



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FINAL MINUTES

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COVID-19 Update

CALL TO ORDER

Present: 5 - Chairman Harold E. Jenkins II
Vice Chair Stacey Hetherington
Commissioner Doug Smith
Commissioner Sarah Heard
Commissioner Edward V. Ciampi

1. MOMENT OF SILENCE
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Hetherington, for approval of the agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairman Jenkins II, Vice Chair Hetherington, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Heard, and Commissioner Ciampi

COMMENTS

1. PUBLIC - PLEASE LIMIT COMMENTS TO THREE MINUTES.

Congressman Brian Mast urged everyone to reach out to his office if they were in need of any assistance. He informed the Board that the Governor had been made aware of the possible COVID-19 threat to Indiantown.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Ciampi, seconded by Commissioner Hetherington, to instruct staff to get with [Emergency Management Director] Michelle and create a mission number to help Congressman Mast and the governor to create additional testing in Indiantown. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairman Jenkins II, Vice Chair Hetherington, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Heard, and Commissioner Ciampi

2. COMMISSIONERS

PM

Commissioner Heard praised Parks maintenance staff for their wonderful performance in the last six weeks.

Commissioner Ciampi spoke about balancing the safety and health of our residents with our fiscal and mental issues.

Commissioners Hetherington encouraged everyone to be kind to each other.

Commissioner Jenkins urged local businesses to provide COVID-19 testing for their employees.

3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

PM

County Administrator Taryn Kryzda spoke about setting up a system for the public to phone in during Board meetings in order to make their comments.

DEPARTMENTAL

ADMINISTRATION

DEPT-1 CORONAVIRUS (AKA COVID-19) UPDATE

The Board of County Commissioners will hold a special meeting to discuss County matters relating to the Coronavirus. Staff will provide an update on local efforts and coordination taking place.

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COVID-19 Update

Cleveland Clinic Martin Health President Rob Lord informed the Board that they

continued to see positive trends (2% growth rate). He announced that the ICU nurse that was admitted to the hospital had been discharged two days prior. He announced that the governor would be lifting the prohibition on elective surgery starting Monday, May 4th. He also announced that they were continuing their drive-through testing, with a turnaround time of three to four days their commercial testing.

Florida Department of Health Martin County Health Officer Carolann Vitani updated the Board on COVID-19 numbers, with 191 confirmed cases in Martin County (six deaths) and 33,690 total confirmed cases in the state. She spoke about the new health matrix tab on the Department's website and urged everyone to continue to protect themselves (cloth masks, social distancing, hand washing, staying home when you're sick, cleaning high-touch surfaces, etc.).

United Way CEO Carol Houwaart-Diez provided an update on the activities of the non-profit agencies in our community. She spoke about the tightening food supply chain. She announced that they were continuing to provide masks. She urged any seniors who need help to call 2-1-1, the County (287-1652), or the United Way (283-4800).

Emergency Management Director Michele Jones announced that Phase 1 of the governor's Step-by-Step Plan for Florida's recovery would go into effect on Monday, May 4th, and the governor's team would continue to analyze the data before proceeding to Phase 2. She informed the Board that they continued to monitor the data locally and continued to work to provide our health care partners and first responders with the protective equipment needed. She shared the number for the Community Information Center: 287-1652.

Sheriff William Snyder informed the Board that his deputies had been spot-checking the golf courses and there were no significant problems. He also informed them that there was a significant influx of people trying to get to our beaches and a high volume of people from counties south of us attempting to use our boat ramps.

The following members of the public addressed the Board on this issue: Business Development Board Executive Director Joan Goodrich, Rob Ranieri (House of Hope), Audrey Kane, Janice Homewood, Karen Ripper (Council on Aging), and Jim Driscoll. Assistant County Administrator read public comment emails regarding COVID-19 and the reopening of Martin County.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS' EXECUTIVE ORDERS

County Administrator Taryn Kryzda provided a presentation on Executive Orders 20-111 and 20-112.

GOLF COURSES

The Board discussed whether to lift restrictions on our golf courses.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Ciampi, seconded by Commissioner Hetherington, that (effective today) we go back to how the golf courses were operating prior to this, allow cohabitators to share carts,

and all of the other rules of the USGA, the PGA, the CDC, and all those other rules (social distancing, cleaning, etc.) are all still in place. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairman Jenkins II, Vice Chair Hetherington, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Heard, and Commissioner Ciampi
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BOAT RAMPS

The Board discussed whether to limit restrictions on our boat ramps.

Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission Regional Director (South Region) Thomas R. Reinert, Ph.D. spoke about the FWC Executive Order limiting vessels to staying 50 feet apart from each other and limiting vessel capacity to no more than ten.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Hetherington, to authorize staff to reopen the boat ramps (effective today) and to follow the existing FWC executive order, and that we will revisit if need be in the future. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairman Jenkins II, Vice Chair Hetherington, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Heard, and Commissioner Ciampi
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PUBLIC PARKS

The Board discussed reopening park bathrooms.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Ciampi, seconded by Commissioner Smith, that we reopen the County's park bathrooms and that the busiest bathrooms are cleaned twice a day. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairman Jenkins II, Vice Chair Hetherington, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Heard, and Commissioner Ciampi
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RACQUET SPORTS

The Board discussed lifting restrictions on single play, singles, and doubles racquet sports (the 'no organized sports' rule would remain in effect).

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Hetherington, that we allow or reopen our limitations on our racquet sports to normal play. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairman Jenkins II, Vice Chair Hetherington, Commissioner Smith,
Commissioner Heard, and Commissioner Ciampi
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PAVILIONS

The Board discussed whether to lift limitations on our park pavilions.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Hetherington, to reopen our pavilions under the guidelines of all the social distancing and rules that exist. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairman Jenkins II, Vice Chair Hetherington, Commissioner Smith,
Commissioner Heard, and Commissioner Ciampi
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PLAYGROUNDS

The Board discussed whether to reopen the playgrounds.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Ciampi, seconded by Commissioner Hetherington, that we open the playgrounds. The motion failed by the following vote:

Aye: 2 - Vice Chair Hetherington, and Commissioner Ciampi

Nay: 3 - Chairman Jenkins II, Commissioner Smith, and Commissioner Heard
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BOWLING ALLEYS and SMALL BUSINESSES

Commissioner Ciampi asked staff to do the following:

- research the governor's order as it pertains to bowling alleys.
- check the status of youth summer camps.
- ask the Tax Collector about driver's tests and if they collaborate with driving schools.
- check if a yoga studio or a pilates studio is considered a gym.

Commissioner Ciampi suggested that food service workers be required to wear masks.

The Board discussed sending a letter of support for hair salons, barber shops, and other small businesses that have been excluded from the governor's executive order.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Ciampi, seconded by Commissioner Smith, that we send a letter of support to the governor requesting that businesses that can follow appropriate CDC guidelines and social distancing guidelines be afforded the opportunity to continue to employ their employees and make a livelihood. The motion carried by the

following vote:

Aye: 4 - Chairman Jenkins II, Vice Chair Hetherington, Commissioner Smith,
and Commissioner Ciampi

Nay: 1 - Commissioner Heard

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PUBLIC POOL

The Board discussed whether to reopen the public pool.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Ciampi, seconded by Commissioner Smith, that we open just the competitive side of the Sailfish Splash pool [open the exercise pools]. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Chairman Jenkins II, Vice Chair Hetherington, Commissioner Smith,
and Commissioner Ciampi

Nay: 1 - Commissioner Heard

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PUBLIC BEACHES

The Board discussed opening our beaches for a limited test run. Sheriff Snyder suggested that a test run should include the weekend.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Hetherington, seconded by Commissioner Smith, that we open the beaches (excluding Hobe Sound Beach) starting Monday, May 4th through Friday, May 15th and reassess at the Friday COVID-19 Update meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Chairman Jenkins II, Vice Chair Hetherington, Commissioner Smith,
and Commissioner Ciampi

Nay: 1 - Commissioner Heard

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None at this time.

ADJOURN

The Board of County Commissioners COVID-19 Update meeting of May 1, 2020 adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Carolyn Timmann, Clerk of the
Circuit Court and Comptroller
/mkv

Harold E. Jenkins, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

Minutes approved:

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