

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA  
REGULAR MEETING  
April 13, 2021**

The Board of County Commissioners of Leon County, Florida met in regular session at 3:00 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 Deputy County Administrator Alan Rosenzweig, County Attorney Chasity O'Steen, and Clerk to the Board Beryl H. Wood.

Chairman Minor called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Invocation was provided by Elder LaNorris D. McFadden, Pastor of Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church. Commissioner Nick Maddox led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS**

- **Update on the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Pandemic**
  - Claudia Blackburn, Health Officer for the Florida Department of Health in Leon County, stated her appreciation for the hard work of medical leaders in the community as ambassadors for the County. The positivity rate has been 2.7% in the last two weeks, an increase from 2.3%. The cases have also increased to 35 a day. A large number of the cases are in the 18-24 age demographic. Eighty-two percent of people who are 65 and older have received at least one dose of the vaccine. There is still a gap in the disparity of groups of races receiving the vaccine. To reach 50% of the population, an additional 26,615 people would need to be vaccinated. Ms. Blackburn noted that masks should be continued in use as several variants are present in the County.
  - Commissioner Jackson asked for the statistics to be repeated. He noted that this virus attacks those living in poverty as well as the minority population.
  - Commissioner Welch thanked Ms. Blackburn for her work. He noted that he has received emails on the mask mandate. He asked if she had any data points in the other counties that they are continuing the mask mandates. She noted that the state surgeon general is adamant on following the CDC guidelines.
  - Commissioner Welch asked County Attorney O'Steen to clarify what needs to happen for the mask mandate to end.
    - There are 2 ways to repeal an ordinance. One is an emergency procedure. This is the method the Board used to adopt the mask mandate. It requires a 4/5 vote and the determination that there is an immediate need. Using the regular method, there is a 10-day notice to the public of the Board's intent to repeal an ordinance.
  - Commissioner Dozier noted that she received her first dose at the municipal center last week. The process was easy, and the staff has been working hard. She added that she has not received an unusually large amount of feedback from people asking for a repeal of the ordinance. She asked if the variants that affect the younger population have been present in Leon County.
    - Ms. Blackburn stated that they test for the different variants. There have been 3 cases of the California variant and about 23 cases of the UK variant. She emphasized that they will not be able to vaccinate fast enough to get ahead of the curve, and stressed the importance to continue social distancing, mask

mandates, and following of CDC guidelines. Commissioner Dozier asked if they should be concerned about breakthrough cases. Ms. Blackburn stated that with only 12 breakthrough cases to date, this indicates that the vaccines are working.

- Commissioner Maddox stated that it may be time to revisit the County's COVID-19 Response and Reopening Plan as there are a few meetings before the Commission goes on its summer break. The County is currently in Phase 2. He also noted that it would take a 2-step process to repeal the mask mandate. He would like to empower staff to end the mask mandate if the CDC guidance calls for the end of mandates. He believes that, as more people are vaccinated and the positivity rate decreases, the Commission should be able to change the mandate.
  - Deputy County Administrator Rosenzweig stated that in Phase 2 most places are open except for in person spaces.
- *Commissioner Maddox moved, seconded by Commissioner Jackson, that staff bring back an agenda item no later than July 2021, reviewing the current phase of the Response and Reopening Plan that the County is currently implementing and to authorize the County Attorney to schedule a public hearing to consider the repeal of the County's face covering ordinance when CDC guidance changes. The motion carried 7-0.*
  - Commissioner Dozier asked Deputy County Administrator Rosenzweig if the report can include an additional phase between 2 and 3 if needed. He stated that staff could research that issue. She noted that skipping the 1 step in the 2-step process is a more efficient manner. She also noted that she was impressed that people were wearing masks when in attendance for the Word of the South festival.

- **Update on Progress Reaching Underserved Communities to Lower Vaccine Hesitancy and Increase Trust**

- Deputy County Administrator Rosenzweig provided an overview of the initiative and the efforts of the taskforce and introduced the panel of speakers. He shared that the County is leading in the state in decreasing hesitancy toward the vaccine in underserved communities.
- Mathieu Cavell, Assistant to the County Administrator, provided an overview of the County's comprehensive effort to promote COVID-19 vaccinations in underserved communities and communities of color. He stated that the County's role is to coordinate and catalyze the efforts with partners, by increasing access and decreasing hesitancy to the vaccine.
- Dr. Elaine Bryant thanked the Commission for this initiative. She provided an overview of the task force efforts including its goal of reaching 10,000 households. She thanked the Board and County staff for their support. She also noted how hard Mr. Cavell has worked throughout the month of March assisting with this effort. She stated that a virtual town hall meeting was held on March 18 with faith leaders in underserved areas. It was an opportunity to hear from those in the community who had questions concerning the vaccines. Under the Neighborhood and Community Outreach, there has been canvassing in Frenchtown. As a goal, they wanted to reach 10,000 households. In the first month, they have already reached out to more than 5,000 households. Offering vaccines in neighborhoods helped increase the amount of people receiving the vaccine. Dr. Bryant also noted there were over 100 applications for the mini grants offered to organizations to help decrease hesitancy towards the vaccine. From this pool, 25 applicants will be chosen to help underserved communities.

- Dr. Temple Robinson stated that they are very busy at the Bond Community Health Center. Her staff is working hard to administer vaccines and help the community. Yesterday, they were able to administer over 3,000 doses of the vaccine. They are seeing the effects of the outreach efforts as people call in to ask for a vaccine after they have attended a town hall meeting. They also make house calls to serve those who may not be able to travel. Today they administered the Moderna vaccines to a part of the homeless population after the pause on the Johnson and Johnson vaccine was put into place today.
  - Jeanne Freeman, Neighborhood Medical Center, provided an overview of the Neighborhood's vaccination efforts and noted that clinics are open daily. They are seeing an increase in the number of minority people who are receiving the vaccine in their clinics. She stated that the community is thankful for the efforts made by the County and these organizations.
  - Claudia Blackburn stated that the community partners have been working hard to accomplish their goals. COVID education has been incorporated into existing outreaches. The Department of Health has relied on community partners to educate the public on the vaccines.
  - Commissioner Maddox stated that it was a great investment in community health when they decided to fund this initiative. He asked the panel what they need in the future to continue this successful effort.
    - Dr. Bryant stated that more neighborhoods will need to be reached in order to increase the vaccination numbers.
    - Dr. Robinson stated that good, dependable manpower is needed to handle the data collection.
    - Chairman Minor stated that County staff is working with the panel to address where the federal dollars will go in the future.
  - Commissioner Welch thanked the community leaders for their hard work.
  - Commissioner Cummings also thanked the community leaders. She is impressed by the outcomes after a month of work. She thanked Ms. Freeman personally as she and her mother received their vaccines at the Neighborhood Center.
  - Commissioner Dozier also thanked the community leaders. She asked about the impact of the pause on use of the Johnson and Johnson vaccine. She also asked if they had feedback from people after they have been vaccinated.
    - Ms. Freeman stated that the pause would have impacted their efforts, however they have more doses of Moderna that can be used as a replacement.
    - Claudia Blackburn stated that a few Johnson and Johnson doses have been administered before the pause, however, the Pfizer vaccine has been in use by most centers.
  - Chairman Minor stated that it is amazing to see a group of people work in good faith to help the citizens of Leon County.
- **ADDED – Update by the President of the Florida Association of Counties (FAC)**  
*(Melissa McKinlay, FAC President, Palm Beach County Commissioner)*
    - Melissa McKinlay, President of the Florida Association of Counties, provided an update of FAC activities and offered her thanks for Leon County's active participation and its continued support for the staff of the Association. She stated that attendance has increased since the transition to virtual events. She also commended the Commissioners for their hard work during the pandemic.
    - Commissioner Maddox noted that the Executive Board for FAC has met with other associations and commended her hard work as President.
    - Commissioner Dozier offered her thanks to President McKinlay for attending the meeting. She commended the virtual events and Studio 67 for running these events.

- Commissioner Welch thanked President McKinlay for her work and for welcoming himself and Commissioner Cummings.

Commissioner Jackson moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Maddox, for approval of the Consent Agenda except for item 5. The motion carried 7-0.

## **CONSENT**

### **1. Minutes: January 25, 2021 Board Retreat and January 26, 2021 Regular Meeting**

*The Board approved Option 1: Approve the minutes of January 25, 2021, Board Retreat and January 26, 2021 Regular Meeting.*

### **2. Payment of Bills and Vouchers**

*The Board approved Option 1: Approve the payment of bills and vouchers submitted for April 13, 2021 and pre-approve the payment of bills and vouchers for the period of April 14, 2021 through May 20, 2021.*

### **3. Termination of 1989 Interlocal Agreement Associated with the Former Operation of Tallahassee Developmental Center by Pensacola Care, Inc.**

*The Board approved Option 1: Approve the proposed Termination of Interlocal Agreement (Attachment #1) and authorize the Chairman to execute.*

### **4. Proposed Resolution for Acquisition by Eminent Domain of Sanitary Sewer Utility Easements for Belair/Annawood Neighborhood Septic to Sewer Project**

*The Board approved Option 1: Adopt the proposed Resolution for Acquisition of Property by Eminent Domain for the Belair/Annawood Septic to Sewer Project (Attachment #1).*

### **5. Naming of the Leon County Clerk of Court and Comptroller's Low Bono Center in Honor of Judge Nikki Ann Clark - PULLED**

*The Board approved Option 1: Approve the naming of the Leon County Clerk of Court and Comptroller's Low Bono Center in Honor of Judge Nikki Ann Clark. Option #2: Approve the associated Budget Amendment Request for \$3,300 from General Fund Contingency (Attachment #1).*

### **6. Request to Schedule Two Public Hearings to Consider Adopting an Ordinance Amending Section 10-6.612 of the Land Development Code Entitled "Rural Zoning District" for June 8, 2021 and July 13, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.**

*The Board approved Option 1: Schedule two Public Hearings to consider adopting an Ordinance amending Section 10-6.612 of the Land Development Code, entitled "Rural Zoning District" (Attachment #1) for June 8, 2021 and July 13, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.*

### **7. Request to Schedule the First and Only Public Hearing to Consider Adopting an Ordinance Repealing and Replacing Article XI of the Leon County Land Development Code, Uniform Street Naming and Property Numbering System, Amending Section 10-7.502, General Layout Design Standards, and the Implementing Addressing Policies and Procedures Operating Guidelines for May 11, 2021.**

*The Board approved Option 1: Schedule the first and only Public Hearing to consider adopting an Ordinance repealing and replacing Article XI of the Leon County Land Development Code, Uniform Street Naming and Property Numbering System, amending Section 10- 7.502, General Layout and Design Standards (Attachment 1), and the Implementing Addressing Policies and Procedures Operating Guidelines for May 11, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.*

**8. Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Advanced Life Support and Basic Life Support Ground Transport Services for Capital Regional Medical Center**

*The Board approved Option 1: Approve the issuance of an Advanced Life Support and Basic Life Support Ground Transport Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Capital Regional Medical Center (Attachment #1).*

**9. Proposed Resolution Authorizing Conveyance of Easement Interest in County Property at 2121 Saxon Street to the City of Tallahassee to allow for the Continued Maintenance of Slopes and a Retaining Wall Necessary for a Sidewalk Construction Project**

*The Board approved Option #1: Adopt the Resolution authorizing conveyance of an easement interest in the County Property, located at the 2121 Saxon Street, to the City of Tallahassee and authorize the Chairman to execute the associated Slope Maintenance Easement (Attachment #1); and*

*Option #2: Authorize the Chairman and/or County Administrator to execute any associated documents subject to legal review by the County Attorney.*

**10. Proposed Resolutions Authorizing Conveyance of County Property to the Florida Department of Transportation for Use in the Woodville Highway Widening Project Between Capital Circle and Gaile Avenue**

*The Board approved Option #1: Adopt the proposed Resolutions authorizing conveyance of County Property, comprising various property interests in the rights-of-way of eight County roads, to the FDOT (Attachments #1, #2, and #3), and authorize the Chairman to execute the associated County Deed, Temporary Construction Easement, and License; and*

*Option #2: Authorize the Chairman and/or County Administrator to execute any associated documents subject to legal review by the County Attorney.*

**11. Award the Solicitation for the Provision of Nonresidential Real Estate Services**

*The Board approved Option 1: Award the solicitation for nonresidential real estate services to TALCOR Commercial Real Estate Services, Inc., and authorize the County Administrator to execute the Agreement (Attachment #1) subject to legal review by the County Attorney.*

**12. Leon County Designated Receiving System and Behavioral Health Transportation Plan**

*The Board approved Option 1: Approve the updated Designated Receiving System and Behavioral Health Transportation Plan for 2021-2024 (Attachment #1), authorize the County Administrator to sign, and submit the Plan to NWF Health Network, the managing entity.*

**13. Status Report on Nonresident Access to Libraries**

*The Board approved Option 1: Accept the status report on nonresident access to libraries and take no further action.*

**14. Interlocal Agreement with the Leon County Sheriff's Office for the Video Visitation and Family Literacy Program**

*The Board approved Option # 1: Approve the Interlocal Agreement between Leon County and the Leon County Sheriff's Office to pilot a video visitation and family literacy program (Attachment #1) and authorize the County Administrator to execute the agreement subject to legal review by the County Attorney.*

**15. Acceptance of the 2021 Florida Health Literacy Grant**

*The Board approved Option #1: Accept the 2021 Florida Health Literacy Grant award of \$3,500 from the Florida Literacy Coalition, Inc. and approve the Resolution and associated Budget Amendment request (Attachment #1).*

**16. Status Update on Use of Glyphosate in Leon County and Integrated Vegetation Management**

*Public Comment:*

- *John Outland submitted an online comment in support of eliminating the use of Glyphosate.*

*The Board approved Option #1: Accept the Status Report on the use of Glyphosate in Leon County.*

**17. Report on the Possible Acquisition of a 24-acre Parcel Near Fort Braden Community Center**

*The Board approved Option #1: Accept the status update regarding the 24-acre parcel and take no further action.*

**18. Apalachee Regional Resilience Collaborative**

*The Board approved Option #1: Authorize the County Administrator to execute the Agreement to join the Apalachee Regional Resilience Collaborative (Attachment #1), subject to legal review by the County Attorney.*

**Item 30. Reschedule Budget Workshop to May 25, 2021**

*The Board approved Option #1: Reschedule the April 27, 2021 Budget Workshop to May 25, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.*

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

**19. Status Report on the Commission Redistricting Process**



*The Board approved Option #1: Accept the status report on the Commission redistricting process and schedule the first and only Public Hearing to consider adopting an Ordinance amending the Leon County Commission Districts for December 14, 2021 at 6 p.m.*

## **20. Annual 2020 Concurrency Report**

*The Board approved Option #1: Accept the 2020 Concurrency Annual Report (Attachment #1).*

### **CONSENT ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION**

#### **Item 5. Naming of the Leon County Clerk of Court and Comptroller's Low Bono Center in Honor of Judge Nikki Ann Clark (County Administrator/ County Administration)**

Commissioner Cummings pulled the item from the consent. She applauded Judge Clark for her hard work. Judge Clark was the first African American woman to serve as a Circuit Judge for the 2nd Judicial Circuit.

*Commissioner Cummings moved, seconded by Commissioner Dozier, to approve Option #1: Approve the naming of the Leon County Clerk of Court and Comptroller's Low Bono Center in Honor of Judge Nikki Ann Clark; and Option #2: Approve the associated Budget Amendment Request for \$3,300 from General Fund Contingency. 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 comments were received via online submission:
  - Mitchell Potter, 3445 Rustlewood Lane, submitted an online comment in support of allowing the use of County owned baseball fields for adult baseball league games.
  - Sheri Roark, 20107 Chimney Swift Hollow, submitted two online comments in opposition to the County's mask mandate.
  - Victoria Schmookler, 2728 Whitney Drive North, submitted an online comment in opposition to the County's mask mandate.
  - Chris Smith submitted an online comment in opposition to the County's mask mandate.
  - Donna Tharpe, 2028 East Forest Drive, submitted an online comment in support of exploring changes to zoning regulations to allow for the construction of tiny houses.
  - John Outland, 1562 Tung Hill Drive, submitted a comment against the use of glyphosate in Leon County for integrated vegetation management.
- The following citizens provided in-person comments:
  - Christina Eppes, 12009 Otter Creek Trail, provided comments in support of healthy habits and raising the age for the mask mandate for children.

- Sarah Haskell, 923 Alachua Avenue, provided comments in opposition to the current location of the City Walk homeless shelter.
- The following citizens provided virtual comments:
  - Yvette Pavone, 4036 Forsythe Park Circle, Forsythe Homeowners Association, spoke in support of allowing her community to vote on the traffic calming on Forsythe Way.
    - Chairman Minor stated that staff would follow-up with the citizen
  - Stephanie Johansen, 3508 Buckner Court, spoke in opposition to the mask mandate.
  - Elizabeth Winchester, 2118 Old Fort Drive, spoke regarding her concerns about the eligibility requirements for the Leon CARES Emergency Rental Assistance Program.
    - Chairman Minor stated that the Program has federal restrictions regarding how the funds may be used, and that staff would follow-up with the citizen.

## **General Business**

### **Item 24. Adoption of a Resolution Designating the Friday After Thanksgiving as Family Day in Leon County**

Deputy County Administrator Rosenzweig stated at the February 16, 2021 meeting, the Board directed staff to provide an agenda item exploring adopting a Resolution that designates the Friday after the Thanksgiving holiday as Family Day in Leon County.

Chairman Minor approved moving the item to the first item on General Business.

- The following citizen provided in-person comments:
  - Ron Sachs, 303 Rosehill Drive, Sachs Media, spoke in support of the designation, and stated if approved that Leon County would be the only county in Florida that has approved the designation.
- Commissioner Jackson stated the importance of recognizing families.
- Commissioner Welch thanked Mr. Sachs for the idea and stated his support for the designation. He made a motion for Option #1.
- Commissioner Dozier stated her support of the motion and the initiative. She complimented staff for the creative ways to promote Family Day.
- Commissioner Cummings stated her support of the initiative.

*Commissioner Welch moved, seconded by Commissioner Cummings, to approve Option #1: Adopt the Resolution designating the Friday after the Thanksgiving holiday as Family Day in Leon County. The motion carried 7-0.*

### **21. Ratification of Actions Taken at the March 23, 2021 Workshop on Affordable Housing Initiatives in Leon County**

Deputy County Administrator Rosenzweig stated this item seeks the Board's ratification of the preliminary actions taken at the March 23, 2021 Workshop on Affordable Housing Initiatives in Leon County.

- Commissioner Maddox stated that he would like to amend the option to separate the joint housing workshop from the joint Big Bend Continuum of Care Strategic Plan / homelessness workshop in order to not confuse the issues. He made a motion for amended Option #1 and also Option #2.



- Commissioner Dozier reflected that it may be important to have both workshops on the same day, and asked Commissioner Maddox if he would consider a friendly amendment to also explore the option of scheduling the homelessness workshop on the same day as the Affordable Housing Workshop. Commissioner Maddox did not accept the amendment.
- Chairman Minor stated that the Big Bend Continuum of Care Strategic Plan should be ready in late June or early July.
- Commissioner Dozier questioned the timing of preliminary action #5 - directing the Planning staff to include the development of inclusionary housing policy recommendations as part of the Future Land Use Element update of the Tallahassee-Leon County Comprehensive Plan; and reflected on the need for an agenda item looking at the status of inclusionary housing polices in general. She asked if Commissioner Maddox would accept an amendment to bring an agenda item on the general scope of inclusionary housing policies and other options available before staff moves forward with developing a policy. Commissioner Maddox accepted the amendment.
  - Deputy County Administrator Rosenzweig stated that the information would be brought back in the Comprehensive Plan update which could be up to a year away, but if something is needed sooner an agenda item could be prepared.

*Commissioner Maddox moved, seconded by Vice-Chairman Proctor, to approve Option #1: Ratify the preliminary actions taken at the March 23, 2021 Workshop on Affordable Housing Initiatives in Leon County as amended:*

1. *Accepted the status report on affordable housing in Leon County.*
2. *Requested the Housing Finance Authority of Leon County (HFA) develop a procedure to evaluate and recommend projects seeking Local Government Area of Opportunity Funding Tax Credits for local government support that could be implemented after the Tallahassee Housing Authority's (THA) Orange Avenue Apartments Redevelopment project is fully funded.*
3. *Approved continuation of the practice of redistributing PILOT fees provided by the Tallahassee Housing Authority (THA) back to the agency to support property maintenance services, security and resident services including after-school programs and summer programming.*
4. *Directed staff to prepare an agenda item to consider a partnership with the City on the Landlord Risk Mitigation Fund focusing on individuals returning to the community from incarceration, to be funded through the County's existing Jail Diversion budget.*
5. *As amended: Direct staff to prepare an agenda item on the general scope of inclusionary housing polices and explore other options prior to ~~and Approved the continued support of previous Board direction to Planning staff on~~ the development of inclusionary housing policy recommendations as part of the Future Land Use Element update of the Tallahassee-Leon County Comprehensive Plan.*
6. *As amended Direct the County Administrator to work with the City Manager to schedule a joint housing workshop that includes a discussion of the Big Bend Continuum of Care strategic plan and the 2021 Annual Report to be produced by the Leon County and City of Tallahassee Affordable Housing Advisory Committees respectively;*  
*and*  
*Option #2: Approve redistribution of payment in lieu of taxes provided by Tallahassee Housing Authority for FY 2019 in the amount of \$22,175 and the appropriation of the estimated FY 2020 payment of \$24,000 and adopt the associated Resolution and Budget Amendment Request. The motion carried 7-0.*

- Commissioner Dozier motioned to direct staff to schedule a joint workshop on the Big Bend Continuum of Care Strategic Plan / homelessness, to mirror the direction of the City Commission.

*Commissioner Dozier moved, seconded by Chairman Minor, to direct the County Administrator to work with the City Manager to schedule a joint workshop on the Big Bend Continuum of Care Strategic Plan / homelessness. The motion carried 7-0.*

**22. Approval of the Tallahassee Community Redevelopment Agency's Recommendation to Award Arts, Cultural and Heritage Grant Program Funds to the LeMoyne Arts, Inc. "Arts for Always" Project**

Deputy County Administrator Rosenzweig stated this item provides a status update on the Community Redevelopment Agency's (CRA) recent actions related to the Arts, Culture, and Heritage Grant Program and seeks Board approval to award \$1 million for the LeMoyne Arts, Inc. "Arts for Always" project for the purchase and renovation of an adjacent building to serve as the new education center/museum.

Commissioner Dozier recused herself from the discussion and the vote due to a conflict of interest. She thanked the Board for the unanimous support for event funding including Word of South and LeMoyne Chain of Parks Festival.

- The following citizens submitted online comments in support of awarding LeMoyne Arts the \$1 Million grant from the Tourist Development Tax funds.

Public Comment submitted:

- Rachel Borntreger, 514 E College Avenue, LeMoyne Arts Board Member, asked that they accept staff recommendations.
- Debra Corkhill, 3582 Velda Woods Drive, asked that they support staff recommendation.
- Paul Craft, 3582 Velda Woods Drive, LeMoyne Arts Board of Directors, in support of staff recommendation and approve LeMoyne Art "Art for Always" project for \$1 million be awarded for Tourist Development Tax Funds.
- Pam Doffek, 9320 Royal Troon Drive, Immediate Past President, LeMoyne Arts, asked that they accept staff recommendations.
- Susan Fiorito, 2451 Oakdale Street, LeMoyne Arts Board Member, asked that they accept staff recommendations.
- Paul Fortunas, 6264 Mahan Drive, LeMoyne Arts Board Member, recommend approval of this item and approval of LeMoyne.
- Trimmel Gomes, 3103 Hotchkiss Lane, LeMoyne Arts Board Member, asked that they accept staff recommendations.
- Jennifer Infinger, 38083 Justice Lane, LeMoyne Arts Board Member, asked that they accept staff recommendations.
- Kaye Kendrick, 1606 N. Meridian Road, Treasurer, LeMoyne Arts Board of Directors, asked that they accept staff recommendations.
- Arielle Raff, 2332 Vinkara Drive, Director of Operations, LeMoyne Arts Foundation Inc., asked that they accept staff recommendations.
- Joanna Southerland-Mele, 1117 Sandhurst Drive, asked that they accept staff recommendations.
- Mary Jo Spector, 4118 Faulkner Lane, LeMoyne Arts Board Member, recommended that they accept staff recommendations.
- Daniel Taylor, 1224 Mitchell Avenue, LeMoyne Arts Board Member, submitted comments in support of staff recommendations.

- Stephanie Whitfield, 2306 Charles Court, Vice President, LeMoyne Arts Board of Directors, submitted comments in support of staff recommendations.
- Dianne Perkins, 9080 Old Chemonie Road, Secretary, LeMoyne Arts Board of Directors, asked that they accept staff recommendation.

In person Comments:

- Paul Craft, 3582 Velda Woods Drive, President, LeMoyne Arts Board of Directors, shared his support of the revised project scope and releasing the Tourist Development Funds to LeMoyne Arts for the project.

*Commissioner Maddox moved, seconded by Commissioner Cummings, for approval of Options 1-2: Option # 1: Accept the status report on the Community Redevelopment Agency's recent actions related to the Arts, Cultural and Heritage Grant Program; and Option # 2: Approve the LeMoyne Arts "Art for Always" project for \$1 million to be awarded from Tourist Development Tax funds. The motion carried 6-0. (Commissioner Dozier in abstention).*

### **23. Approval of the Resolution to Establish the Citizens' North Monroe Corridor Task Force**

Deputy County Administrator Rosenzweig stated to advance the approved FY 2017-FY 2021 Strategic Initiative to create a Citizens' North Monroe Street Task Force, this item requests the Board adopt a resolution establishing the Task Force. The Task Force would be made up of 12 members, seven appointed by the County and five appointed by the City of Tallahassee.

Online Citizen Comments:

- Holly Binns, 2107 Mulberry Blvd., submitted a comment in support of the formation of the N. Monroe Task Force to address a suite of issues in this area.
- Connie Callaway O'Brien, 3031 Lakeshore Drive, submitted a comment about homeless situation along Lakeshore and North Monroe.
- Haven Cook, 310 N. Dellview Drive, submitted comments about North Monroe Corridor. He suggested an ordinance prohibiting panhandling.
- Mary Geringer, 3127 Ortega Drive, submitted comments in favor of the North Monroe Corridor Task Force.
- Allen Harkins, 2815 Lakeshore Drive, Candlewood Suites, submitted concerns about safety of his customers that are normally out of town guests.
- Madeline Hart, 3302 Robinhood Road, supported the N. Monroe Corridor Task Force.
- Johnathan Lammers, 3164 Lakeshore Drive, supported the N. Monroe Corridor Task Force.
- Piyush Patel, 3090 N. Monroe Street, Quality Inn, supported the N. Monroe Corridor Task Force. He commented on the increase in the homeless traffic and crime.
- Kip and Bev Wells, 3128 Ortega Drive, supported the N. Monroe Corridor Task Force.
- Jeri Workman, 2000 Merchants Row Blvd #817, supported the N. Monroe Corridor Task Force.
- Susie Henderson, 3124 Ortega Drive, supported the N. Monroe Corridor Task Force.

Commissioner Maddox commended the formation of the Task Force and made a motion for Option #1.

Commissioner Maddox moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Cummings, for approval of Option 1: Approve the Resolution to establish the Citizens' North Monroe Corridor Task Force (Attachment # 1). The motion carried 7-0.

**24. Adoption of a Resolution Designating the Friday After Thanksgiving as Family Day in Leon County – Moved to first on General Business**

**25. Bid Award for Asphaltic Concrete Materials and Services, Continuing Supply**

Deputy County Administrator Rosenzweig stated this item seeks Board approval to award the bid for the Asphaltic Concrete Materials and Services, Continuing Supply contract, for the resurfacing of County maintained roads to the lowest responsive bidder, Capital Asphalt, Inc., in the estimated amount of \$7,855,032.

Commissioner Maddox asked if the company met MWSBE requirements.

- Deputy County Administrator Rosenzweig confirmed that it did meet MWSBE aspirational targets for the bid.

Commissioner Maddox moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Welch, for approval of Option #1: Approve the bid award to Capital Asphalt, Inc., in the estimated amount of \$7,855,032 for Asphaltic Concrete Materials and Services, Continuing Supply for a two-year period (Attachment #1) and authorize the County Administrator to execute, subject to legal review by the County Attorney. The motion carried 7-0.

**26. Bid Award for Construction of the Apalachee Regional Park Entrance and Other Miscellaneous Improvements Project**

Deputy County Administrator Rosenzweig stated this item seeks Board approval to award the bid for construction of the Apalachee Regional Park Entrance and Other Miscellaneous Improvements Project to the lowest responsive bidder, Shaffield Building Specialties, in the amount of \$1,349,448.

Commissioner Dozier commended the continued work at the Apalachee Regional Park.

Commissioner Dozier moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Maddox, for approval of Option 1 -2: Option #1: Approve the bid award to Shaffield Building Specialties in the amount of \$1,349,448 for construction of the Apalachee Regional Park Entrance and Other Miscellaneous Improvements Project (Attachment #1) and authorize the County Administrator to execute the Agreement, subject to legal review by the County Attorney; and  
Option #2: Approve the Resolution and associated Budget Amendment Request using \$440,000 of Tourism Development fund balance (Attachment #2). The motion carried 7-0.

**27. Authorization to Purchase Two New Ambulances Utilizing the Florida Sheriff's Association Cooperative Contract with REV RTC, Inc. d/b/a/ Hall-Mark RTC**

Deputy County Administrator Rosenzweig stated this item seeks Board approval to utilize cooperative purchasing (piggybacking) to execute a purchase order in the amount of \$527,126 for two new ambulances. Leon County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) replaces ambulances each year due to the continuous high usage.

Commissioner Welch moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Maddox, for approval of Option #1: Authorize the purchase of two new ambulances from Rev RTC, Inc. d/b/a/ Hall-Mark RTC, in the amount of \$527,126, utilizing the Florida Sheriff's Association cooperative purchasing agreement. The motion carried 7-0.

**28. Approval of Amendment to Agreement with Avenu Government Systems, LLC, for Three-Year Renewal of Banner Support and Maintenance Agreement**

Deputy County Administrator Rosenzweig stated this item seeks Board approval of an amendment to the agreement with Avenu Government Systems, LLC, for a three-year renewal of the County's maintenance and support for the Banner financial system in the amount of \$330,511.

Commissioner Dozier moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Maddox, for approval of Option #1: Approve the amendment to the Technical Currency Agreement with Avenu Government Systems, LLC, for a three-year renewal for the Banner financial system maintenance and support in the amount of \$330,511 (Attachment #1), and authorize the County Administrator to execute the agreement subject to legal review by the County Attorney. The motion carried 7-0.

**29. Full Board Appointments to the Advisory Committee for Quality Growth, the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee, the Board of Adjustments & Appeals, the Minority Women & Small Business Enterprise Citizen Advisory Committee, the Tallahassee Sports Council, and the Value Adjustment Board**

Deputy County Administrator Rosenzweig stated this item seeks the full Board's consideration of the appointment of citizens to the Advisory Committee for Quality Growth, the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee, the Board of Adjustments & Appeals, the Minority Women & Small Business Enterprise Citizen Advisory Committee, the Tallahassee Sports Council, and the Value Adjustment Board.

Commissioner Dozier moved to approve, seconded by Commissioner Maddox, Option #1: Appoint one citizen to the Advisory Committee for Quality Growth for the remainder of the unexpired term ending May 31, 2022. The Board appointed Barbara Clark. The motion carried 7-0.

Commissioner Maddox moved to approve, seconded by Commissioner Welch, Option #2: The Board appointed Elias Mathes, to the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee for the remainder of the unexpired term ending March 31, 2023. The motion carried 7-0.

Commissioner Maddox moved to approve, seconded by Commissioner Dozier Option #3: Appoint one citizen, Jann Tucker-Pettway, to the County Alternate Seat on the Board of Adjustments & Appeals for the remainder of the unexpired term ending June 30, 2022. The motion carried 7-0.

Commissioner Maddox moved to approve, seconded by Commissioner Dozier, Option #4: Appoint two citizens to the Tallahassee-Leon County Minority, Women & Small Business Enterprise Citizen Advisory Committee for two-year terms ending April 30, 2023. The eligible Board appointed Christi Hale and Lanisha Thornton; thereby waiving the conflicting employment relationship disclosed by Ms. Hale on Form 4A by a two-thirds affirmative vote. The motion carried 7-0.



Commissioner Maddox moved to approve, seconded by Commissioner Welch, Option #5: Appoint two citizens to the Tallahassee Sports Council for three-year terms ending April 30, 2024. The Board appointed: Judy Alexander and Jason Pappas. The motion carried 7-0.

Commissioner Maddox moved to approve, seconded by Commissioner Welch, Option #6: Reappoint one citizen, Gregory Cowan, to the Value Adjustment Board for a two-year term ending April 30, 2023. The motion carried 7-0.

### **30. ADD-ON Reschedule Budget Workshop to May 25, 2021**

Deputy County Administrator Rosenzweig introduced this item. He stated it seeks Board consideration to reschedule the first Budget Workshop from April 27, 2021 to May 25, 2021, which allows additional time to receive and evaluate the developing Federal Treasury Guidance on the use of the American Rescue Plan funding. Holding the first Budget Workshop on May 25, 2021, also allows for May 1st revenue estimates to be provided.

Commissioner Maddox moved, seconded by Commissioner Dozier, for approval of Option 1: Reschedule the April 27, 2021 Budget Workshop to May 25, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. 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.

- None

### **COMMENTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **County Attorney O'Steen:**

- Provided an overview of a settlement for a slip and fall incident at a county facility. Costs of defending the claim have been paid for by the County's insurer, Travelers, and the \$62,500 settlement would be paid by Travelers.
  - *Commissioner Maddox moved, seconded by Commissioner Welch, for staff recommendation to approve the \$62,500 settlement of the litigation involving a slip and fall at a County facility. The motion carried 7-0.*
- Provided an overview of the Board's November 2020 denial of the 6th amendment to the Southwood Development of Regional Impact Development Order (DRI DO). The applicant initiated the administrative dispute resolution process under section 70.51, Florida Statutes, and the hearing before the special magistrate was held last Friday, April 19th. The special magistrate will issue a recommended order, and the Board must take final action after consideration of the recommended order. Requested authorization to schedule the public hearing at the May or June 2021 meeting.
  - *Commissioner Cummings moved, seconded by Commissioner Dozier, to approve the scheduling of the public hearing on the recommended order related to the denial of the 6th amendment to the Southwood DRI DO at the May or June 2021 Board meeting. The motion carried 7-0.*



- Provided a brief history of section 790.33, Florida Statutes, and an overview of the consolidated cases, *State of Florida vs. City of Weston*, involving multiple parties that have challenged the penalties and remedies imposed when local government officials regulate firearms and ammunition in violation of the preemption of firearms and ammunition in violation of section 790.33, Florida Statutes. County Attorney O’Steen summarized the remedies and penalties for violation of the statute. She shared that the circuit court agreed with local governments by invalidating most of the penalties and remedies, but the First District Court of Appeal issued an opinion on appeal that found most of the remedies and penalties are lawful. At this time, the penalties involved in the appeal remain in place and are lawful. Requested authorization for the County Attorney’s Office to join in filing a petition to certify the issue of penalties against local officials found in section 790.33, Florida Statutes, to the Supreme Court as one of great public importance.
- Commissioner Maddox motioned for the County Attorney to move forward.
- Commissioner Jackson asked if there is an estimated cost to the County. He stated his support of the motion.
  - County Attorney stated that there would be no additional cost to hire outside counsel.
- Commissioner Dozier reflected on the number of preemption bills and stated her support of the motion.
- Commissioner Cummings asked County Attorney for her recommendation and asked about the potential financial exposure.
  - County Attorney O’Steen recommended that the County join in filing the petition to certify the issue and stated that she was confident that others will be moving forward, even if the County chooses not to do so. She stated that the current County Commissioners would have no personal exposure since the County does not have any current ordinances regulating firearms or ammunitions. She reiterated that any costs to continue to participate in the litigation would be absorbed by the County Attorney’s Office.

*Commissioner Maddox moved, seconded by Commissioner Dozier, to authorize the County Attorney to move forward with joining in the filing of a petition to certify the issue of penalties against local government officials found in section 790.33, Florida Statutes, to the Supreme Court as one of great public importance.  
The motion carried 7-0.*

**Deputy County Administrator Rosenzweig:**

- No additional comments.

**COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**Commissioner Dozier:**

- Commended County Administrator Long for his attendance as this was the first absence in 26 years.
- Requested a presentation by the Knight Creative Communities Institute (KCCI) team working on the Art of the Box, wrapping utility boxes with art, and stated that the City Commission is also requesting a presentation.

*Commissioner Dozier moved, seconded by Chairman Minor, to direct staff to schedule a presentation by KCCI on the Art of the Box initiative at a future Board meeting.  
The motion carried 7-0.*

- Commended the work completed by the staff to help facilitate the Sustainability Summit.

**Commissioner Maddox:**

- Commended Deputy County Administrator Rosenzweig for a great meeting.
- He also wished his daughter, Nyla Maddox, happy 14th birthday.

**Commissioner Welch:**

- Thanked the Board for the recently opened Bradfordville volunteer firefighter station.
- Reflected on the recent fatal crash involving a Chiles High School student and requested an agenda item exploring the safety concerns on Meridian Road near Gardner Road.
- *Commissioner Welch moved, seconded by Chairman Minor, to direct staff to prepare an agenda item exploring the possible safety enhancements on Meridian Road near Gardner Road and the entrance to the Summerbrooke neighborhood.*  
The motion carried 7-0.
- Requested an agenda item exploring options to improve road conditions on the west end of Proctor Road to mitigate the poor road conditions after rain, including paving and less expensive options.
- *Commissioner Welch moved, seconded by Commissioner Maddox, to direct staff to prepare an agenda item exploring options to improve the road conditions on the unpaved western portion of Proctor Road.*  
The motion passed 7-0.

**Commissioner Cummings:**

- Reflected on the City's initiative to recognize Election Day as a paid holiday. She requested an agenda item to consider recognizing Election Day as a paid holiday for Leon County Government employees.
- Chairman Minor asked if it was possible to provide an estimate of Leon County employee voting turnout in the analysis.
  - Deputy County Administrator Rosenzweig stated that it could be included if it was available.
- Commissioner Dozier reflected on the appropriateness of including County employee turnout.
- Commissioner Maddox asked that employee turnout not be included in the agenda item.
- Chairman Minor stated his support of County employee voting privacy rights.  
*Commissioner Cummings moved, seconded by Commissioner Dozier, to direct staff to prepare an agenda item to consider making Election Day a paid County employee holiday.*  
The motion carried 7-0.

**Chairman Jackson:**

- Reflected on the homeless encampments at 2200 West Pensacola Street and at the T-Mobile property at Capital Circle and Tennessee Street. He asked that the information regarding encampments be included in the upcoming joint homelessness workshop.
  - Deputy County Administrator Rosenzweig confirmed that it would be included in the workshop.
- Paid tribute to his mother, Jane Jackson, who recently passed away and thanked his fellow Commissioners for their condolences.

**Vice-Chairman Proctor:**

- Requested a resolution in opposition to House Bill 1 concerning the right to protest and the House and Senate bills suppressing voters' rights.
- Commissioner Maddox provided a friendly amendment to include Senate Bill 90 and House Bill 7041.

*Vice-Chairman Proctor moved, seconded by Commissioner Maddox, to approve two resolutions; the first in opposition to Florida House Bill 1 concerning the right to protest and the second in opposition to Florida Senate Bill 90 / Florida House Bill 7041 that would suppress voting rights. The motion carried 7-0.*

**Chairman Minor:**

- Commended the Deputy County Administrator for facilitating the meeting.
- Requested a proclamation recognizing May as Bike Month to be presented at a May 10th roundtable discussion with the leaders of various local bicycle groups.
- Requested a proclamation recognizing the World Class Schools Best & Brightest Awards to Leon County high school seniors.
- Requested a proclamation recognizing the retirement of FSU President, John Thrasher.
- Requested a proclamation recognizing Lee Mortimer, member of the Big Bend Honor Guard since its inception.

*Commissioner Maddox moved, seconded by Commissioner Dozier, to approve a proclamation recognizing May as Bike Month; a proclamation recognizing the World Class Schools Best & Brightest Awards to Leon County high school seniors; a proclamation recognizing the retirement of FSU President, John Thrasher; and a proclamation recognizing Lee Mortimer, member of the Bid Bend Honor Guard since its inception. The motion carried 7-0.*

**RECEIPT AND FILE:**

- Capital Region Community Development District meeting minutes for December 10, 2020
- Leon County Educational Facilities Authority Financial Statements for year ending September 30, 2020 and Report of Independent Auditors

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the regular meeting was adjourned at 5:51 p.m. The joint meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

**LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA**

ATTEST:



BY:

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

BY:

Rick Minor, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners