate the Friday after Thanksgiving as Family Friday or Family Day. He recalled a conversation with Ron

Sachs, Sachs Communication, on bringing the idea to Leon County. He shared how family was the foundation of his life.

Commissioner Welch moved, seconded by Chairman Minor to direct staff to prepare an agenda item to designate the Friday after Thanksgiving as "Family Day". The motion carried 7-0.

Chairman Jackson:

- Commended Vice-Chairman Proctor for his work as chairman when Chairman Minor stepped down.
- Stated that a 24-acre parcel adjacent to the Fort Braden Community Center is on the market and requested County staff research to evaluate the possibility of the County purchase of the property.

Commissioner Jackson moved, seconded by Commissioner Maddox to direct staff to prepare an agenda item exploring the opportunity to purchase a 24-acre parcel adjacent to the Fort Braden Community Center. The motion carried 7-0.

- Reflected on the declining COVID numbers, due in part to the County's education campaign.

Vice-Chairman Proctor:

- Agreed with Commissioner Dozier's remarks on the FAMU microloan program launch.
- Requested a proclamation recognizing the life and achievements of Ed Duffee, Jr., one of the first African American attorneys in the community, to be presented March 9th.

Vice-Chairman Proctor moved, seconded by Commissioner Maddox to approve a proclamation recognizing the life and achievements of Edward "Ed" Duffee Jr. The motion carried 7-0.

- Commended staff for the well written agenda, especially items #13, #14 and #15.
- Thanked staff for its hard work regarding the rollout of vaccine information.

Chairman Minor:

- Wished Vice-Chairman Proctor and County Administrator Long a Happy Birthday.
- Requested a proclamation recognizing March as Red Cross month and recognizing the 140th anniversary of the American Red Cross to be presented on March 9th.

Commissioner Welch moved, seconded by Commissioner Cummings to approve a proclamation recognizing March as Red Cross month and recognizing the 140th anniversary of the American Red Cross. The motion carried 7-0.

- Asked that an agenda item exploring an online training program proposal for hotel/restaurant/retail employees on Human Trafficking, working with Robin Hassler Thompson, Executive Director of the Survive & Thrive Advocacy Center, and coordinating with the Tallahassee Police Department and the Leon County Sheriff's office; and exploring incorporating the federal government contract language regarding human trafficking into County procurement.

- Commissioner Dozier asked that an emphasis on football season be included.

Commissioner Dozier moved, seconded by Commissioner Maddox to direct staff to prepare an agenda item exploring an online training program proposal for hotel/restaurant/retail employees on Human Trafficking, working with Robin Hassler Thompson, Executive Director of the Survive & Thrive Advocacy Center and coordinating with the Tallahassee Police Department and the Leon County Sheriff's office; and exploring incorporating the federal government contract language regarding human trafficking into County procurement. The motion carried 7-0.

- Thanked the Tallahassee Police Department for the weeklong operation on N. Monroe that resulted in multiple arrests.

RECEIPT AND FILE:

- None.

ADJOURN:


There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTEST:



BY: 
Rick Minor, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

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