

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA
REGULAR MEETING
June 8, 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 Chair 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 3:01 p.m.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Invocation was provided by Dean Inserra of City Church. Commissioner Welch then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Public Safety Update
 - Sheriff Walt McNeil provided an update on public safety in the community including the downward trend in crime statistics; success of the Sheriff's ALLin program; re-entry, education, and treatment programs for the Detention Center inmates; and the implementation of mental health crisis teams. He provided his thanks for the work done by the Board during the height of the pandemic.
 - County Administrator Long shared his appreciation for the cooperation and ongoing efforts of the Sheriff's Department.
 - Commissioner Maddox asked for a percentage of the work done by the Sheriff's Department that is related to mental health. Sheriff McNeil stated that approximately 40% of those in the detention center have mental health issues. Commissioner Maddox would like to see that number decrease. He asked if the Sheriff's Department had any ideas to address that number. Sheriff McNeil stated that based on the projects they have going on in the field, they will be able to have a better understanding of how to help.
 - Commissioner Welch thanked the Sheriff and his staff. He noted that the Sheriff's Department is at the front end of many issues.
 - Commissioner Dozier highlighted the importance of the re-entry plans in place to stop repeat offenders. She asked if the mental health programs would help address recidivism. Sheriff McNeil believes that they will. He noted that the programs Commissioner Dozier listed are for those in prison rather than those in jail. They also have a staff member who worked with gathering data using the same metrics for the jail. Commissioner Dozier noted that in the future, she would like to see the development of a program to address those who commit small crimes to prevent them ending up in prison.
 - Vice Chair Proctor asked, about a recent event with the Tallahassee Police Department and how the county Sheriff's Department has responded. Sheriff McNeil stated that they have conversations with their staff about these issues. Vice-Chair Proctor asked how the pay for officers compares to other counties. Sheriff McNeil provided the starting pay for officers and noted he cannot speak to how the pay scale compares to other counties.

- Commissioner Cummings expressed her appreciation for the Sheriff's Department and its holistic approach to law enforcement. She noted that the Sheriff's Department has a critical responsibility to keep citizens safe, and she believes they are handling that responsibility well. She asked for more clarification for the program in partnership with Leon County Libraries that connect families with those incarcerated through Zoom. Sheriff McNeil noted that the credit goes to the Assistant Sheriff.
 - Chairman Minor complimented the Sheriff's Department for its efforts and the focus on mental health issues.
- Proclamation Recognizing Jim Stevenson and Tara Tanaka for their Lifelong Conservation Efforts
 - Chairman Minor presented a proclamation to Jim Stevenson for the efforts preserving wetlands in Leon County.
 - Mr. Stevenson thanked the Board for the proclamation. He noted that many birds reside in these wetlands and highlighted the importance of wetlands for their quality of the water.
 - Commissioner Dozier acknowledged Mr. Stevenson. She added that she toured the property before the pandemic hit.
- Presentation on the Knight Creative Institute's Art of the Box Community Project
 - Tyler Maldonado, KCCI 2021 Community Catalyst, provided an update and gave a presentation on the KCCI Catalyst initiative. Art of the Box is a project where utility boxes are wrapped with local art as a deterrent for graffiti.
 - Commissioner Dozier commended the KCCI Community Catalyst team and the partnership with the County.
 - Chairman Minor reflected on the uplifting impact of art and the Art in the Box program.
- Update on Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).
 - County Administrator Long introduced Claudia Blackburn, Health Officer for the Florida Department of Health in Leon County, for her final presentation.
 - Commissioner Jackson commended Claudia Blackburn and her staff for their response to the pandemic.
 - Commissioner Dozier reflected on the County's health metrics and work advocating for the community to get vaccinated.
 - Claudia Blackburn provided an update on the COVID-19 data and encouraged citizens to get vaccinated. She thanked the Board and the community partners for their support during the pandemic.
 - Vice-Chair Proctor and Commissioner Maddox thanked Ms. Blackburn and her staff for their efforts and reporting.
 - Chairman Minor reflected on the constraints and challenges that Ms. Blackburn and her staff faced. He thanked her and the community partners for their leadership.

CONSENT:

Commissioner Dozier moved, seconded by Commissioner Jackson, to approve the Consent Agenda, with the exception of Items 15, 16, and 19. The motion carried 6-0. (Vice Chair Proctor out of Chambers.)

1. Minutes: March 23, 2021 Joint County/City Comprehensive Plan Workshop; March 23, 2021 Affordable Housing Workshop; April 13, 2021 Regular Meeting; and April 13, 2021 Joint County/City Comprehensive Plan Public Hearing

The Board approved Option #1: March 23, 2021 Joint County/City Comprehensive Plan Workshop; March 23, 2021 Affordable Housing Workshop; April 13, 2021 Regular Meeting; and April 13, 2021 Joint County/City Comprehensive Plan Public Hearing.

2. Payment of Bills and Vouchers

The Board approved Option #1: Approve the payment of bills and vouchers submitted for June 8, 2021 and pre-approve the payment of bills and vouchers for the period of June 9, 2021 through July 12, 2021.

3. Request to Schedule First and Only Public Hearing to Consider Adopting an Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, Article VIII of the Leon County Code of Laws, Relating to Local Emergency Management, for July 13, 2021

The Board approved Option #1: Schedule the first and only public hearing to consider adopting the proposed Ordinance amending Chapter 2, Article VIII of the Leon County Code of Laws, relating to local emergency management, for July 13, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

4. Proposed Board Policy Concerning Settlement of Legal Controversies

The Board approved Option #1: Approve the proposed new Board Policy, "Settlement of Legal Controversies."

5. Proposed Revised Policy No. 02-5 "Tangible Personal Property Policy and Procedures", and Corrections to the FY 2020 Tangible Personal Property Status Report

The Board approved Option #1: Adopt the proposed revised Policy No. 02-5, Tangible Personal Property Policy and Procedures; and

Option #2: Accept the corrections to the FY 2020 Tangible Personal Property Status Report.

6. Proposed Revised Policy No. 16-1, "Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace Policy"

The Board approved Option #1: Adopt the proposed revised Policy No. 16-1, "Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace Policy."

7. Status Update on Integrating GARE Strategies

The Board approved Option #1: Accept the status update on integrating GARE strategies into the CHSP process.

8. Proposed "Library Exhibits Policy"

The Board approved Option #1: Adopt the proposed "Library Exhibits Policy."

9. 2021-2022 National Endowment of the Arts Big Read Grant

The Board approved Option #1: Accept the National Endowment of the Arts 2021-2022 Big Read grant in the amount of \$16,230 and authorize the County Administrator to execute the Grant Agreement and all documents related to the grant project; and

Option #2: Approve the Resolution and associated Budget Amendment Request.

10. Agreement for Traffic Control on Private Roads within the Highgrove Subdivision

The Board approved Option #1: Approve the Traffic Control Agreement between the Highgrove Homeowners' Association, Inc., Leon County, and the Leon County Sheriff's Office for traffic enforcement on private roads within the Highgrove Subdivision.

11. Approval of the Plat for Green Acres at Pedrick Subdivision

The Board approved Option #1: Approve the plat for Green Acres at Pedrick Subdivision for recording in the Public Record, contingent upon staff's final review and approval, and authorize the County Administrator to accept the Maintenance Agreement and Surety Device.

- *Carmen Greene, 1150 E. Tennessee St., of Magnolia Engineering, submitted a written public comment stating that she was representing the owner for this item.*

12. Memorandum of Understanding with the Florida Department of Health for the Liner In-Ground Nitrogen-Reducing Biofilter Project

The Board approved Option #1: Approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Florida Department of Health for the Liner In-Ground Nitrogen-Reducing Biofilter Project and authorize the County Administrator to execute the Agreement.

13. State Highway Lighting, Maintenance, and Compensation Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation

The Board approved Option #1: Approve the State Highway Lighting, Maintenance, and Compensation Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation and authorize the County Administrator to execute the Agreement; and

Option #2: Authorize the County Administrator to execute future Amendments to this Agreement, including Work Orders, resulting from the changes to the number of lights, subject to legal review by the County Attorney's Office.

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

The Board approved Option #1: Approve the Detailed Work Plan Budget for Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Arthropod/Mosquito Control State Aid; and

Option #2: Authorize the Chairman to execute the Mosquito Control State Aid Agreement and all associated grant documents, when received from the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, subject to legal review by the County Attorney.

15. Options to Enhance Road Conditions on Proctor Road - PULLED

16. Safety Enhancements on Meridian Road - PULLED

17. Approval of the Bid Award for Construction of the Smith Creek Bicycle Lanes Improvements Projects and Acceptance of Additional Grant Funds from the Florida Department of Transportation for the Project

The Board approved Option #1: Approve the Local Agency Program Supplemental Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for construction of the Phase I Smith Creek Bicycle Lanes Improvements Project and authorize the County Administrator to execute the Agreement;

Option #2: Adopt the Resolution authorizing the Local Agency Program Agreement for construction of the Phase I Smith Creek Bicycle Lanes Improvements Project and authorize the Chairman to execute;

Option #3: Approve the bid award to C.W. Roberts Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$1,834,993 for construction of Phase I and Phase II of the Smith Creek Bicycle Lanes Improvements Projects and authorize the County Administrator to execute the Agreement; and

Option #4: Approve the Resolution and associated Budget Amendment Request.

18. Bid Award for Construction of the Magnolia Drive Multi-Use Trail – Phase 1 and 4 Project

The Board approved Option #1: Approve the bid award to M of Tallahassee, Inc. in the amount of \$1,895,234 for construction of the Magnolia Drive Multi-Use Trail – Phase 1 and 4 Project 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 realizing \$367,892 from the City of Tallahassee for utility upgrades.

Status Reports

19. Status Report on Leon County Government’s Pay Plan Processes, Promotions, and Recruitment and Retention Strategies - PULLED

20. Quarterly Economic Dashboard, May 2021 Edition

The Board approved Option #1: Accept the May 2021 Quarterly Economic Dashboard Report.

PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

15. Options to Enhance Road Conditions on Proctor Road

This item was pulled by Commissioner Welch to acknowledge staff’s work. He reflected on the mitigation efforts for the 6-mile section of unpaved Proctor Road.

Commissioner Welch moved, seconded by Commissioner Dozier, to approve Option #1: Approve the recommendations to enhance road conditions on Proctor Road. The motion carried 7-0.

16. Safety Enhancements on Meridian Road

This item was pulled by Commissioner Welch. Commissioner Welch reflected on the tragic accident involving high school students on Meridian Road and commended Public Works staff for the safety enhancements that will be installed.

Commissioner Welch moved, seconded by Chairman Minor, to approve Option #1: Approve the recommendations for traffic safety enhancements on Meridian Road from Gardner Road to Summerbrooke Drive. The motion carried 7-0.

19. Status Report on Leon County Government’s Pay Plan Processes, Promotions, and Recruitment and Retention Strategies

This item was pulled by Commissioner Dozier. She requested the item be brought back at the July 13th meeting with additional information on the pay plan implementation.

Commissioner Dozier moved, seconded by Commissioner Maddox, to approve Option #3: Board direction – Continue the agenda item to the July 13, 2021 meeting and direct staff to provide additional information on previous pay plan revisions. 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:
 - The following citizens submitted online comments in support of the national “For the People Act of 2021” (H.R.1) that expands voter registration and addresses voter access, election integrity and security, campaign finance and ethics for the three branches of government.

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| ▪ Beth Babcock | ▪ Cheryl Gratt |
| ▪ Norine Cardea | ▪ Doug Hahn |
| ▪ Ruth Chase | ▪ Elizabeth Hines |
| ▪ Ann Dunan | ▪ Michael Hussey |
| ▪ Spike Gram | ▪ Francoise King |

- Michael King
 - Susan McLeod
 - Bernadette Mueller
 - Sandra Robinson
- The following citizens provided in-person comments:
 - Michael Rosenthal, 4045 Kilmartin Drive, spoke of countering hate with love and in opposition to the proposed Anti-Defamation League Resolution. He asked that they denounce all violence.
 - Ben Castro, 454 Reynolds Road, voiced his frustration with the process to divide his family property and commended Weldon Richardson from DSEM for his efforts to assist him.
 - Vice-Chair Proctor asked that the County Administrator provide additional information regarding the issue.

GENERAL BUSINESS

21. 2021 Florida Legislative Session Final Report and Request to Schedule the Board Workshop on 2022 State and Federal Legislative Priorities

County Administrator Long introduced this item. He noted it sought Board approval of the 2021 Florida Legislative Session Final Report and to schedule a workshop on the 2022 State and Federal Legislative Priorities for September 28, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. This item also seeks Board direction regarding the County's state and federal lobbying contracts.

The following citizen provided an in-person comment:

- Ruth Chase, 9540 Oakdale Trail, spoke in support of the Board passing a resolution in support of the "For the People Act of 2021" (H.R.1 and S1).

County Administrator Long thanked the Federal and State lobbyists, County staff, and the Board for their direction.

Vice-Chair Proctor noted his support of voters' rights and denounced voter suppression. He made a motion for Options #1, #2, #3a. and #4a. It was seconded by Commissioner Jackson.

Commissioner Maddox shared his appreciation for the lobbying partners. He offered a friendly amendment to Vice-Chair Proctor's motion "to adjust the State contract from \$70,000 to \$85,000 for the purposes of increasing MWSBE participation, and to increase MWSBE participation from \$10,000 to \$25,000."

Vice-Chair Proctor and Commissioner Jackson accepted the friendly amendment.

Commissioner Dozier confirmed with the County Administrator that the contracts were extended in September of 2019. She reflected on the need to expand the scope of the contract, making it more specific. She stated that a new contract may be needed. She made a substitute motion for Options #1, #2, #4a. and #3b.

Commissioner Dozier moved for Options #1, #2, #3b, and #4a, seconded by Commissioner Welch.

Chairman Minor inquired with County Attorney O'Steen about the legality of the friendly amendment.

- County Attorney O'Steen stated that action by the Board to contract with a particular vendor is a waiver of the policy.

Commissioner Welch questioned the County Administrator on the status of the current contract and stated his support of the substitute motion.

- County Administrator Long confirmed that the current contract was a 3-year contract with 2 one-year extensions and is currently in the second one-year extension.

Vice-Chair Proctor reflected on the value of the intangible relationship with the current lobbyist and stated his opposition to the substitute motion.

Chairman Minor reflected on the relationship built with the current lobbyists and the benefit of continuing the relationships. He stated his opposition to the substitute motion.

Commissioner Maddox stated that increasing the contract would allow for work by a minority firm. He noted that if the Board did not want to increase the amount, he would still like to bring on a minority firm.

Commissioner Dozier acknowledged Ruth Chase for her comments on the For the People Act and shared that this is an opportunity for proactive work with agencies. She stated that it was not fair to expand the scope of work without issuing an RFP.

Commissioner Cummings confirmed that the substitute motion was only for an RFP for state lobbying services.

Commissioner Dozier asked County O'Steen what action they can take in regard to the contract. She stated that Board action would be a waiver of the policy.

Commissioner Dozier moved, seconded by Commissioner Welch, to approve Options #1, #2, #4a., and #3b. The motion failed 2-5. (Chairman Minor, Vice Chair Proctor, and Commissioners Maddox, Jackson, and Cummings in opposition.)

Vice Chair Proctor moved, seconded by Commissioner Jackson, approval of Option #1: Accept the 2021 Florida Legislative Session Final Report;

Option #2: Schedule the Board Workshop on the 2022 State and Federal Legislative Priorities for September 28, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.;

*Option #3 as amended: Provide Board direction regarding state lobbying services:
a. Authorize the County Administrator to enter into a new contract for state lobbying services with Capitol Alliance Group ~~same rate of compensation as the current contract~~ subject to legal review by the County Attorney; increase the contracted rate from \$70,000 to \$85,000 for the purposes of increasing the MWSBE subcontractor participation requirement in the contract; and provide the Board a future analysis exploring trends and best practices related to MWSBE participation in local government lobbying contracts; and*

Option #4: Provide Board direction regarding federal lobbying services:

a. Authorize the County Administrator to enter into a new contract for federal lobbying services with Squire Patton Boggs Group at the same rate of compensation as the current contract, subject to legal review by the County Attorney.

The motion carried 6-1. (Commissioner Dozier in opposition).

Commissioner Dozier reflected on federal H.R. 1 and the comments received. She requested an agenda item for July to consider a resolution in support of federal H.R. 1 (For the People Act) and an additional agenda item providing an update on new Florida elections laws (SB 90) including input from the Supervisor of Elections and League of Women Voters.

Commissioner Dozier moved, seconded by Chairman Minor, to direct staff to provide an agenda item for a resolution in support of federal H.R. 1 (For the People Act) for July 13th, and direct staff to provide a status update on new Florida election laws (SB 90) including input from the Supervisor of Elections and the League of Women Voters.

The motion carried 7-0.

22. Interlocal Agreement for a Loan to Support the Children's Services Council's First Year of Operation

County Administrator Long introduced this item. He sought Board authorization to execute an interlocal agreement to provide the Children's Services Council of Leon County with a loan of up to \$400,000 for its first-year operating expenses.

Commissioner Maddox questioned the County Attorney if his employment with the Boys and Girls Club was a conflict of interest in regard to this vote.

- o County Attorney O'Steen stated that a conflict did not exist.

Commissioner Cummings thanked the County Administrator and his staff for their hard work.

Commissioner Cummings moved, seconded by Commissioner Maddox, approval of Option 1: Authorize the County Administrator to execute an interlocal agreement, subject to legal review by the County Attorney, to provide the Children's Services Council of Leon County with a loan of up to \$400,000 for operating expenses and approve the Budget Amendment appropriating up to \$400,000 from the General Fund balance . The motion carried 7-0.

23. Ratification of Board Actions Taken at the May 25, 2021 Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Workshop

County Administrator Long introduced this item that sought ratification of the Board's actions at the May 25, 2021 Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Workshop concerning the development of the FY 2022 Tentative Budget.

Public Comments:

- Stanley Sims, 1320 Avalon Way, reflected on the County's investments in communities of color. He felt those communities in Leon County were not being funded in the same way as some communities in the other parts of the County.

Commissioner Maddox moved Options #1 through #23. He thanked Mr. Sims for his comments and reflected on the Board's efforts to provide resources to communities of color.

Vice-Chair Proctor expressed the need to establish a living wage of \$15 per hour for County employees. He reflected on the fact that 90% of the local community cannot engage in purchasing a newly constructed home.

Commissioner Dozier stated her support of the motion and reflected on the upcoming joint homelessness workshop on July 13th. She thanked the County Administrator for his staff's work on the budget item that addresses homelessness.

Commissioner Cummings expressed her support of the \$14 living wage increase for County employees (Option #3). She thanked the County Administrator and his staff on the budget.

Commissioner Maddox reflected on the possibility of raising the living wage for County employees to \$15 for FY 2023 and staying ahead of the MIT living wage calculation.

Commissioner Welch commended the dedicated hazardous waste drop-off at the Public Works site.

Commissioner Jackson stated his support of the \$14 living wage for County employees. He reflected on the possibility of raising the living wage for County employees to \$15 for FY 2023. It was his belief that the County was moving in the right direction.

Commissioner Maddox moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Dozier, approval of Option #1: Ratify the actions taken by the Board during the May 25, 2021 FY 2022 Budget Workshop;

Option #2: Authorize the County Administrator to negotiate modifications to the current County/City Fire Services Interlocal Agreement under the terms outlined in this budget discussion item to be provided to the Board as a future agenda item;

Option #3: Establish a minimum living wage of \$14/hour effective October 1, 2021 for all Leon County employees;

Option #4: Approve revisions to the Leon County Personnel Policy Section 5.03.1 "Promotion";

Option #5: Authorize the County Administrator to negotiate a contract for the replacement of the 800 MHz radios and prepare a future agenda item for Board consideration;

Option #6: Approve revisions to the Leon County Fiscal Policy 93-44 to align the annual line-item funding and outside agency contract approval process;

Option #7: Approve the Budget Amendment which creates a permanent Household Hazardous Waste drop off program at Public Works during the current fiscal year;

Option #8: Approve the proposed expenditure plan for the County's allocation of Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds under the American Rescue Plan Act;

Option #9: Authorize the County Administrator to expend Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds as provided in the proposed expenditure plan and enter into subgrant agreements with fund recipients, subject to legal review by the County Attorney;

Option #10: Approve the Resolution and Budget Amendment Request associated with the Proposed Expenditure Plan for the County's Allocation of Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds;

Option #11: Ratify the request to the U.S. Treasury to receive the County's allocation of \$7.01 million in Emergency Rental Assistance Program 2 funds;

Option #12: Approve the utilization of the Emergency Rental Assistance Program 2 funds for the continuation of the Leon County Emergency Rental Assistance Program in accordance with the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021;

Option #13: Authorize the County Administrator to make modifications to program criteria for Emergency Rental Assistance Program 2 funds as may be needed to ensure the efficient and timely use of the County's allocation, and enter into subgrant agreements with fund recipients, subject to legal review by the County Attorney;

Option #14: Authorize the County Administrator to expend up to 15% of the County's funding allocation to continue to administer the Leon County Emergency Rental Assistance Program and the other purposes authorized by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021;

Option #15: Authorize the County Administrator to execute any contract amendments with Tetra Tech necessary for the implementation of ERA 1 and ERA 2;

Option #16: Authorize the County Administrator to enter into an agreement with the Florida Department of Children and Families for the purpose of sharing ERA program data, subject to legal review by the County Attorney;

Option #17: Approve the Resolution and Budget Amendment associated with the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERA 2) Funding under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA);

Option #18: Adopt the proposed plan to implement the Essential Libraries Initiative;

Option #19: Approve the creation of a Community Resources Specialist position within the Department of Library Services through the realignment of an existing position thereby having no fiscal impact;

Option #20: Accept the \$15,000 donation from the Friends of the Library to establish a Library of Things and approve the Resolution and associated Budget Amendment Request;

Option #21: Adopt the proposed revised Policy "Library Code of Conduct", thereby repealing the current Policy No. 98-15 "Library Patron Rights & Responsibilities";

Option #22: Adopt the proposed Enabling Resolution to reauthorize the Library Advisory Board and approve the revised membership; and

Option #23: Approve the addition of funding for the Period Poverty program in the Preliminary FY 2022 Budget.

The motion carried 7-0.

24. Anti-Defamation League Resolution Condemning Hate and Extremism

County Administrator Long introduced the item. He stated that, as requested by the Board at its May 11th meeting, this item seeks Board consideration of the Anti-Defamation League's Resolution Condemning Hate and Extremism.

Public Comments:

- Lemonteh Horne, 4434 Harbor Drive, noted that his comments were neutral in regard to local governments' role in society and that no resolution or anything otherwise should be used as a tool to divide and that all hate should be opposed.
- Rabbi Michael Shields, 2215 Mahan Drive, spoke in support of the Anti-Defamation League Resolution Condemning Hate and Extremism.
- Eric Ross, 5323 Northwest Drive, Senior Associate Regional Director for the ADL Florida Regional Office, spoke in support of the Anti-Defamation League Resolution Condemning Hate and Extremism.

Commissioner Dozier shared her appreciation of the public comments and moved Option #1. It was seconded by Chairman Minor.

Vice-Chair Proctor offered a friendly amendment that "be it ordained" be removed from the Resolution and replaced with "be it resolved."

Commissioner Dozier and Chairman Minor accepted the friendly amendment.

Commissioner Dozier moved, seconded by Chairman Minor, for approval of Option #1 as amended: Adopt the proposed Anti-Defamation League Resolution Condemning Hate and Extremism, and replace "be it ordained" with "be it resolved." The motion carried 7-0.

25. Approval of the Tallahassee Community Redevelopment Agency's Recommendation to Award Arts, Cultural and Heritage Grant Program Funds for the Revised TLH Arts, Inc. "Performance and Rehearsal Space" Project in Railroad Square

County Administrator Long introduced this item. He stated it provided 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 \$1.8 million for the revised TLH Arts, Inc., "Performance and Rehearsal Space" project at a new location in the Railroad Square Arts District. In accordance with section 125.0104, Florida Statutes, which requires the proposed multi-purpose assembly and performance venue to be publicly owned in order to use Tourist Development Tax funds for construction, this item also recommends the City take ownership of the property being donated for this project.

The following citizen comments were received via online submission:

- Steven Dollar, 3003 Ingress Road, Artistic Director of the Tallahassee Film Festival, submitted an online comment in support of funding the TLH Arts, Inc., Performance and Rehearsal space at Railroad Square.
- Max Epstein, 1001 San Luis Road., submitted an online comment in opposition to funding TLH Arts, Inc.
- Krystof Kage, 415 Saint Francis Street, Unit 122, Artistic Director of New Stage Theatreworks, submitted an online comment in support of funding the TLH Arts, Inc., Performance and Rehearsal space at Railroad Square.
- Donna Marie Nudd, 1402 South Meridian Street, Executive Director of the Mickee Faust Club, submitted an online comment in support of funding the TLH Arts, Inc., Performance and Rehearsal space at Railroad Square.
- Betty Proctor, 681 McDonnell Drive, submitted an online comment in support of funding the TLH Arts, Inc., Performance and Rehearsal space at Railroad Square.
- Jim Russell, 714 Riggins Road, owner Jim Russell Art LLC, submitted an online comment in support of funding the TLH Arts, Inc., Performance and Rehearsal space at Railroad Square.
- Teddy Tollett, 215 W. College Avenue, submitted an online comment in support of funding the TLH Arts, Inc., Performance and Rehearsal space at Railroad Square.

The following citizens provided in-person comments:

- Jake Kiker, 222 Oakland Avenue, Board of Directors of TLH Arts, Inc., stated that he was available if the Board had any questions.
- Adam Kaye, 618 McDonnell Drive, spoke in support of funding the TLH Arts, Inc., Performance and Rehearsal space at Railroad Square and stated that he and his sister are donating the property. He shared the importance of art and artists. The proposed facility will bring in tourist dollars for the performing arts.
- Stanley Sims, 1320 Avondale Way, stated his opposition to the project at first, because of the lack of a fair process with the grant program applications. However, he has changed his stance and now supports funding the TLH Arts, Inc., Performance and Rehearsal space at Railroad Square.

The following citizen provided a virtual comment.

- Max Epstein, 1001 San Luis Road, spoke in support of the Ashmore project and in support of delaying the vote until an equitable process with the City is provided.

Commissioner Maddox moved Options #1 and #2, seconded by Commissioner Cummings.

Commissioner Dozier commended Adam and Lilly Kaye for their donation of the property to the City for this project and offered a friendly amendment that the City's MOU with TLH Arts come back before the Board for review.

Commissioners Maddox and Cummings accepted the friendly amendment.

Commissioner Cummings thanked the City Commissioners for their part in this process.

Commissioner Maddox moved, seconded by Commissioner Cummings, for approval of Option #1 as amended: 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 revised TLH Arts, Inc., “Performance and Rehearsal Space” project for \$1.8 million to be awarded from Tourist Development Tax funds subject to the City taking ownership of the property donated for this project, and subject to County Commission review of the Memorandum of Understanding between TLH Arts and the City of Tallahassee.

The motion carried 6-0. (Vice Chair Proctor out of Chambers.)

26. Full Board Appointments to the Animal Shelter Advisory Board, the Architectural Review Board, the CareerSource Capital Region Board, and the Planning Commission

County Administrator Long introduced this item. He stated it sought the full Board’s consideration of the appointment of citizens to the Animal Shelter Advisory Board, the Architectural Review Board, the CareerSource Capital Region Board, and the Tallahassee-Leon County Planning Commission.

Commissioner Dozier made a motion to appoint Kate Brown to the Animal Shelter Advisory Board.

Commissioner Cumming made a substitute motion to appoint Ashanti Adejokun to the Animal Shelter Advisory Board, to diversify the Board.

Commissioner Dozier withdrew her motion.

Commissioner Cummings moved, seconded by Commissioner Dozier, to approve Option #1: Appoint one citizen, Ashanti Adejokun, to the Animal Shelter Advisory Board for the remainder of the unexpired term ending September 30, 2023. The motion carried 6-0. (Vice Chair Proctor out of Chambers.)

Commissioner Dozier moved, seconded by Commissioner Maddox, to approve Option #2: Appoint two citizens, Miriam Gurniak and Elena Bradbury, to the Architectural Review Board for three-year terms ending June 30, 2024; and

Option #3: Reappoint the three nominated and recommended citizens, Martina McDowell, Holly Henderson, and Erin Gillespie, to the CareerSource Capital Region Board for three-year terms ending June 30, 2024.

The motion carried 6-0. (Vice Chair Proctor out of Chambers.)

Commissioner Dozier reflected on the voting conflicts the current member, Mr. Volpe, has had while serving on the Planning Commission and added it had nothing to do with his character. She motioned to appoint Jovona Parker.

Commissioner Dozier moved, seconded by Commissioner Cummings, to approve Option #4: Appoint one citizen, Jovona Parker, to the Board appointed seat on the Tallahassee-Leon County Planning Commission for a three-year term ending June 30, 2023. The motion carried 6-0. (Vice Chair Proctor out of Chambers.)

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS, 6:00 P.M.

27. First and Only Public Hearing to Consider Adopting a Proposed Ordinance Amending the Official Zoning Map to Change the Zoning Classification from the Single- and Two-Family Residential (R-3) Zoning District to the Urban Residential (R-4) Zoning District for 3.34 Acres Located at 4075 Buck Lake Road

County Administrator Long introduced this item. He stated that it requested the Board to conduct the first and only public hearing to consider an Ordinance amending the Official Zoning Map to change the zoning classification from the Single- and Two- Family Residential (R-3) zoning district to the Urban Residential (R-4) zoning district for the approximately 3.34-acre subject parcel located on the southeast corner of Buck Lake Road and Fallschase Parkway (4075 Buck Lake Road). The parcel is in the Suburban Future Land Use Category. The Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval at its May 4, 2021 public hearing.

Commissioner Dozier moved, seconded by Commissioner Maddox, approval of Option #1: Conduct the first and only public hearing and adopt the proposed Ordinance, thereby amending the Official Zoning Map to change the zoning classification from the Single- and Two-Family Residential (R-3) zoning district to the Urban Residential (R-4) zoning district, based on the findings of fact and conclusions of law of the Planning Commission, the information contained in this report, and any evidence submitted at the hearing hereon. The motion carried 6-0. (Vice Chair Proctor out of Chambers.)

28. First of Two Public Hearings to Consider Adopting an Ordinance Amending Section 10-6.612 of the Land Development Code Entitled “Rural Zoning District”

County Administrator Long introduced this item. This item requested the Board conduct the first of two required public hearings to consider adopting an Ordinance amending the Rural Zoning District to revise the development standards for community service uses to provide greater flexibility in design for these uses on larger parcels.

Commissioner Jackson moved, seconded by Commissioner Maddox, approval of Option #1: Conduct the first of two Public Hearings to consider adopting an Ordinance amending Section 10-6.612 of the Land Development Code, entitled “Rural Zoning District” and schedule the second and final Public Hearing for July 13, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. The motion carried 6-0. (Vice Chair Proctor out of Chambers.)

29. First and Only Public Hearing to Consider Adopting the Proposed Ordinance Repealing Amended Emergency Ordinance No. 20-15 Relating to Face Covering Requirements

Commissioner Dozier thanked the Board and businesses for supporting the mask mandate and offered her support for Option #1.

Commissioner Maddox moved, seconded by Commissioner Jackson, approval of Option #1: Conduct the first and only public hearing and adopt the proposed Ordinance repealing Amended Emergency Ordinance No. 20-15 relating to face covering requirements. The motion carried 6-0. (Vice Chair Proctor out of Chambers.)

JOINT PUBLIC HEARING

The County and City Commissioners met in a joint session in the County Commission Chambers. Present were Chairman Rick Minor; County Commissioners Nick Maddox, Brian Welch, Carolyn Cummings, Jimbo Jackson, and Kristin Dozier; Mayor John E. Dailey; and City Commissioners Jack Porter, Jeremy Matlow, Curtis Richardson, and Diane Williams-Cox. Also present were Deputy County Administrator Alan Rosenzweig, City Manager Reese Goad, City Attorney Cassandra Jackson, County Attorney Chasity O'Steen, Clerk to the Board Secretary Beryl H. Wood, and members of County and City staff. Vice Chair Bill Proctor was out of Chambers and not in attendance for the public hearing.

1. JOINT PUBLIC HEARING ON 2021 CYCLE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT

This item provides for the Joint County and City Commission Public Hearing on the 2021 Cycle amendment to the Tallahassee-Leon County Comprehensive Plan adopting the Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency's Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan by reference.

Artie White, Tallahassee-Leon County Planning Department, noted this is the last meeting for the 2021 Cycle Comprehensive Plan. He mentioned the one amendment, TTA 2021 004, supports the implementation of CRTPA's Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan (BPMP) and adopts the BPMP by reference.

Public Comment:

The following citizen comments were received via online submission:

- Jan Bennett, 3135 Haddam Court, submitted an online comment in opposition to the Thomasville Road Multi-Use Path.
- Nancy Hough, 3126 Brockton Way, Rose Hollow Homeowners Association President, submitted an online comment in support of continued citizen input for the Thomasville Road Multi-Use Path.

The following citizens provided in-person comments:

- Carol Peck, 3164 Brockton Way, questioned if the Ordinance was necessary to advance the 41 projects on the CRTPA list.
- Larry Gonzalez, 825 Greenbriar Lane, spoke in opposition to the Thomasville Road Multi-Use Path and in support of public input.

The following citizen provided a virtual comment:

- Jan Bennett, 3135 Haddam Court, spoke in opposition to the Thomasville Road Multi-Use Path and in support of public input.

Artie White provided an overview of the text amendment providing for a new policy in the Comprehensive Plan. He stated that this amendment has no impact on the Thomasville Road Multi-Use Path project and does not provide blanket approval for all the other projects.

Commissioner Porter asked the citizens who spoke if they felt as though their concerns were addressed. Mr. White answered Ms. Peck's questions regarding the Greenway. Mr. Gonzalez stated that he understands that this is a procedural vote, but he wanted to share his neighborhood's discussion. Commissioner Porter noted that she was comfortable moving forward.

Commissioner Matlow asked for citizens to continue reaching out to the City with any comments or questions.

Commissioner Richardson moved, seconded by Commissioner Williams-Cox, for approval of Option #2: Conduct the adoption public hearing and adopt Ordinance No. 21-O-20, thereby adopting the text amendment TTA2021004 (Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan) to the Tallahassee-Leon County 2030 Comprehensive Plan. (City only) The motion carried 5-0 (unanimously).

Commissioner Dozier confirmed with Artie White that the CRTPA Plan projects are postured toward enhancing connectivity and improving safety. She noted that the price tag is high for these projects; however, the projects will be carried out over an extended period.

Commissioner Dozier moved, seconded by Commissioner Jackson, to approve Option #1: Conduct the adoption public hearing and adopt the proposed Ordinance, thereby adopting the text amendment TTA2021004 (Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan) to the Tallahassee-Leon County 2030 Comprehensive Plan. (County only) The motion carried 6-0. (Vice Chair Proctor out of Chambers.)

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDAED ITEMS (3-MINUTE LIMIT PER SPEAKER; COMMISSION MAY DISCUSS ISSUES THAT ARE BROUGHT FORTH BY SPEAKERS.)

- Rory Reese, Carr Lane, requested that the Board look at the Urban Fringe Zoning in regard to limiting livestock in her community on Carr Lane off Bull Headley near Bannerman Road.

COMMENTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

County Attorney O'Steen: No items discussed.

County Administrator Long: No items discussed.

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS

Commissioner Dozier:

- Reflected on the citizen comment by Ms. Reese and questioned the limits to livestock in the Urban Fringe land use category.
 - o Barry Wilcox, DSEM Director, stated that the County differentiates not by the land use category, but by whether the location is inside or outside the Urban Services Area, with Urban Agriculture restrictions inside the Urban Services Area, and agriculture allowed outside the Urban Services Area. He confirmed that a neighborhood or HOA could place restrictions in the neighborhood's covenants.

- Commended this week's groundbreaking for the first Community Land Trust affordable housing in the Tallahassee Highland neighborhood, in partnership with the County, City, and the Tallahassee Lenders' Consortium.
- Commended the bridge replacement as part of the stormwater improvement projects in the Golden Pheasant and Windwood neighborhoods.
- Reflected on the County being a Drug Free Workplace and the County policy prohibiting legal medical marijuana for County employees being an insurance and worker's comp issue. She asked that the County keep the issue on the legislative agenda in the future.

Commissioner Welch:

- Recognized the Chiles High School graduation and congratulated all the 2021 Leon County high school graduates. He also recognized Chiles High School student Catherine McCall as the Leon County Schools Student Volunteer of the Year who raised \$85K through the Chiles High School Dance Marathon program for the Children's Miracle Network.
- Thanked Representative Al Lawson for hosting a Memorial Day event at Greenwood Cemetery and reflected on the VFW Memorial Day event in partnership with the County at the veteran's cemetery.

Commissioner Maddox:

- No items discussed

Commissioner Cummings:

- Reported that the Children Services Council (CSC) has appointed an Interim Administrator, adopted bylaws, and will be formulating a budget along with procedures and policies. In addition, the CSC will be formulating an RFP for a permanent Executive Director.
- Acknowledged the Tallahassee Kappa League youth organization's Guide Right Program which mentors and engages young men and stated that they awarded \$21,000 in scholarships to students.
- Commended the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity organization's youth step program for young men and their recent competitions. She also commended the scholarships provided by the Omega Lamplighter's Program, which has assisted over 1,000 minority young men.

Chairman Jackson:

- Out of Chambers.

Vice Chairman Proctor:

- Reflected on FAMU President Dr. Frederick Humphries being in hospice care and asked for community prayers and support.
- Asked if the July 13th Budget Workshop was still needed and made a motion to include an update at the Joint Homelessness Workshop on July 13th from Brenda Williams, Tallahassee Housing Authority, regarding the Orange Avenue Apartments redevelopment. He also reflected on the recent news article on the crisis in the housing market in Tallahassee, in which local realtor, Joe Manausa, stated that "land prices and development costs have made it very difficult to deliver product to all but the top 10% of the market." He suggested an update on home ownership costs from the Tallahassee Board of Realtors and the Tallahassee Housing Development (Orange Avenue Development) also be included in the Joint Homelessness Workshop on July 13, 2021.
 - County Administrator Long confirmed that the Board's tentatively scheduled July 13th Budget Workshop was not needed.

- Chairman Minor offered a friendly amendment that, if the City was not receptive to incorporating these two topics into the July 13th Homelessness Workshop, that the County Administrator direct staff to bring back agenda items on the two issues.
- Commissioner Dozier stated her support of an agenda item, presentation, or separate workshop, but stated that she could not support including the two additional topics in the Homelessness Workshop unless the time for the Workshop is extended.
- Chairman Minor agreed that more time would be needed in the Joint Homelessness Workshop.
- Vice-Chair Proctor stated he was comfortable with his stance.
- *Vice Chair Proctor moved, seconded by Chairman Minor, to direct the County Administrator to work with the City Manager to incorporate an update from the Tallahassee Housing Authority on the Orange Avenue Apartments Redevelopment and a presentation from the Tallahassee Board of Realtors on the current housing market in Tallahassee into the Joint Homelessness Workshop on July 13th, and if unable to incorporate into the workshop have the two issues brought back to the Board at a future meeting. The motion carried 5-1. (Commissioner Dozier in opposition and Commissioner Jackson out of Chambers.)*
- Thanked the community for adhering to what was asked with mandates through the pandemic.
- Encouraged members of the Southside to remain hopeful and allow their best selves to shine during what was a difficult time with all the loss of life during the pandemic.

Chairman Minor:

- Requested a proclamation recognizing June 19th as World Sickle Cell Day. *Commissioner Dozier moved, seconded by Commissioner Maddox, to approve a proclamation recognizing June 19th at World Sickle Cell Day. The motion carried 6-0. (Commissioner Jackson out of Chambers.)*
- Reflected on the rare natural occurrence of the dry down of Lake Jackson and announced that he is coordinating with FDEP to hold lakebed litter clean-ups in the next few weeks.

RECEIPT AND FILE:

- Capital Region Community Development District October 8, 2020, February 11, 2021, and March 11, 2021, meeting minutes

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTEST:



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BY: _____

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

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BY: _____

Rick Minor, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners