

**Nassau County Board of County Commissioners  
Regular Session, July 15, 2020, 9:00 A.M.  
Commission Chambers, 96135 Nassau Place, Yulee, Florida**

Call to order, Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

**Commissioners:**

**Present:** Chairman Daniel B. Leeper, 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.

**Staff Present:** Megan Diehl, Office of Management and Budget Director, and Brenda Linville and Heather Nazworth, Deputy Clerks.

**Official Agenda Summary:**

**RS200715 - 9:04:42** Chairman Leeper wished Board Member Edwards a "Happy Birthday".

**RS200715 - 9:04:58** Mr. Mullin explained that this meeting is being live streamed and encourages anyone who wants to provide any public comments during the meeting to submit an email to [comments@nassaucountyfl.com](mailto:comments@nassaucountyfl.com) and for the individuals to provide their name and address. He advised that if anyone would like to be called during the meeting to call 904-530-6009 and leave a message with their name, phone number, address and topic of discussion.

**RS200715 - 9:05:43** Mr. Mullin informed the Board that there was a water line break which effects the Ritz-Carlton, Carlton Dunes, Scott Road, and Ocean Place Condominiums. FGUA and United Water are currently working on the water line and there is no expected time frame to complete the repair.

**Audience Input: Non-Agenda Items**

None.

**RS200715 - 9:07:53** Mr. Mullin read an email from Daryl Johnson regarding the library being added to the impact fee recipient list.

**RS200715 - 9:08:30** Dr. Eugenia Ngo-Seidel, Nassau County Health Department Director, telephonically reported that there is an increase of 215 new cases which brings the total to 570, including 548 residents. The number released from isolation as of today is 217 residents with 331 or more in isolation. There was an increase in testing which increased the percent positivity. The Department of Health is continuing to provide testing throughout the County and key messaging is working through Emergency Operations Center.

**PRESENTATION(S) :**

**RS200715 - 9:11:12 (Tab A)** Nick Howland, Fire Watch Council Executive Director, and Lynn Schultz, Vice-Chair regarding update on Fire Watch Council.

**Discussion:** Mike Fleming, Chairman of the Fire Watch Council, came forward to provide an overview of the challenge. He introduced Lynn Schultz as the representative for Nassau County.

Ms. Schultz came forward to review the Challenge. She stated that veteran suicide numbers range from 20-22 people per day. In 2019, the suicide rate for the State of Florida was 14.5 percent and Nassau County suicide rate was 21.7 percent. She stated that implementation of any type of suicide prevention program will impact the all the rates. She reviewed the structure of the Fire Watch Council stating that it was formed in November 2019 by five counties with contributions of seed funding and a council member. The Fire Watch Council is pursuant to *Florida Statutes 163.01, to coordinate regional efforts to reduce military veteran suicides in Northeast Florida*. She reviewed the strategy to end veteran suicide in Northeast Florida and reinforce the 5-county area as the most military friendly community in the United States.

Mr. Fleming came forward to review the awareness and outreach programs. He mentioned the structure consists of volunteers. He referenced the VA Governor's Challenge which the Fire Watch Council represents Northeast Florida. He referenced Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) which offers communities the

opportunity to do a workshop to examine what is happening when a veteran is in crisis. He mentioned that it is important for veterans to know what resources are available. The Fire Watch Council has compiled a resource guide for all the resources available to support veterans. Mr. Fleming reviewed the Watch Stander Program which is a peer program designed to connect veterans. The program is not only for veterans but also civilians that can assist. He discussed the wallet cards that are available and distributed all across Northeast Florida to support veterans in crisis.

Nick Howell came forward to review the Fiscal Year Expenditures for 2020 and the Fiscal Year Funding for 2021. He advised for the Fiscal Year 2021 there will an increase in budget to start launching 2-3 key additional elements which is to increase the Watch Stander Program and Rates. They will also launch a micro grant program which is based upon SAMHSA to assist in directing funding to resources to build up and improve the weaknesses. They will be requesting \$25,000 from Nassau County for the 2021 Fiscal Year.

**RS200715 - 9:08:14 (Tab B)** Megan Diehl, Office of Management & Budget Director re: Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

**Discussion:** Mr. Mullin advised that based upon the Budget Workshop held on July 14, 2020 the presentation is no longer needed.

**CONSENT ITEM(S):**

**RS200715 - 9:31:33 (Tab C)** Approve a Resolution extending the State of Emergency in Nassau County, Florida due to COVID-19 through July 22, 2020.

**Motion:** Approve Tab C as stated above and authorize Chairman to sign Resolution 2020-122 regarding same.

**Maker:** Commissioner Bell

**Second:** Commissioner Edwards

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

**Follow Up:** County Manager, County Attorney, Emergency Management

**RS200715 - 9:31:40** Chairman Leeper advised that a special session needs to be scheduled for July 22, 2020 to extend the State of Emergency in Nassau County, Florida due to COVID-19.

**Motion:** Approve to schedule a special session for July 22, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. as stated above.

**Maker:** Commissioner Edwards

**Second:** Commissioner Ford

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

**Follow Up:** County Manager, County Attorney

**REGISTER:**

The Chairman signed the register for the following warrants: Warrant Nos. 265555 and 265671 dated 7-10-20 for a register total of \$514,686.31; Wire Transfer No. 2013748 dated 7-13-20 for a register total of \$600.00; and, Warrant Nos. 265672 thru 265731 dated 7-14-20 for a register total of \$210,461.03.

**BUILDING DEPARTMENT:**

**RS200715 - 9:32:17 (Tab D)** Monthly status update on Building Department activities. Informational only.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT:**

**RS200715 - 9:32:23 (Tab E)** Monthly status update on Code Enforcement activities. Informational only.

**ENGINEERING BUSINESS:**

**RS200715 - 9:32:26 (Tab F)** Monthly status update on Engineering activities. Informational only.

**FACILITIES MAINTENANCE BUSINESS:**

**RS200715 - 9:32:30 (Tab G)** Monthly status update on Facilities Maintenance/Parks & Recreation activities. Informational only.

**FIRE RESCUE BUSINESS:**

**RS200715 - 9:32:31 (Tab H)** Monthly status update on Fire/Rescue activities for May and June 2020. Informational only.

**PUBLIC WORKS BUSINESS:**

**RS200715 - 9:32:37 (Tab I)** Monthly status update on Road Department activities. Informational only.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**RS200715 - 9:32:42 (Tab J)** Award Bid No. NC 20-004 to Advanced Insulation, in the amount of \$376,574.55 for the Detention Center Attic Insulation Rehab Project; and authorize the Chairman to sign Contract No. 2856.

**Motion:** Approve Tab I as stated above.

**Maker:** Commissioner Edwards

**Second:** Commissioner Bell

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

**Follow Up:** Facilities Maintenance, Contract Management

**INFORMATIONAL ITEM(S):**

**RS200715 - 9:35:36 (Tab K)** Monthly contract report. Informational only.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**RS200715 - 9:33:15** Commissioner Taylor's Business:

- Wished Commissioner Edwards a "Happy Birthday."
- Received an email regarding when the libraries will be reopened. Mr. Mullin responded that for a large portion of August, the Supervisor of Elections uses the libraries for the primary election and due to the increase cases of COVID-19, there was a decision to keep them closed until the Supervisor of Election no longer needs the libraries for elections and then re-evaluate.

**RS200715 - 9:34:43** Commissioner Bell's Business:

- Wished Commissioner Edwards a "Happy Birthday."

**RS200715 - 9:34:49** Commissioner Ford's Business:

None.

**RS200715 - 9:35:06** Commissioner Edwards' Business:

- Appreciates the birthday wishes.

**RS200715 - 9:35:42** Commissioner Leeper's Business:

**Request:** County Manager to contact the City of Fernandina Beach Manager regarding the status of the YMCA located in Fernandina Beach, Florida.

There being no further business, the regular session of the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners adjourned at 9:36 a.m.

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Daniel B. Leeper, Chairman

Attest:

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John A. Crawford, Ex-Officio Clerk