

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA
REGULAR MEETING
October 12, 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 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 Reverend Dr. R.B. Holmes, Jr of Bethel Missionary Baptist Church.

The Pledge of Allegiance was provided by Vice-Chairman Proctor.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Presentation on the Leon County Research & Development Authority, and Innovation Park (*Ron Miller, Executive Director, Leon County Research & Development Authority*)
 - Ron Miller, Executive Director, Leon County Research & Development Authority, provided an update on the current activities of Innovation Park, including the Danfoss expansion which is expected to create 200+ jobs.
 - Commissioner Dozier commended Mr. Miller on the update and progress with the Leon County Research & Development Authority.
 - Chair Minor acknowledged the work done by the Leon County Research & Development Authority.
- REMOVED - Proclamation recognizing EMT Lee Kendall who has been named the Florida Emergency Technician of the Year by the Florida Department of Health. (*Chairman Minor*)
 - Chair Minor announced that Mr. Kendall had a scheduling conflict, so the proclamation will be rescheduled to a later time.
- Proclamation recognizing October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month (*Chairman Minor*)
 - Chair Minor presented the proclamation recognizing October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month to Claudia Blackburn, Health Officer for the Florida Department of Health in Leon County. He acknowledged those who are currently battling breast cancer, including two of his close friends, and asked all citizens to join in this worldwide cause to celebrate successes.
- Proclamation Recognizing Educator Dr. Gloria P. Holmes (*Commissioner Cummings*)

- Chair Minor presented a proclamation to educator Dr. Gloria P. Holmes, Administrator of Bethel Christian Academy, for her tireless leadership and the naming of the media center in her honor.
 - Commissioner Cummings acknowledged Dr. Holmes in educating children everywhere.
 - Dr. Gloria P. Holmes thanked the Board for the acknowledgement.
 - Commissioner Welch thanked Dr. Holmes for her service as a teacher. He also asked that they send prayers and well wishes to the First Lady of the State as she announced she too has been diagnosed with breast cancer.
 - Commissioner Maddox thanked the Holmes family for commitment to the youth.
 - Vice-Chair Proctor acknowledged the Holmes family for the plethora of new standards they have set as a team for more than three decades. He thanked Dr. Holmes for her service. He blessed their legacy.
- Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Update (*Vincent S. Long, County Administrator and Claudia Blackburn, Health Officer for the Florida Department of Health in Leon County*)
 - Claudia Blackburn provided a COVID-19 update in Leon County. She stated the positivity rate for the week ending October 7th is 4.6%, under 5%. She continued to encourage testing for those exhibiting symptoms and announced that vaccinations are at approximately 50%. She mentioned the third dose of vaccinations, the Pfizer booster dose, Monoclonal Antibody Treatment, and public health mitigation strategies (masks, social distancing, and handwashing). She recommended the flu vaccination for everyone 6 months and up. She discussed the County's outreach efforts.
 - Commissioner Dozier acknowledged the updates and the good news with the decline in numbers. She thanked Ms. Blackburn and all others for what they do to combat COVID-19. She asked about efforts on the vaccine. She asked about the youth vaccines and asked that it brought back at the next meeting.
 - Commissioner Welch asked if the Monoclonal Antibody Treatment was free. He also asked Ms. Blackburn if the county is still a high transmission area. Ms. Blackburn responded yes.
 - Commissioner Jackson thanked Ms. Blackburn for all she has done during the pandemic. He thanked Bethel Baptist for the vaccine outreach fair and food distribution in the Fort Braden community. Ms. Blackburn gave credit to Nomi Health testing for their efficiency on rapid testing and PCR.
 - Vice-Chair Proctor shared his frustration with the State's efforts to fine the County for doing what is right. He thanked Ms. Blackburn and staff for all their efforts.
 - Commissioner Cummings thanked Ms. Blackburn and thanked Rev. Dr. R.B. Holmes for being the Chair of the Statewide Task Force for vaccinations. She acknowledged Bethel Missionary Baptist Church for purchasing a mobile unit to go to neighborhoods and help combat vaccine hesitancy in Leon County. She asked if there was a pattern for the below 5% positivity rate and asked if there was something they could adopt to stay below 5%. Ms. Blackburn stated she did not know that information. Ms. Blackburn encouraged vaccinations, praised the

Health Department team for all its work, and thanked the County for the everyday support.

- Commissioner Dozier asked if the discussion about the mandate can be discussed now. Commissioner Maddox, Chairman Minor, and Commissioner Welch agreed to have the conversation at the end of agenda.

CONSENT

Vice-Chairman Proctor moved, seconded by Commissioner Welch, to approve the motion to waive Board Policy No. 01-05 regarding 24-hour notice prior to a meeting to pull items from consent.

The motion carried 7-0.

Vice-Chairman Proctor moved, seconded by Commissioner Cummings, to approve the Consent Agenda, with items #4 and #12 pulled.

The motion carried 7-0.

1. Minutes: July 13, 2021, Joint Workshop (Clerk of Court)

The Board approved Option #1: Approve the minutes of July 13, 2021, Joint Homelessness/Affordable Housing Workshop.

2. Payment of Bills and Vouchers (County Administrator/ Office of Financial Stewardship/ Office of Management & Budget)

The Board approved Option #1: Approve the payment of bills and vouchers submitted for October 12, 2021 and pre-approve the payment of bills and vouchers for the period of October 13, 2021, through November 8, 2021.

3. Annual Performance Review for the County Administrator, in Accordance with Board Policy No. 11-6, "County Administrator Evaluation and Annual Reporting Process" (Chairman)

The Board approved Option #1: Ratify annual performance reviews of the County Administrator in accordance with Board Policy No. 11-6, "County Administrator Evaluation and Annual Reporting Process."

4. Pulled - American Rescue Plan Act Supplemental Federal Emergency Management Performance Grant, Federal Emergency Management Performance Grant, and State Emergency Management Preparedness and Assistance Trust Fund Base Grant Agreements for Fiscal Year 2022 (County Administrator/ Office of Management & Budget/ Emergency Management)

5. Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Air Ambulance Services for Survival Flight, Inc (County Administrator/ Emergency Medical Services)

The Board approved Option #1: Approve the issuance of an Air Ambulance Service Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Survival Flight, Inc.

6. FY 2021 Carry Forward Appropriations and Initial FY 2021 Year-End Adjustments (County Administrator/ Financial Stewardship/ Office of Management & Budget)

The Board approve Option #1: Authorize the carry forward of FY 2021 appropriations to the FY 2022 budget by adopting the Resolution and Budget Amendment Request; and Option #2: Approve the FY 2021 year-end budget adjustments, and the associated resolution and budget amendments.

7. Authorization to Purchase Excess Land on Parcel Needed for Northeast Lake Munson Septic to Sewer Project (County Administrator/ County Attorney/ Financial Stewardship/ Real Estate)

The Board approved Option #1: Authorize Real Estate staff to proceed with the purchase of the entire Subject Property in accordance with the County Administrator's authority in the Real Estate Policy.

8. Ratification of Letter of Agreement for Low Income Pool Funding for Apalachee Center, Inc. (County Administrator/ Human Services & Community Partnerships)

The Board approved Option #1: Ratify the Letter of Agreement between Leon County and the State of Florida, Agency for Health Care Administration for the Low-Income Pool Funding for Apalachee Center, Inc.; and Option #2: Approve up to \$321,713 in Baker and Marchman funding as a local match for Low Income Pool funding for Apalachee Center, Inc.

9. Enabling Resolution to Reauthorize the Public Safety Coordinating Council (County Administrator/ Intervention & Detention Alternatives)

The Board approved Option #1: Adopt the proposed Enabling Resolution to reauthorize the Public Safety Coordinating Council.

10. Revised Maintenance Maps for the Woodville Septic to Sewer Project - Phase 1A and Additional Maintenance Maps for the Woodville Sewer Project Phases 1B, 1C-1 & 1C-2 (County Administrator/ Public Works)

The Board approved Option #1: Approve the revised Maintenance Maps for Old Woodville Road, Oak Ridge Road, Register Road, Page Road, Cemetery Road, Bearington Drive, Lawhon Road, Elgin Road, Lutterloh Road, Natural Bridge Road and Katydid Lane for Woodville Sewer Phase 1A; and Option #2: Approve the Maintenance Maps for Natural Bridge Road (eastern portion), Taff Road, Firefly Lane, Church Street, Larchmont Lane, and Filmore Road for Woodville Sewer Phases 1B, 1C-1 & 1C-2.

11. Traffic Signal Maintenance and Compensation Agreement (County Administrator/ Public Works)

The Board approved option #1: Approve the Traffic Signal Maintenance and Compensation Agreement with the City of Tallahassee and authorize the County Administrator to execute the Agreement, subject to legal review by the County Attorney; and

Option #2: Approve the transfer of the FDOT traffic control devices maintenance and operating cost reimbursement to the City of Tallahassee starting State Fiscal Year 2022/2023.

12. Pulled - Approval of City of Tallahassee Master Water and Sewer Plan Updates (County Administrator/ Public Works)

13. Small Quantity Generator Notification and Verification Program Interlocal Agreement (County Administrator/ Office of Resource Stewardship)

The Board approved Option #1: Approve the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Tallahassee and Leon County related to the Small Quantity Generator Notification and Verification Program and authorize the County Administrator to execute the Agreement.

14. Bid Award for the Construction of the Tram Road Cross Drains Replacement (County Administrator/ Purchasing/ Public Works)

The Board approved Option #1: Approve the bid award to Anderson Columbia Co., Inc. in the amount of \$995,053 for construction of Tram Road Cross Drains Replacement and authorize the County Administrator to execute the Agreement.

15. Status Report on the Investigation of the New Hope Cemetery within the Miccosukee Greenway (County Administrator/ Office of Resource Stewardship/ Parks & Recreation)

The Board approved Option #1: Accept the status report update on the identification of the New Hope Cemetery within the Miccosukee Greenway.

16. Annual FY 2021 Commissioner Discussion Items Status Report (County Administrator/ County Administration)

The Board approved Option #1: Accept the Annual FY 2021 Commissioner Discussion Items Status Report.

17. Annual FY 2021 Tangible Personal Property Status Report (County Administrator/ Office of Financial Stewardship)

The Board approved Option #1: Accept the FY 2021 Tangible Personal Property Status Report.

18. Status Report on the Use of Utility Corridors for Greenway Trails (County Administrator/ PLACE/ Planning)

The Board approved Option #1: Accept the status report on the use of utility corridors for greenway trails.

CONSENT ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

4. Pulled - American Rescue Plan Act Supplemental Federal Emergency Management Performance Grant, Federal Emergency Management Performance Grant, and State Emergency Management Preparedness and Assistance Trust Fund Base Grant

Agreements for Fiscal Year 2022 (County Administrator/ Office of Management & Budget/ Emergency Management)

This item was pulled by Vice-Chair Proctor. He requested the County to go after more funds and asked about the required match for the grant.

Commissioner Maddox commented on the opportunity to double the money and stated that he agreed with the premise.

County Administrator Long commented that this item is brought to the Board each year and is formulated based on population and requires a dollar-for-dollar match. The only difference is the ARPA Supplemental Emergency Management Performance grant.

Commissioner Maddox moved, seconded by Commissioner Dozier to approve Option #1: Accept the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Supplemental Emergency Management Performance Grant Agreement in the amount of \$13,926, and authorize the County Administrator to execute, including any future modifications, subject to legal review by the County Attorney.

Option #2: approve the resolution and associated budget amendment request for the American Rescue Plan Act Supplemental Emergency Management Performance Grant in the amount of \$13,926 realizing the funds into the FY 2022 budget.

Option #3: Accept the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Agreement in the amount of \$90,914, and authorize the County Administrator to execute, including any future modifications, subject to legal review by the County Attorney; and

Option #4: Accept the Emergency Management Preparedness and Assistance (EMPA) Trust Fund Base Grant Agreement in the amount of \$105,806, and authorize the County Administrator to execute, including any future modifications, subject to legal review by the County Attorney.

The motion carried 7-0.

12. Pulled - Approval of City of Tallahassee Master Water and Sewer Plan Updates (County Administrator/ Public Works)

This item was pulled by Vice Chair Proctor. He questioned the methodology of the plan, and mentioned that Bond Neighborhood, Springfield, Allen Subdivision, and South City were not included. He expressed concern about the water quality of a pond on Paul Russell Road and expressed the need to expedite the Lake Munson and Woodville projects. He suggested that the County send recommendations to the City for updates to the Plans.

Commissioner Maddox asked the County Administrator about the project rankings.

- County Administrator Long introduced Brent Pell, Director of Public Works, and Theresa Heiker, Stormwater Management Coordinator, to clarify the report.
- Ms. Heiker stated that the City of Tallahassee is working with the County on the Lake Munson and Woodville projects. She stated that the listing of projects was by geographic location and not an indication of a prioritization plan.

Vice-Chair Proctor expressed concern about the areas closest to the City's treatment plant.

Commissioner Maddox agreed that the City should prioritize the communities on the southside.

- Brent Pell, Director of Public Works, stated that the purpose of the item is to present the City's plan, and they will reach out to the City about the County's recommendations.

Commissioner Maddox made a motion for staff recommendation, Option #1, with a recommendation that the City give priority to the springs protection zone, specifically the Woodville and Lake Munson areas.

Vice-Chair Proctor seconded the motion and offered a friendly amendment to add a recommendation for the prioritization of the southside neighborhoods with aging infrastructure.

Commissioner Maddox accepted the amendment.

Commissioner Dozier stated her support for the motion. She also questioned the aging infrastructure in the urban areas outside of the downtown area. She asked for a friendly amendment to include the breakdown of the City's investment in new development infrastructure and the replacement of aging infrastructure
Commissioner Maddox accepted the amendment to the motion.

Vice-Chair Proctor asked County Attorney O'Steen about the authority of the City of Tallahassee on local water.

- County Attorney O'Steen stated that the City of Tallahassee operates the utility and has jurisdiction over the water and the wastewater infrastructure. She confirmed that the County's water and sewer improvement projects have been addressing environmental concerns. She further stated that it is under the County's purview to make recommendations to the City and to ask questions.

Commissioner Dozier supported the motion and talked about monies going into new hydrants in the unincorporated areas.

- County Administrator Long stated that the build out is reflected in the plan.

Commissioner Maddox moved, seconded by Vice-Chairman Proctor, to approve Option #1 as amended: Approve the City of Tallahassee 2020 Master Water Plan Update covering the period from 2021 through 2040 and 2040 Master Sewer Plan Update covering the period from 2021 through 2040; recommend to the City that the springs protection zone, specifically the Lake Munson and Woodville areas and the southside neighborhoods with the aging infrastructure, be prioritized; and requested additional information on the breakdown of the City's investment in new development infrastructure and the replacement of aging infrastructure.

The motion carried 7-0.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

(3-minute limit per speaker; there will not be any discussion by the Commission)

In Person Public Comment:

- Stanley Sims, 1320 Avondale Way, commented on the aftereffects of the pandemic, whether it be grief, financial loss, stress, or uncertainty, and the effect on the youth community.
- Beverly Graddy, 1017 Green Hill Trace, Tallahassee, FL 32317, expressed concern about dangerous dogs in the neighborhood and requested the county to investigate the mandates for vicious dogs.
- Kelly O'Rourke, Director of Domestic Violence Coordinating Council, commented on public awareness of domestic violence for the month of October and thanked the County for all the support and participation.
- Lonnie Mann, 1120 E. Windwood Way, Tallahassee, commented on New Hope Cemetery being an important cultural resource and sacred place. He stated that this is something they could be proud of and thanked Parks and Recreation.
- Gloria J. Anderson, 3515 Easter Stanley Road, thanked the Board for the efforts and help with the historic New Hope Cemetery.
- Melissa Villar, 169 Sinclair Road, representing NORML, spoke in support of the Marijuana Opportunity, Reinvestment, and Expungement Act (MORE Act). She expressed concern that the company providing ankle monitors for the State contract is providing faulty monitors.

Virtual Speaker:

- Scott Wheeler, Jr., 1960 Rain Valley Ct., Tallahassee FL 32308, spoke in support of the statewide paid parental leave.

GENERAL BUSINESS

19. Tallahassee-Leon County Commission on the Status of Women and Girls Annual Report and Joint County/City Agreement with The Oasis Center for Women and Girls (County Administrator/ County Administration)

Carrie Boyd, incoming Chair of the Commission on the Status of Women and Girls, spoke in support of the CSWG Report, gave a presentation, and thanked the Board for the support.

Commissioner Dozier expressed gratitude for including the LGBTQ community in the CSWG recommendations.

Commissioner Maddox moved, seconded by Commissioner Cummings, to approve option # 1: Receive the 2021 Tallahassee-Leon County Commission on the Status of Women and Girls Annual Report and accept the staff analysis and recommendations as outlined in the item; and

Option #2: Approve the Agreement for staffing of the Tallahassee-Leon County Commission on the Status of Woman and Girls with the City of Tallahassee and the Oasis Center for Women & Girls for administrative support and authorize the County Administrator to execute.

The motion carried 7-0.

20. FY 2021-22 Board Retreat Overview (County Administrator/ County Administration)

Vice-Chair Proctor reflected on the Commissioners' ability to provide new ideas at the retreat.

Commissioner Dozier moved, seconded by Commissioner Welch, to approve Option #1: Accept the FY 2021-22 Annual Retreat Overview.

The motion carried 7-0.

21. Evaluation of Developing a Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan (County Administrator/ Public Works)

Theresa Heiker, Stormwater Management Coordinator, provided a presentation on the prior Stormwater Studies, Basin Level Plans, Annual Water Quality Reports, the 2020 Clean Waterways Act, and the staff recommendation.

Commissioner Maddox motioned to accept the staff analysis (Option #1), seconded by Commissioner Jackson.

Commissioner Cummings discussed an inquiry from a constituent that questioned the contaminants in county water bodies.

- Ms. Heiker confirmed that there have been tests on wastewater, but it did not rise to the level of concern. She stated that the systems are primarily healthy and there is limited wastewater contamination that is not significant.

Vice-Chair Proctor reflected on contaminated water flow from Georgia, and on the County working with surrounding counties on water flow.

- Ms. Heiker confirmed that the County is working with the surrounding counties, but most do not have the resources to commit to a Watershed Management Plan. She confirmed that the County has flood improvement projects in the capital improvement program.
- County Administrator Long confirmed that the County will bring back an agenda item on the Basin Plans once the FDEP finalizes and adopts the new statewide stormwater standards, including engaging an outside consultant.

Commissioner Dozier acknowledged Ms. Heiker for a great report. She expressed that a Watershed Management Plan, a legal structure with funding requirements, may not be the best option for the County, and that the Basin Plans update is necessary. She reflected on how to prepare for the Basin Plan update, and the data that may be required for upcoming Resilient Florida state grants for stormwater mitigation plans. *She made a substitute motion requesting an update in December after the Water Resources Committee reviews the report in November. It was seconded by Commissioner Maddox.*

Commissioner Dozier commended staff for the coordination of the Algae Eater machine to clean up the algae in a pond in the Apalachee Regional Park.

Commissioner Welch expressed concern on the state of the lakes in Killearn.

- Ms. Heiker confirmed that the city is working on a restoration plan to improve the Killearn Chain of Lakes.

Commissioner Welch requested the issue be elevated and requested a solution on what measures could be taken to bring the water quality back to the Killearn Chain of Lakes.

- County Administrator Long confirmed that an agenda item will be brought back providing information on the City's restoration plan.

Commissioner Dozier requested that the agenda item include an explanation of the entities responsible for the lakes (City/County/DEP).

Vice-Chair Proctor commented on the mix jurisdictional standards for the water flow between Florida and Georgia in the forthcoming agenda item.

Commissioner Dozier moved, seconded by Commissioner Maddox to approve Option #1 as amended: Accept the staff analysis on the evaluation of developing a comprehensive watershed management plan and take no further action at this time; and directed staff to prepare an agenda item for the Board's December meeting to include input from the Water Resources Committee on this agenda item, whether additional data is needed to be collected prior to the State finalizing the stormwater rules in order to best position the County to pursue the Basin Plans, and opportunities to best position the County for future Resilient Florida grant funding; provide an update on current actions being taken to address the Killearn Chain of Lakes, including an explanation of the entities responsible for the lakes; and provide a summary of the conflicting regulatory standards for water bodies flowing from Georgia into Leon and Wakulla Counties.

The motion carried 7-0.

The Board recessed at 5:33 pm and resumed at 6:00 pm with the Public Hearings.

22. Ratification of Board Actions taken at the September 28, 2021, Workshop on the 2022 State and Federal Legislative Priorities (County Administrator/ County Administration)

The following citizen provided in-person comment:

- Melissa Villar 169 Sinclair Rd., representing NORML, the Holistic Cannabis Community, thanked the Board for their support of the ratification of this item and expressed concern about the medical marijuana business licensing application.

Commissioner Maddox moved, seconded by Commissioner Dozier, to approve option #1: Ratify the actions taken by the Board at the September 28, 2021, Workshop on the 2022 State and Federal Legislative Priorities, including the appropriations requests for state legislative funding approved by the Board as follows:

<u>Request:</u>	<u>Amount Requested:</u>	<u>Project Phase:</u>
Backup Generators – Branch Libraries and Community Centers	\$500,000	Capital/Fixed Assets
Leon Works Expo and Junior Apprenticeship	\$50,000	Program Funding
Old Plank Road Drainage Project	\$500,000	Construction

<i>Baum Road Drainage Project</i>	\$450,000	Construction
<i>Fords Arm/ Timberlane Tributary Restoration</i>	\$500,000	Design/ Construction
<i>Fred George Wetland Restoration</i>	\$400,000	Construction

The Board approved pursuing grant funding for the following potential projects:

<u>Request:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>	<u>Project Phase:</u>
<i>Capital Circle Southwest</i>	\$100 million	Construction
<i>Woodville Highway (Capital Circle to Paul Russell Road)</i>	\$29.7 million	Construction
<i>Northeast Gateway (Welaunee Blvd./ Shamrock St.)</i>	\$25 million	Construction
<i>Miccosukee Road Bridge Replacement</i>	\$2 million	ROW/ Construction
<i>Orange Avenue Widening & Beautification</i>	\$1.9 million	Design
<i>Old Bainbridge/ Capital Circle NW Intersection Improvements</i>	\$955,000	ROW/ Construction
<i>North Monroe Gateway</i>	\$520,000	Construction
<i>Tram Road Crossdrain Replacement</i>	\$600,000	Construction
<i>Veterans Memorial Drive (CR 59) Bridge Replacement</i>	\$530,000	Design/ Construction
<i>Magnolia Drive Trail</i>	\$5 million	Construction
<i>St. Marks Headwaters Greenway Trails</i>	\$800,000	Construction
<i>Orchard Pond Greenway Trail, Phase II</i>	\$350,000	Design/ Permitting
<i>Capital Cascades Trail Segment 4</i>	\$2.5 million	Design
<i>Lake Henrietta Renovation</i>	\$1.5 million	Design/ Construction
<i>Concord School Restoration</i>	\$1 million	Construction
<i>Fred George Greenway Boardwalk & Observation Decks</i>	\$650,000	Design/ Construction
<i>J. Lee Vause Park Boardwalk & Observation Decks</i>	\$650,000	Design/ Construction
<i>Williams Landing Improvements</i>	\$900,000	Design/ Construction
<i>Coe Landing Improvements</i>	\$220,000	Design/ Construction
<i>Harbinwood Estates Septic-to-Sewer Project</i>	\$2.5 million	Design/ Permit/ Land Acquisition
<i>Centerville Trace Septic-to-Sewer Project</i>	\$4.25 million	Design/ Permit/ Construction
<i>Leon South Regional Water System</i>	\$750,000	Design/ Construction
<i>Springs Protection Projects*</i>	Several	All Phases
<i>Hazard and Flood Mitigation Projects**</i>	Several	All Phases

* The County has grant agreements in place with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to provide funding support for several additional septic-to-sewer projects in southside Leon County located in the Primary Springs Protection Zone to improve water quality for citizens.

** The County has submitted several hazard and flood mitigation projects consistent with the County's Local Mitigation Strategy for potential funding under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program and the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Mitigation program. The Board adopted the most recent update to the Local Mitigation Strategy at the July 11, 2017 meeting.

The following policy priorities were approved by the Board:

State Policy Issues:

1. *Support the protection of the state workforce and oppose any reductions to state employee benefits.*
2. *Support legislation requiring a study to review and identify recommendations for establishing an independent statewide public health agency.*
3. *Oppose legislation that would limit the State of Florida's or local governments' ability to implement mitigative measures to slow the spread of COVID-19.*
4. *Support legislation authorizing virtual meetings of local government bodies during a declared state of emergency.*
5. *Support legislation to effectuate the relocation the Confederate monument that is currently located at the State of Florida Capitol Complex.*
6. *Support legislation establishing May 20, Florida's Emancipation Day, as a state holiday.*
7. *Support the expansion of the Medicaid program in Florida to provide coverage eligibility for adults under the age of 65 with incomes up to 138% of the federal poverty level, as provided in the Affordable Care Act.*
8. *Support efforts to restore passenger rail service between New Orleans and Jacksonville through Leon County.*
9. *Oppose statutory changes to Section 790.06, F.S., that would allow the concealed carrying of firearms into college or university facilities.*
10. *Support an amendment to Section 119.071(4)(d)2., F.S., to exempt personal identifying information of elections personnel from disclosure pursuant to public records requests.*
11. *Support the Florida Association of Counties 2021-2022 legislative efforts unless specific issues conflict with Leon County's interests.*

Federal Policy Issues:

1. *Support the inclusion of Leon County's Community Project Funding requests for the Lake Henrietta Restoration Project and the Concord School Restoration Project in the federal FY 2022 appropriations package.*
2. *Support the passage of the Infrastructure Investments and Jobs Act, including direct federal funding to support local infrastructure projects.*
3. *Support federal funding through programs such as CRISI and REG and through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to facilitate the restoration of passenger rail service in the Gulf Coast Region.*
4. *Support the passage of the Federal Disaster Housing Stability Act of 2021 (H.R. 5043) or similar federal legislation to provide an automatic eviction and foreclosure moratorium during federally declared disasters.*
5. *Support the Marijuana Opportunity Reinvestment and Expungement Act, the Cannabis Administration and Opportunity Act, or similar legislation related to the decriminalization of marijuana at the federal level.*
6. *Support the City of Tallahassee's application for a Foreign Trade Zone at the Tallahassee International Airport.*
7. *Support the National Association of Counties 2021-2022 legislative efforts unless specific issues conflict with Leon County's interests.*

Option #2: Direct staff to bring back a future agenda item providing additional analysis of funding opportunities administered by the Florida Department of Education for workforce development, including these programs' eligibility and funding criteria and their potential alignment with the County's Leon Works Initiative; and

Option #3: Authorize the Chairman to provide letters of support regarding elections-related issues during the upcoming legislative session as may be requested by the Leon County Supervisor of Elections.

The motion carried 7-0

23. Full Board Appointments to the Canopy Roads Citizen Committee, the Tourist Development Council and the Council on Culture and Arts (County Administrator/ County Administration)

Commissioner Jackson moved, seconded by Commissioner Maddox, to approve Option #2: Reappoint one citizen, Sharon Priester, to the Hotelier seat on the Tourist Development Council for a four-year term ending on October 31, 2025; and

Option #5: Reappoint one citizen, Kati Schardl, to the Business/ Economic Development seat on the Council on Culture and Arts for a four-year term ending on September 30, 2024.

The motion carried 7-0.

Commissioner Welch motioned to appoint Mary Elizabeth Keating, seconded by Commissioner Maddox, who rescinded his second, then seconded by Vice-Chair Proctor.

Commissioner Dozier stated that the Council members are primarily female and reflected on the need for diversity on COCA. She confirmed that all three candidates are COCA recommended nominees.

Vice-Chair Proctor spoke about the institutional recommendations of COCA and diversity.

Commissioner Maddox spoke about the diversity in the committee members and stated that Ms. Keating is a great appointee but agreed that Mr. Johnson would make a great candidate. He gave his support to the motion.

Commissioner Welch moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Proctor, to approve Option #3: Appoint one citizen, Mary Elizabeth Keating, to the Volunteer seat on the Council on Culture and Arts (COCA) for the remainder of the unexpired term ending September 30, 2023, from the slate of three COCA nominees.

The motion carried 7-0.

Commissioner Dozier moved, duly seconded by Chairman Minor, to approve Option #4: Appoint one citizen, Amanda Clements, to the Tourism seat on the Council on Culture and Arts (COCA) for a four-year term ending September 30, 2024, from the slate of three COCA nominees.

The motion carried 7-0.

Vice-Chair Proctor confirmed the purpose of the Canopy Roads Committee with the County Administrator. He expressed concern that the Committee may be preventing the needed widening of several roads and reflected on whether the Committee was needed.

Commissioner Dozier reflected on the purpose for the Committee and stated that the Committee provided a valuable service to the County.

Chairman Minor stated his support of the Committee.

Commissioner Dozier moved, seconded by Commissioner Cummings, to approve Option #1: Appoint one citizen, Curtis Chapman, to the Canopy Roads Citizen Committee for a three-year term ending on October 31, 2024.

The motion carried 7-0.

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS, 6:00 P.M.

24. First and Only Public Hearing to Consider Adopting an Ordinance Amending Section 6-30 of the Leon County Code of Laws Relating to Code Enforcement Procedure (County Administrator/ County Attorney/ Development Support & Environmental Management)

County Administrator Long introduced the public hearing item and provided an overview of the Ordinance.

Vice-Chair Proctor moved, seconded by Commissioner Maddox, for approval of Option #1: Conduct the first and only public hearing and adopt the proposed Ordinance amending Section 6-30 of the Leon County Code of Laws relating to code enforcement procedure.
The motion carried 7-0.

25. Second and Final Public Hearing to Approve the Submittal of a Small Cities Community Development Block Grant-Coronavirus Application (County Administrator/ Human Services & Community Partnerships/ Resource Stewardship)

County Administrator Long introduced the public hearing item and provided an overview of the application to the Department of Economic Opportunity for the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant in the neighborhood revitalization category. If awarded, the County will utilize the funds to renovate the Concord School building. Project activities will include elements to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, such as touchless features, interior space reconfiguration, and improved ventilation, by replacing doors, windows, HVAC equipment, and ducts. Social distancing elements will include exterior recreational improvements such as pavilions, picnic tables, a courtyard, an outdoor stage, and outdoor classrooms. At least 51% of the households within the project scope will benefit from the project. It is estimated that low to moderate income families will benefit from the project.

Commissioner Dozier stated her appreciation of the work done on the project.

Commissioner Cummings stated her support of staff's recommendation.

Commissioner Welch also stated his support of Option #1 and thanked the County Administrator and staff.

Commissioner Maddox moved, seconded by Commissioner Dozier, to approve option #1: Conduct the second and final public hearing and approve the submission of the proposed Small Cities Community Development Block Grant-Coronavirus application for renovations to the Concord School and prevent the spread of COVID-19.

The motion carried 7-0.

26. ADD- ON Commissioner Appointment to the Tallahassee- Leon County Commission on the Status of Women & Girls

The Board approved Option #1: Ratify Chairman Minor's citizen appointment of Kimberly Galban-Countryman to the Tallahassee-Leon County Commission of the Status of Women and Girls for the remainder of the unexpired term ending September 30, 2022, thereby waiving the conflicting employment relationship disclosed of Form 4A by a two-thirds affirmative vote.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

3-minute limit per speaker; Commission may discuss issues that are brought forth by speakers

- The following citizens provided an in-person comment:

Public Comment:

- Freddy Miller, 6001 Shawmut Street, expressed safety concerns about the poor road conditions in Southwood Estates and Southwood Unrecorded neighborhoods, which includes over 100 homes.

Commissioner Maddox requested the County Administrator to review the programs available.

- County Administrator Long recognized Brent Pell, Director of Public Works, who provide an overview.
- Brent Pell, Director of Public Works, stated that there are two programs available for private roads, including the 2/3 Road program for the paved roads in Southwood Estates neighborhood, and the LIFE Stabilization program for dirt roads in the Southwood Unrecorded neighborhood.
- Jeffrey Cricks, 6005 Defoores Street, expressed concern about the road conditions. He stated the road conditions in his community are very poor.
- Asha Maharash Lucas, 1401 Button Willow Drive, spoke about poor road conditions in her community, and expressed concern about her property being driven on by vehicles trying to avoid the ditches and sand.
- Valeria Varadi, 5971 Defoores Street, spoke about poor road conditions in her community and asked Commissioners for support.
- Glen Howard, 5998 Button Willow Lane, expressed concern about the roads getting worse.

Commissioner Dozier expressed concern about absentee landlords who may hold up the project and asked the County Administrator and County Attorney if anything can be done.

- County Administrator Long stated that owner permission is required to work on private roads.
- County Attorney O'Steen stated that an analysis of the ownership interest in the rights-of way would be needed and confirmed that the County needed to have authority from the owners of the property to proceed.

Commissioner Dozier inquired if there are any options for resources to address property and ownership issues.

- County Attorney O'Steen reflected on a recent agenda item that provided information on legal resources available to assist low-income property owners with resolving real property title issues and stated that some of those resources may be able to assist the residents.

Commissioner Cummings thanked homeowners for speaking tonight about their situations with the private road. She also confirmed with the County Administrator that the 2/3 Program requires 100% donation of the right of way from the private owners for the County to bring roads up to County standards and has a fiscal impact to the County. She expressed concern on the public safety concerns of the road conditions in these neighborhoods.

- County Administrator Long provided an overview of the available programs and called upon Brent Pell for further comments.
- Brent Pell stated that the County is at the beginning of the process to evaluate the situation in these neighborhoods.

Commissioner Maddox commended the neighborhood residents and County staff. He confirmed with the County Administrator the process to convert a private road to County Road is through the 2/3 program.

Vice-Chair Proctor questioned the County Attorney about the owner participation required for each of the two programs. He expressed the need for better road conditions for the public health and safety of the community.

Chairman Minor stated that he would second a motion for an agenda item to explore the current policies and the road conditions in the two neighborhoods.

- County Administrator Long provided a brief overview of both programs and stated that the County does not currently allow for private roads to be permitted and built, and that the roads in question were built many years ago. He stated that staff could bring back an agenda item should the Board desire.

Commissioner Jackson expressed his concern about repairs to private roads.

Commissioner Cummings motioned for an agenda item to include information on the two Southwood neighborhoods and their interest in the County's programs.

Vice-Chair Proctor reflected on if the original subdivisions were approved by the County.

Chairman Minor thanked the citizens for coming out to speak to the Commission.

Commissioner Cummings moved, seconded by Chairman Minor, to direct staff to provide an agenda item on the Southwood Estates and the Southwood Unrecorded neighborhoods eligibility for any of the County's Road maintenance, repair, and stabilization programs for private roads.

The motion carried 7-0.

COMMENTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Chasity H. O'Steen County Attorney:

- Spoke regarding a memo provided to the Board on an opioid litigation-related matter. She stated Outside Counsel and the National Consortium have advised and recommend filing a complaint against McKinsey Company Inc., a global management firm hired by Perdue Pharma to expedite the sale of opioids. Outside counsel is recommending that the County join other local governments in litigation. She recommended the Board authorize the County Attorney to authorize outside counsel to join the litigation against McKinsey Company, Inc.
 - Commissioner Maddox made a motion to approve authorizing the County Attorney to act on the approve outside counsel's recommendation. Seconded by Commissioner Dozier.

Commissioner Maddox moved, seconded by Commissioner Dozier, to authorize the County Attorney to authorize outside counsel to join the litigation against McKinsey Company Inc.

The motion carried 7-0.

- Stated that the County received a communication from the Department of Health dated October 6th regarding a Notice of Violation and \$3.57M fine being issued to the County for the County's employee vaccination requirement, and that she will be defending the County in this matter.
 - Commissioner Maddox motioned to authorize the County Attorney to schedule a shade meeting regarding this matter. Seconded by Commissioner Dozier.
 - Commissioner Dozier agreed that the shade meeting was appropriate and stated her support of the County Administrator and County Attorney.
 - Vice-Chair Proctor advised the County Administrator to not speak publicly regarding the matter. He expressed the desire to meet on October 19th.
 - Commissioner Dozier confirmed with the County Attorney that the shade meeting would be scheduled when it is needed.

Commissioner Maddox moved, seconded by Commissioner Dozier, to authorize the County Attorney to schedule a shade meeting when necessary, regarding the state fine imposed on the County for the County's employee COVID vaccination requirement.

The motion carried 7-0.

County Administrator Long:

- Assured the Board that the County's statement has been and will be limited to the fact that the Board has authorized the County to assert its legal right to protect our citizens and to have a workforce ready to respond to the needs of the community.

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Commissioner Welch:

- Invited the Board and Citizens to a clean-up of Lake Killarney in conjunction with the Killarney Homes Associations and the Boy Scouts on Saturday November 6th from 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.
- Commended staff on the identification and preservation of the New Hope Cemetery and reflected on other cemeteries in the County.
- Commended Parks and Recreation staff for travel baseball tournament held at the Woodville Park.

Commissioner Cummings:

- Spoke about the Children’s Services Council that has assessed service providers for the needs assessment. CSC is considering Chris Letsos and Rose Green for the CSC Executive Director position; stated that Kelly Otte has withdrawn her application.

Commissioner Jackson:

- Recognized further development for Amazon Distribution Center (30 acres).
- Expressed concern about open public camping inside city limits on rights-of-ways
 - County Administrator Long confirmed that an agenda item will be brought back to the Board.
 - Vice-Chair Proctor expressed concern about open public camping on the rights-of-way on North Monroe and reflected on the City’s involvement with this issue.
 - Chairman Minor expressed concern about open public camping on the rights-of-way and stated that he had confirmed with the County Administrator that an agenda item is forthcoming.

Commissioner Dozier:

- Congratulated the Office of Economic Vitality, which was awarded 4 International Development Council awards.
- Stated that there will be Tech Grant Competition for Innovation Park on October 21st.

Commissioner Maddox:

- Reflected on a call he received regarding charging stations in the community and asked if the County could partner with landowners for charging stations.
 - County Administrator Long confirmed that a staff analysis will be brought back to the Board.
 - Commissioner Dozier reflected on ways to incentivize inclusion of charging stations into projects.

Commissioner Maddox moved, seconded by Chairman Minor, to direct staff to prepare an agenda item evaluating the regulatory framework to incentivize new development to include vehicle charging stations and analyze opportunities for additional vehicle charging stations to be installed in partnership with existing private property owners.

The motion carried 7-0.

Vice-Chairman Proctor:

- Commended the FSU and FAMU football teams.
- Reflected on hotel price gouging during homecoming and football game weekends and expressed his disappointment with the local hotel industry.
- Requested the County Attorney to provide the Board with the dangerous dog policy.
- Reflected on the public request for expungement of the record for adult possession of marijuana and asked the County Attorney for an agenda item to explore possession of 20 grams or less of marijuana as a citation.
 - County Attorney O'Steen stated that the previous County Attorney had provided a status report to the Board stating that possession of or use of marijuana is a criminal offense, and that the County has no jurisdiction.
 - Commissioner Dozier stated her support of the motion and reflected on the lack of support from the State Attorney.
 - County Administrator Long clarified that the county agreement was the basis for the ordinances in the South Florida counties.
 - Commissioner Welch stated that he would be interested to hear from the State Attorney on the topic.
 - Commissioner Maddox suggested the need for a workshop to have a conversation with the community partners. He asked Vice-Chair Proctor to change his request from an agenda item to a workshop.
 - Vice-Chair Proctor agreed with Commissioner Maddox that a workshop may be needed and amended his motion to a workshop.
 - Commissioner Cummings expressed the need to explore how other counties have addressed this issue. She commended the County's intervention programs.
 - Commissioner Maddox confirmed with the County Attorney that the State Attorney enforces the state and federal laws. He asked how other counties have enacted other ordinances.
 - County Attorney stated that in terms of enforcement and prosecutorial discretion, those are in the purview of law enforcement and the State Attorney's office. She explained that other counties may have moved forward through an agreement with local law enforcement.
 - Commissioner Cummings mentioned the successful procedures done in Leon County in reference to the various intervention programs.

Vice-Chair Proctor moved, seconded by Commissioner Maddox, to direct staff to schedule a workshop evaluating alternatives to incarceration for the possession of small amounts of marijuana.

The motion carried 7-0.

- Vice-Chair Proctor asked County Administrator Long about faulty ankle bracelets and the contactors. Reflected on the inability for some citizens to post a low bond and asked for a comprehensive report on bail for jail detainments.
 - Commissioner Dozier asked that the re-entry issue be included in the workshop.

Vice-Chair Proctor moved, seconded by Commissioner Maddox, to direct staff to schedule a workshop on the jail population, including a review of the County's electronic monitoring program, a comprehensive report on bail, and re-entry initiatives.

The motion carried 7-0. Chairman Minor:

- Thanked the Board for approving the creation of the Citizens North Monroe Task Force and stated they will be submitting their response soon.
- Commended the Volunteer Fire Truck Round-Up on Tom Brown Park.
- Commended the Capital's lighting ceremony to bring awareness to domestic violence on October 1st.

RECEIPT AND FILE:

- Canopy Community Development District Fiscal Year 2022 Meeting Dates
- Capital Region Community Development District Fiscal Year 2022 Meeting Dates
- Tallahassee Community Redevelopment Agency FY 2022 Adopted Budget Resolution 21-R-27

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTEST:



Bill Proctor

BY: _____
Bill Proctor, Chairman
Board of County Commissioner

Gwendolyn Marshall

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