

**Nassau County Board of County Commissioners
Special Session, September 2, 2020, 9:00 A.M.
Commission Chambers, 96135 Nassau Place, Yulee, Florida**

Call to Order

Commissioners:

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

Other Officials Present: Taco Pope, Assistant County Manager.

Staff Present: Megan Diehl, Office of Management and Budget Director, and Peggy Snyder and Melissa Lucey, Deputy Clerks.

Official Agenda Summary:

Audience Input:

SS200902 - 9:00:24 Mr. Pope advised that citizens wishing to speak to the Board live during meetings 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 A)** Non-Agenda Items and **(Tab B)** Agenda Items.

SS200902 - 9:01:53 Dr. Eugenia Ngo-Seidel, Nassau County Health Department, came forward to provide a public health update related to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). As of September 1, 2020, the County has a total of 1,728 cases positive cases of which 1,619 were residents and 109 non-residents. She indicated that the positivity rate is 8.2 percent. There are currently twenty-five hospital cases and six additional deaths since last week. Dr. Seidel advised that the key messaging this week is to practice safety mitigation during the Labor Day Holiday; and, keeping workplaces safe and reducing job exposures. She

commended parents on being proactive by keeping children home from school when sick.

SS200902 - 9:05:27 Greg Foster, Emergency Management Director, came forward to advise that Emergency Management continues to support the Florida Department of Health's mission. He advised that the key messaging is mirroring the Department of Health on being safe and keeping children home from school if showing any signs of illness. Director Foster informed the Board that there is a greater demand on the reserves for Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) and he is anticipating making additional purchases to supply those demands. There are currently no tropical storm threats to the east coast.

PRESENTATION(S):

SS200902 - 9:07:57 (Tab C) Taco Pope to provide an update on the Nassau County Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

Discussion: Mr. Pope advised that the first application period for the Small Business Assistance Program closed with 62 approved grants. The applicants have been notified and checks will be sent through the mail by the beginning of next week. He reported that the approval rate was over 85 percent with only nine applications that were deemed ineligible and two that are pending legal review. Mr. Pope advised that the second application period for the Small Business Assistance Program received a total 118 applications. These applications are in the review process with the hope that the approval rate would be similar to the first application period and checks would be mailed in the next coming weeks.

NEW BUSINESS:

SS200902 - 9:07:34 (Tab D) Approve a Resolution extending the State of Emergency in Nassau County, Florida due to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) through September 9, 2020.

Motion: Approve Tab D as stated above and authorize the Chairman to sign Resolution 2020-147 regarding same.

Maker: Commissioner Bell

Second: Commissioner Edwards
Action: Aye: Commissioners Leeper, Bell, Edwards, Ford, and Taylor
Follow Up: County Manager, Emergency Management, Health Department, Sheriff's Office, Fire Rescue

EXPANSION ITEMS:

SS200902 - 9:01:35 Schedule a special meeting for September 23, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. to consider adopting the American Beach Water and Wastewater Facility Plan.

Motion: Expand the meeting to consider one (1) items as stated above.

Maker: Commissioner Ford

Second: Commissioner Edwards

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

Follow Up: County Manager

SS200902 - 9:10:20 Expansion Item #1: Schedule a special meeting for September 23, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. to consider adopting the American Beach Water and Wastewater Facility Plan.

Discussion: Mr. Pope reviewed the request.

Motion: Schedule a special meeting for September 23, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. as stated above.

Maker: Commissioner Bell

Second: Commissioner Taylor

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

Follow Up: County Manager

SS200902 - 9:11:07 Chairman Leeper requested that the Board schedule a special meeting for September 9, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. to extend the State of Emergency in Nassau County, Florida due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Motion: Schedule a special meeting for September 9, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. as stated above.

Maker: Commissioner Taylor

Second: Commissioner Ford

Action: Aye: Commissioners Bell, Edwards,

Ford, and Taylor, Chairman Leeper.
Follow Up: County Manager, County Manager

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

SS200902 - 9:11:46 Commissioner Taylor's Business:

- Thanked staff for the hard work on the CARES Act.

SS200902 - 9:11:57 Commissioner Bell's Business:

- Echoed Commissioner Taylor's comment on the CARES Act.

SS200902 - 9:12:11 Commissioner Ford's Business:

- Agreed with his fellow Commissioners' comments on the CARES Act.
- Thanked Mr. Pope for the information regarding non-profits.

SS200902 - 9:12:25 Commissioner Edwards' Business:

- Shout out to County staff for their hard work.
- Special thanks to the Road Department for quickly addressing some drainage issues that he had.
- Thanked staff for their hard work on the CARES Act.

SS200902 - 9:12:55 Commissioner Leeper's Business:

- Echoed his fellow Commissioners' comments on the CARES Act.

There being no further business, the special session of the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners adjourned at 9:13 a.m.

