

**Nassau County Board of County Commissioners
Special Session, August 5, 2020, 9:00 A.M.
Emergency Operations Center, 77150 Citizens Circle, Yulee,
Florida**

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

Commissioners:

Present: Chairman Daniel B. Leeper, Commissioners Justin Taylor, Pat Edwards, and Thomas R. Ford.

Present via Zoom Meeting: Commissioner Aaron C. Bell.

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

Staff Present: Megan Diehl, Office of Management and Budget Director, Heather Nazworth, Deputy Clerk, and Kimberly Minter, recording secretary.

Official Agenda Summary:

Audience Input:

200805SS - 9:03:25 Mr. Mullin advised that citizens wish to speak to the Board live during meeting can attend via Zoom or can submit an email to 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 for **(Tab B)** Non-Agenda Items and **(Tab B)** Agenda Items.

Noted: No public input.

200805SS - 9:04:25 Dr. Seidel appeared via "Zoom" to provide a public heather update related to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). As of August 4, 2020, the County had a total of 1,138 positive cases of which 1,074 are residents and 64 cases are non-residents. The Florida

Department of Health (FDOH) has released 576 residents from isolation with roughly 500 cases currently isolated as well as their contacts. Hospitalizations continues to increase as well as 3 deaths. Dr. Seidel stated that the county is making progress with decreasing the number of positive cases but will continue to see an increase in hospitalizations and deaths. In the past three days, there has been a significant decrease in the volume of testing due to Hurricane Isaias. She also stated that throughout the State there are signs of cases decreasing. Dr. Seidel briefly discussed storm preparations, advising that everyone needs to make preparations especially those who may be dealing with COVID-19. She emphasized that everyone needs to continue the mitigation measures by staying physically apart, wearing masks, and avoiding crowded places.

Chairman Leeper thanked Dr. Seidel for joining the meeting as well as all that she does for Nassau County.

200805SS - 9:06:49 Director Foster, stated that the Nassau County Emergency Management continues to support the FDOH with their endeavors to limit the spread and provide testing of COVID-19. They continue to release messages on a regular basis and support the face mask ordinance in orders to help stop the spread. He also advised that the testing site located at the Yulee Target which opened on July 23, 2020, was closed on July 30, 2020 thru August 4, 2020 due to the tropical storm. The site performed a total of 537 tests.

Chairman Leeper thanked Director Foster for his great work.

CONSENT ITEM(S) :

200805SS - 9:08:20 (Tab C) Approve Finance Package 2020-18 and associated Resolutions.

Motion: Approve Tab C as stated above (See Attachment "A" for Tab C).

Maker: Commissioner Ford.

Second: Commissioner Edwards.

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

Follow Up: Finance, OMB.

200805SS - 9:08:33 (Tab D) Approve a Resolution extending the State of Emergency in Nassau County, Florida due to COVID-19 pandemic through August 12, 2020.

Motion: Approve Tab D as stated above.
Maker: Commissioner Edwards.
Second: Commissioner Ford.
Action: Aye: Commissioners Bell, Edwards, Ford, and Taylor, Chairman Leeper.
Follow Up: County Manager, County Attorney, Emergency Management.

200805SS - 9:08:50 (Tab E) Schedule a public hearing to consider an Ordinance of the Board of the County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida creating the American Beach water and sewer district.

Motion: Schedule public hearing for August 24, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as matter may be heard, to consider Tab E as stated above.
Maker: Commissioner Bell.
Second: Commissioner Ford.
Action: Aye: Commissioners Bell, Edwards, Ford, and Taylor, Chairman Leeper.
Follow Up: County Manager, Planning Department.

EXPANSION ITEMS:

200805SS - 9:08:01 Update on the Nassau CARES Act from David Jahosky, Managing Director for Government Service Group [GSG].

Motion: Approve expansion item as stated above.
Maker: Commissioner Edwards.
Second: Commissioner Taylor.
Action: Aye: Commissioners Bell, Edwards, Ford, and Taylor, Chairman Leeper.
Follow Up: County Manager.

SS200805 - 9:09:10 Expansion Item #1: Update on the Nassau CARES Act from David Jahosky, Managing Director for Government Service Group [GSG].

Discussion: Mr. Mullin expressed his appreciation to GSG. He stated that they have done a great job of putting

everything together in conjunction with working with Mr. Pope.

Mr. Jahosky came forward to address the different funding tiers on page 2. He stated that GSG submitted the County plan to the Division of Emergency Management [FDEM], and they provide feedback that they have received the plan; however, at this point they are not reviewing the plans for provisional improvement approval, because they are limited, because FDEM is in the process of finalizing the second agreement for the remaining 75 percent. Mr. Jahosky, stated, because of the level of uncertainty and previous conversations with the Board, regarding taking a conservative approach, GSG wanted to understand that when looking at the chart Tier [1] is the current available funds; Tier [2] is County cash in the contribution. Based previously discussed, it is at this point being a reimbursement process and due to the timing it takes to order, receive, and then expended; there may not be from a cash flow perspective based upon the plan that has been outlined that there may not be funds available in Tier [3] and [4], may not be funded because once the first allocations are spent of the \$3.8 million the County would have started spending in excess of that first twenty-five percent before the County can submit for reimbursement and since there are still no answers as to how long that process will take you would then have to move to the second available funds. Looking at this from a conservative stand point, he does not wish to commit to the County or portray false hope that there will be enough time to maximize the full benefits unless something is different in the agreement that comes from FDEM. He wants the Board to be aware that some of these items may be in jeopardy of not being funded as part of this plan.

Ms. Diehl responded to an inquiry regarding to the \$3.9 million and the Tier [2] plan stating that there were a few options that she has identified to fund from existing resources. There is the emergency reserve available if advance funding is needed. However, she advised that the County is currently in hurricane season and recommends not placing additional funding into that reserve next year because it would be at risk if the County was not reimbursed on expected reimbursements. She also identified existing available funds that are located in the Capital Reserves, including all three taxing funds as well as the enterprise fund.

Mr. Jahosky provided some recent accomplishments achieved on page [3], since the previous meeting. While working with Mr. Pope and Ms. Diehl they have created a logo "Nassau CARES" to help brand the items so that citizens and business owners will see it and understand that this is something that is actually coming from this program. As of August 3, 2020, the Small Business program has been launched while working closely with the Chamber of Commerce, Small Business Developing Council and the Economic Development Board in terms of not only spreading the word but also in terms of driving interest into the program. Also on August 10, 2020, the Individual Assistance program will be launched and funding came from the State Housing Finance Corporation. Mr. Jahosky also advised that staff has scheduled the second rounds of meetings with the Constitutionals, the School District, and the Municipalities to discuss the plan and funding. Page [4], Mr. Jahosky expressed appreciation to the commissioners for vacating their offices and welcomes them to come by to see the creation to the Nassau CARES office, with the assistance of Mr. Doug Podiak, Public Works Director, and his staff. He commented that they currently have a drop box for contactless application drop off. They have already had citizens come by, use the drop box, and use the web portal. Page [5], there are currently 9,000 visits no the Facebook page and Nassau CARES website since August 1, 2020 with an increased number of phone calls and questions with expectations of increasing next week due to the opening of the Individual Assistance program. Page [6], shows information on the website as it relates to the plan.

Mr. Mullin commented that the plan is transparent and easy to follow.

200805SS - 9:20:30 Chairman Leeper requested that the Board schedule a special meeting for August 12, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. at the Emergency Operations Center to extend the State of Emergency in Nassau County, Florida due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Motion: Approve to schedule a special meeting for August 12, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. as stated above.
Maker: Commissioner Edwards.
Second: Commissioner Ford.
Action: Aye: Commissioners Bell, Edwards, Ford, and Taylor, Chairman Leeper.
Follow Up: County Manager, County Attorney.

COMMISSIONER ITEMS:

200805SS - 9:21:26 Commissioner Taylor's Business:

- Thanked staff, Director Foster, Mr. Jahosky and Ms. Tharpe with GSG, Chamber of Commerce, Economics Development Board, and Small Business Development Council.

200805SS - 9:20:55 Commissioner Bell's Business:

- Thanked staff, GSG, and the Chamber of Commerce for getting for getting the CARES Act program setup.

200805SS - 9:21:08 Commissioner Ford's Business:

- Thanked staff for all their hard work as well as Director Foster for allowing the meeting to be held at the Emergency Operations Center.

200805SS - 9:21:45 Commissioner Edwards' Business:

- Concurred with his fellow Commissioners' comments.

200805SS - 9:21:47 Chairman Leeper's Business:

- Agreed with his fellow Commissioners' comments.

There being no further business, the special session of the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners adjourned at 9:22 a.m.

Daniel B. Leeper, Chairman

Attest:

John A. Crawford, Ex-Officio Clerk

Attachment "A"

Finance Package 2020-18

Resolutions:

1. Resolution 2020-130, regarding budget amendment in the Municipal Service Fund in the amount of \$2,595.00 for a donation received by the Nassau County Animal Services not anticipated in the Fiscal Year 2019/2020 budget.

Deletions from Inventory

Facilities Maintenance/Parks & Recreation Department, 9944,
2019 DJI Phantom 3 Professional Quad Drone, Serial No.
M#W323B/CCA15LP2630T2.
Fire Rescue, 7519, 2014 Horton/Freightliner 623-1, VIN No.
1FVACWDT7EHFL2105.
Fire Rescue, 1905, 2004 E-One Typhoon Fire Engine, VIN No.
4ENRAAA8941007625.
County Extension, 5036, 2006 Ford Freestar Van, VIN No.
2FMZA51656BA53669.