

**Nassau County Board of County Commissioners  
Special Session, September 9, 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:** Michael S. Mullin, County Attorney/County Manager; 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:**

**Audience Input: Non-Agenda Items**

**SS200909 - 9:00:30** Mr. Mullin 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](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 for **(Tab A)** Non-Agenda Items and **(Tab B)** Agenda Items.

**SS200909 - 9:02:18** 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 7, 2020, the County had a total of 1,850 positive cases of which 1,727 were residents. The total number of cases released from isolation is 1,292. She stated that one-third of the cases from the past week have been from cognitive living facilities. She advised that there have been 15 additional hospitalizations and 5 deaths. The overall test positivity rate is currently 7.7 percent. Dr. Seidel advised that the Department of Health's

key message is the importance of testing. She provided information regarding three special testing events that will occur at the Journey Church in Yulee, Northeast Florida Fairgrounds and Eight Flags Shopping Center this week for residents of all ages.

Dr. Seidel responded to an inquiry regarding whether students returning to school would cause any spikes in test or cases stating that it is too early to tell due to the length of time school has been in session. She advised that the School Board will provide in-school flu vaccines. Dr. Seidel expressed the importance of getting the flu vaccine this year.

**SS200909 - 9:05:37** 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 Emergency Management will provide traffic related assistance for the testing sites at the Northeast Florida Fairgrounds and Isle Eight Flags Shopping Center. Emergency Management will continue to order Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) from the State as needed due. The County has a 60-day stockpile supply, which is the recommended amount from the state is to keep on hand. Director Foster stated that the key message mirrors the Department of Health on being safe and keeping children home from school if showing any signs of illness. He stated that Emergency Management will provide messages regarding the upcoming test events this week specifically to parents of school age children.

Director Foster provided an update on the current activity of the tropical storms in the Atlantic Ocean. He stated that Emergency Management is working with the Department of Health to review the plans and be prepared if evacuations are necessary.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**SS200909 - 9:08:06 (Tab C)** Approve a Resolution extending the State of Emergency in Nassau County, Florida due to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) through September 16, 2020.

**Motion:** Approve Tab C as stated above and authorize the Chairman to sign Resolution 2020-148 regarding same.

**Maker:** Commissioner Ford

**Second:** Commissioner Bell

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

**Follow Up:** County Manager, Emergency Management, Health Department, Sheriff's Office, Fire Rescue

SS200909 - 9:08:27 Mr. Mullin informed the Board that the Governor has extended the statewide State of Emergency for an additional two months effective September 4, 2020. He stated that this is the longest state of emergency that Florida has endured.

SS200909 - 9:09:11 Mr. Pope provided updates to the Board regarding the CARES Act funding. He also commended Senator Aaron Bean's office for the assistance that they provide. He will provide an update on the individual assistance program and the next steps moving forward on September 16, 2020.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

SS200909 - 9:09:48 Commissioner Taylor's Business:  
None.

SS200909 - 9:09:56 Commissioner Bell's Business:  
None.

SS200909 - 9:09:57 Commissioner Ford's Business:  
None.

SS200909 - 9:09:59 Commissioner Edwards' Business:  
None.

SS200909 - 9:10:00 Commissioner Leeper's Business:  
None.

There being no further business, the special session of the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

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Daniel B. Leeper, Chairman

Attest:

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John A. Crawford, Ex-Officio Clerk