

**Nassau County Board of County Commissioners
Special Session, September 30, 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 and Taco Pope, County Manager appeared via Zoom.

Staff Present: Brenda Linville and Heather Nazworth, Deputy Clerks.

Official Agenda Summary:

SS200930 - 9:01:10 Dr. Eugenia Ngo-Seidel, Nassau County Health Department, came forward to provide a public health update related to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Pandemic. As of September 29, 2020, the County had a total of 2,116 positive cases of which 1,972 were residents. Public Health Department has released 1,751 cases from quarantine. There are currently 221 active cases in quarantine. The percent positivity has decreased to 4.96 percent. There are currently six new hospital cases since last week and four additional deaths. The pediatric cases total 165 which is based upon the age group less than 18. The key message is to reduce the spread of illness including the flu is to stay home if you are sick, cover your cough/sneeze, wash your hands, wear a mask, and socially distance.

SS200930 - 9:02:55 Greg Foster, Emergency Management Director, came forward and stated that the positivity rate continues to drop. Emergency Management is confident that there is enough Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to provide for multiple months. If there are any effects from a hurricane the state has stocks of PPE to provide. He advised that Emergency Management continues to work with Department of Health (DOH) on messaging in support of the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and DOH.

In reference to the tropics, he advised there is a tropical wave that may form a tropical depression near the Yucatan Peninsula. He provided an update of the current tropical waves forming off the coast of Africa.

CONSENT ITEMS:

SS200930 - 9:05:12 (Tab C) Approve and authorize the Chairman to sign deletion from inventory forms for Asset No. 20150028 and Asset No. 20150029 for Road and Bridge.

Motion: Approve Tab C as stated above.

Maker: Commissioner Ford

Second: Commissioner Taylor

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

Follow Up: County Manager, Finance, OMB, Road Department

NEW BUSINESS:

SS200930 - 9:05:26 (Tab D) Approve Resolution extending the State of Emergency in Nassau County, Florida due to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) through October 7, 2020.

Motion: Approve Tab D as stated above and authorize the Chairman to sign Resolution 2020-164 regarding same.

Maker: Commissioner Edwards

Second: Commissioner Ford

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

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

SS200930 - 9:05:41 (Tab E) Consider the following: (1) Approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the Lobbying, Debarment and Drug Free Workplace Certification and the Subaward Management Capabilities and Compliance Questionnaire; and, (2) Authorize Staff to submit the application for Funding Assistance electronically on behalf of the Chairman.

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

SS200930 - 9:13:01 (Tab F) Consider the following: (1) Approve the Chairman to sign the 1st Amendment to the CARES Act Funding Agreement with Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Contract No. CM2870-A1; and, (2) Approve for submittal to Florida Department of Emergency Management the Nassau CARES "20 percent allocation" Spending Plan.

Discussion: David Jahosky, Governmental Services Group (GSG), appeared via Zoom. He provided a brief update stating that on September 18, 2020 Governor Ron DeSantis announced the State of Florida plan for the second disbursement of the CARES Act funding, approximately 20 percent of the award to the County. He advised that on September 25, 2020 the Florida Department of Emergency Management (FDEM) provide an amendment to the County to extend the period of time and identified the total amount that will be provided to Nassau County. The additional funds would not be fronted to the counties and by reimbursement only. There was a grant manager assigned to be liaison to assist with the additional expenditures and processes. Mr. Jahosky explained that the County must take several actions for the second allocation including submitting an expense report to FDEM totaling the 25 percent original allocation, which has been completed. The second requirement the County must complete is to submit a plan to FDEM on how Nassau will use the second allocation. The third requirement is to execute the amendment to the CARES Act. FDEM will have to approve/review the spending plan and confirmation of the agreement is signed, FDEM will issue payment to Nassau County. FDEM is requesting an expenditure plan for the remaining 55 percent of the County's CARES Act funds. He recommended that the Board consider the request for the Chairman to sign the first amendment agreement with FDEM and approve the 20 percent plan in order to submit to FDEM for consideration.

Motion: Approve Tab F as stated above.
Maker: Commissioner Bell

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

SS200930 - 9:13:16 (Tab G) Discuss/consider the County's legislative priorities to be submitted to the Northeast Florida Regional Council for the 2021 Legislative Session.

Discussion: Mr. Pope reviewed the request.

Motion: Approve the following Legislative Priorities for the 2021 Legislative Priorities Session: (1) Water and Sewer Infrastructure; (2) Affordable Housing; (3) Flood Mitigation/Open Space.

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

SS200930 - 9:14:44 (Tab H) Review staff's recommendation clarifying \$25,000.00 as the not-to-exceed amount in an Interlocal Agreement, Contract No. CM2911 between the City of Fernandina Beach and the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners. Funding source: 03402541-546510 SDCR.

Motion: Approve adding to the contract a not to exceed amount of \$25,000.00.

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

SS200930 - 9:15:04 (Tab I) Approve and authorize the Chairman to sign Amendment 1 between Nassau County and the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection Grant Agreement, Contract No. CM2842-A1, for the Nassau County American Beach Well and Septic Tank Phase Out project.

Motion: Approve Tab I as stated above.
Maker: Commissioner Bell

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

APPOINTMENTS:

SS200930 - 9:15:20 (Tab J) Discuss/consider appointment of
a Value Adjustment Board member and one alternate.

Motion: Approve County staff to advertise on the County
website and local newspapers for Board Citizen
Representatives to serve on the Value Adjustment
Board.

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

SS200930 - 9:16:30 Commissioner Taylor's Business:

Request: County staff to investigate a culvert/drainage
issue located in Spring Lake Estates.

SS200930 - 9:18:03 Commissioner Bell's Business:
None.

SS200930 - 9:18:05 Commissioner Ford's Business:
None.

SS200930 - 9:18:07 Commissioner Edwards' Business:
None.

SS200930 - 9:18:09 Commissioner Leeper's Business:

- Thanked the Road Department for repair to pothole
located on Sadler Road.

There being no further business, the special session of the
Nassau County Board of County Commissioners adjourned at
9:19 a.m.

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Daniel B. Leeper, Chairman

Attest:

John A. Crawford, Ex-Officio Clerk

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