

**Nassau County Board of County Commissioners
Special Session, April 1, 2020, 10:00 a.m.
Commission Chambers, 96135 Nassau Place, Yulee, Florida**

Call to Order.

Commissioners:

Present: Chairman Daniel B. Leeper.

Present via speakerphone: Commissioners Justin Taylor, Aaron C. Bell, Pat Edwards, and Thomas R. Ford.

Other Officials Present: Michael S. Mullin, County Manager/County Attorney, and Taco Pope, Assistant County Manager. Also present via speakerphone was Dr. Eugenia Seidel, Nassau County Health Department; and Greg Foster, Emergency Management Director.

Staff Present: Megan Diehl, Office of Management and Budget Director; and representing the Clerk's office Brenda Linville and Peggy Snyder, Deputy Clerks.

Official Agenda Summary:

SS200401 - 10:00:22 Mr. Mullin advised that if anyone was watching this meeting online and wished to have their comments read into the record, they can do so by e-mailing their comments to comments@nassaucountyfl.com. If a person wishes to be telephoned during this meeting, they can e-mail their contact information and topic for discussion to the same e-mail address. Voicemails may also be left at 904-530-6009 and the call will be returned during this meeting. He also advised that the occupancy in the Commission Chambers has been reduced to 35 people to provide the six-foot social distancing separation should a member of the public wish to attend.

CONSENT ITEMS:

SS200401 - 10:02:59 (Tab A) Special meeting to approve a Resolution extending the State of Emergency in Nassau County due to COVID-19 through April 8, 2020.

Discussion: Mr. Mullin reviewed the request.

Motion: Approve Tab A as stated above and authorize the Chairman to sign Resolution No. 2020-78 regarding same.

Maker: Commissioner Bell

Second: Commissioner Taylor

Action: Aye: Commissioners Leeper, Bell, Edwards, Ford, and Taylor

Follow Up: County Manager/County Attorney

NEW BUSINESS:

SS200401 - 10:04:12 (Tab B) Discussion of the April 13, April 15, and April 27, 2020 Board of County Commissioners meetings.

Discussion: Mr. Mullin provided an overview of the recommendations for the April 13, 2020 regular meeting agenda as follows:

Motion: Continue presentation update on County Projects (CIP) to May 20, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Maker: Commissioner Ford

Second: Commissioner Bell

Action: Aye: Commissioners Leeper, Bell, Edwards, Ford, and Taylor

Follow Up: County Manager/County Attorney, OMB, Engineering

Discussion: Mr. Mullin continued his overview of the recommendations for the April 13, 2020 regular meeting agenda as follows:

1. Consent Items: Items 1 thru 7 will remain on the agenda.
2. New Business: Discussion or consideration of the City of Fernandina Beach's Beach joint Habitat Conservation Plan and associated funding for cost share will remain on agenda.
3. New Business: Discussion of a Real Estate Sales Agreement with Allison Lands, Inc. for purchase of 35+ acres at Kings Ferry - County Manager/County Attorney will discuss issues with this agreement with the Commissioners individually.

Motion: Continue to May 21, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, consideration of Comprehensive Plan Amendment application, CPA20-002.

Maker: Commissioner Bell

Second: Commissioner Ford

Action: Aye: Commissioners Leeper, Bell, Edwards, Ford, and Taylor

Follow Up: County Manager/County Attorney, Planning Department

Motion: Continue to May 21, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, consideration of quasi-judicial applications NOPC20-001 and FD20-001 regarding Summer Beach.

Maker: Commissioner Bell

Second: Commissioner Taylor

Action: Aye: Commissioners Leeper, Bell, Edwards, Ford, and Taylor

Follow Up: County Manager/County Attorney, Planning Department

Discussion: Mr. Mullin provided an overview of the recommendations for the April 15, 2020 regular meeting agenda as follows:

Motion: Continue to May 20, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. all presentations previously scheduled for April 15, 2020.

Maker: Commissioner Edwards

Second: Commissioner Taylor

Action: Aye: Commissioners Leeper, Bell, Edwards, Ford, and Taylor

Follow Up: County Manager/County Attorney

SS200401 - 10:12:00

Motion: Schedule a special session for April 8, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. to extend the State of Emergency in Nassau County, Florida due to COVID-19.

Maker: Commissioner Taylor

Second: Commissioner Bell

Action: Aye: Commissioners Leeper, Bell, Edwards, Ford, and Taylor

Follow Up: County Manager/County Attorney

Discussion: Mr. Mullin continued the recommendations for the April 15, 2020 regular meeting agenda as follows:

Motion: Continue to April 8, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. the following consent items: (1) Approve a Resolution proclaiming April 19 through April 25, 2020 as National Library Week and, (2) Authorize Chairman to sign Library Use Agreement with Florida State College, Contract No. 2834, for shared space for Yulee Library.

Maker: Commissioner Edwards

Second: Commissioner Taylor

Action: Aye: Commissioners Leeper, Bell, Edwards, Ford, and Taylor

Follow Up: County Manager/County Attorney

Motion: Schedule workshop for June 8, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. to discuss the Recreation Master Plan.

Maker: Commissioner Taylor

Second: Commissioner Ford

Action: Aye: Commissioners Leeper, Bell, Edwards, Ford, and Taylor

Follow Up: County Manager/County Attorney, Planning Department

1. New Business: Reschedule to April 8, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. consideration of the Agreement between the Range of Amelia regarding the relocation of the recycling center.
2. Informational Items: Continue to April 8, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Mullin provided an overview of the recommendations for the April 27, 2020 regular meeting agenda as follows:

1. Consent Items: Keep on agenda.
2. New Business: Mid-Year CIP - keep on agenda.
3. Non Quasi-Judicial Hearings: Continue to May 21, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, consideration of the public hearings scheduled for April 27, 2020.

Discussion: Mr. Mullin advised that if the County is still under the State of Emergency, the public hearing of an ordinance restricting beach driving and parking will be discussed at one of the emergency meeting to extend the declaration to have an interim regulation addressing the

beach since they are coming into turtle nesting season. Based upon the Endangered Species Act, the County is required to take certain actions for the protection of the endangered species since the County does not have a habitat plan.

Motion: Continue to May 21, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, consideration of the following non-quasi hearings: (1) Ordinance related to beach driving; (2) Ordinance banning the retail sale of dogs, cats or rabbits; (3) Impact fee ordinance addressing fire rescue, law enforcement and administrative facilities impact fees; (4) Future Land Use Map amendment CPA19-009; (5) Future Land Use Map amendment LDC20-003; (6) Application CPA19-008 ordinance amending 2030 Comprehensive Plan; and, (7) 2nd public hearing to consider LDC20-002.

Maker: Commissioner Edwards
Second: Commissioner Taylor
Action: Aye: Commissioners Leeper, Bell, Edwards, Ford, and Taylor
Follow Up: County Manager/County Attorney

Discussion: Mr. Mullin advised that the reason these public hearings are being moved is to allow the public to attend and be heard.

Motion: Continue to May 21, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, consideration of the following quasi hearings: (1) Application FD19-005 Amelia National; and (2) application PUD19-008 Angel Lakes Gates, Inc.

Maker: Commissioner Ford
Second: Commissioner Bell
Action: Aye: Commissioners Leeper, Bell, Edwards, Ford, and Taylor
Follow Up: County Manager/County Attorney

SS200401 - 10:03:36 (Tab C) Discuss/Consider rescheduling the Monday, May 25, 2020 meeting to Thursday, May 21, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. due to Memorial Day.

Motion: Approve Tab B as stated above.
Maker: Commissioner Edwards

Second: Commissioner Ford
Action: Aye: Commissioners Leeper, Bell, Edwards,
Ford, and Taylor
Follow Up: County Manager/County Attorney

SS200401 - 10:20:20 Director Foster and Dr. Seidel provided COVID-19 updates from the Emergency Operations Center and the Department of Health. They responded to questions posed by the Board related to the three Executive Orders and the testing for COVID-19.

Mr. Mullin advised that pursuant to the Emergency Management Plan, he has issued three Executive Orders. He thanked Gil Langley with the Tourist Development Council (TDC) for providing the visitors to Nassau County from the Tri-State area with copies of the Executive Orders and Health Department Forms and for providing daily reports.

Motion: Reaffirm Executive Orders 1-3 related to (1) Beach Driving; (2) Closure of the beaches; and, (3) Mandatory 14-day self-quarantine and reporting requirement for visitors from the Tri-State area of New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut.

Maker: Commissioner Bell
Second: Commissioner Edwards
Action: Aye: Commissioners Leeper, Bell, Edwards,
Ford, and Taylor
Follow Up: County Manager/County Attorney

SS200401 - 10:27:59 Mr. Mullin advised that he had spoken with Janice Ancrum, President and CEO, Nassau County Council on Aging (COA), and Wanda Lanier, CEO of Barnabas Center, who expressed the need for funding to provide food to senior citizens in Nassau County. The City of Fernandina Beach advised that they will be making a contribution to COA in the amount of \$40,000.00 and Barnabas in the amount of \$10,000.00 for a total of \$50,000.00. These organizations will require additional funding to continue to serve the elder population. He requested authority from the Board to provide additional funds to these organizations.

Motion: Authorize County Manager to provide funding to the Council on Aging and Barnabas for care of

seniors in conjunction with the City of Fernandina Beach.

Maker: Commissioner Ford

Second: Commissioner Taylor

Action: Aye: Commissioners Leeper, Bell, Edwards, Ford, and Taylor

Follow Up: County Manager, Finance, OMB

Discussion: Mr. Mullin advised that the five County Commissioners have been involved daily with staff as well as Constitutional Officers. There is strict control over finances by Ms. Diehl.

Public input: Mr. Langley came forward to recognize his staff working closely with the County Manager's office. He also addressed how the COVID-19 pandemic has affected the TDC proposed budget.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

SS200401 - 10:33:11 Commissioner Bell's Business:
None.

SS200401 - 10:35:24 Commissioner Edwards' Business:

- Echoed Chairman's comments on the County's response.
- Reminded people of social distancing, washing hands for twenty seconds, keep groups to less than ten, and to buy local.
- Requested to have boat ramps monitored to prevent more than 10 people congregating.

SS200401 - 10:36:14 Commissioner Taylor's Business:

- Discussed consideration of a County "Stay at Home" order.
- Requested that any hiring for County positions be deferred until after the State of Emergency.

SS200401 - 10:40:20 Commissioner Ford's Business:

- Echoed the comments of the other Board members.

- He thanked the Road Department for their handling of roadway issues on the west side of the County.
- Suggested further consideration of the A and B shifts on a long term basis.

SS200401 - 10:30:49 Commissioner Leeper's Business:

- Thanked Mr. Langley and his team for working with County staff to keep the County's lodging partners abreast of the Executive Orders.
- Thanked the County employees for their hard work on behalf of Nassau County. Thanked the health care workers and first responders.

SS200401 - 10:41:15 Chairman Leeper advised that the next meeting will be a special meeting set for April 8, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

There being no further business, the special session of the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners adjourned at 10:46 a.m.

Daniel B. Leeper, Chairman

Attest:

John A. Crawford, Ex-Officio Clerk