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Agenda Item # or Topic: Proclamation 2 - Nicki van Vonno Plaque Date of Meeting: Tue, 2020/05/05

Your Comment or Message: I want to state my personal appreciation to Nicki van Vonno, Growth Management Director. Nicki is retiring from Martin County but I can attest that her leadership will continue long after today. Nicki has contributed so much to the planning profession and has inspired me and countless other professional planners throughout the years. Nicki taught me a lot about planning, politics and life. I am happy for Nicki as she begins a new chapter. As an aside it is pretty cool that Nicki's daughter is getting her Masters Degree in Planning. What a high standard that Nicki has provided.

Thank you Nicki. Bonnie Landry, AICP.

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* Agenda Item # or Topic: None
* Date of Meeting: Tue, 2020/05/05
* Your Comment or Message:

40 prominent Martin County residents stand on top of one another for pictures at a restaurant last night. No 6 feet apart. No masks. No social distancing.
Everyone hugging all over each other. Will you condone this behavior? Or look the other way because you are friends with them?

And if you will not condone this atrocious behavior, will you then tell me why it's currently dangerous for my daughter to go on a swing at a park again?

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Sorry late but fell asleep before I could push SEND.
Will understand if not accepted for today.
Jackie T.

Good Morning Commissioners,

An internal government report projects about 3,000 new cases each day by the end of the month and into June and more than 100,000 dead. Dr Birx and Dr Fauci warned about opening up too soon. But Martin County and Florida continues to open up too quickly. Many people in this country are willing to social distance and self quarantine for a longer period of time so that these figures do not get higher. ..we value human life more than fishing, golf, and tennis doubles. Yes, we worry deeply about our economy and the small businesses that are failing and wish that our government would bail out the little guys rather than the corporations, and have an efficient unemployment insurance system.... perhaps we can fix that in November.

But for now we need to care about life and death issues.

Who do you want to listen to, medical professionals and scientists or golfers, or folks who get applause by calling others Communists?

We thought there would be a second wave but the first wave is getting worse and the BOCC and the citizens have the power to change it if we just continue to social distance and follow the guidelines and slow down the "Open Up" movement.

* Jackie Trancynger
Jensen Beach

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Agenda Item # or Topic: reopening beaches Date of Meeting: Fri, 2020/05/01 Your Comment or Message:

Good morning,

There's been lots of publicity with overcrowded beaches in the media & the biggest concern is noncompliance of CDC recommendations thus wasting all the work accomplished in the last 6wks. Indian River County & St Lucie County opened their beaches for recreational activities only & it has been successful. Martin County is concerned that everyone from PBC, Broward & Dade will head there. PBC will not be opening their beaches as stated by PBC Mayor Dave Kerner on April 17th & 27th. I've been hearing a possible reopening around June 1st. PB, Broward, Dade & Monroe Counties are making decisions as a whole. Because of this, the other 3 counties are waiting for Miami-Dade's

Covid-19 numbers to show a continued decline. Things get complicated because Martin County is waiting for PBC to open beaches, PBC & Broward are waiting for Dade County to open beaches. (As I write this, the City of Miami Beach is discussing limited reopening of beaches during their commission meeting today. This could help Martin County from getting an influx from Dade County residents to their beaches.)

When small businesses start to reopen, some rely on the traffic from beaches for their income. People who visit beaches will usually get food or go to a surf shop. Small businesses have taken a huge hit financially as everyone knows. It's a domino effect because 1 simple decision of keeping 1 county's beaches closed affects many other important economical factors. What's the solution? It's working as a community to help lifeguards & the police educate beachgoers of the restrictions so everyone is safe. Reopening beaches is like reopening a retail store after renovations. You have an all hands on deck approach. The first week is the hardest. A suggested approach would be to have volunteers wearing masks at all beach access points with signs concerning social distancing & restrictions. It's easier to let people know of restrictions before they have settled down on the beach. Police on ATVs is quite successful in enforcing restrictions as Brevard County has been doing. I also believe restricting beachside parking helps in deterring people from other counties to make the drive. The last day that Martin County had its beaches opened people that were trying to go to Jensen Public Beach & Stuart Public Beach parked across the street where there are plazas since there was

no available beach parking. Those 2 beach parking lots are huge & the overflow parking at the plazas caused the overcrowding at those beaches.

Further north at another beach about 5mins from the chaos, families with small children & other beachgoers were spread out more than 6ft apart. The smaller parking lots at beaches keeps beachgoers to a minimum. I've also kept track of the dashboard for positive Covid19 cases & cases are the least near the beaches. (The only exception was Miami Beach and Boynton Beach.) Thus reinforcing that beaches are a safe place to be.


Thanks for your time & consideration,

Janet Rozo

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Agenda Item # or Topic: Beach

Date of Meeting: Fri, 2020/05/01

Your Comment or Message: Too many restrictions for the beach rules. My family needs shade for our children. We can't bake in the sun all day with a little baby.

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Agenda Item # or Topic: * Opening community pools Date of Meeting: Fri, 2020/05/01 Your Comment
or Message: * You opened a splash park what about pools my association closed until further notice.
Please cover pools

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Agenda Item # or Topic: Looking for help Date of Meeting: Fri, 2020/05/01 Your Comment or Message: I know in Okeechobee county they had a narcotics anonymous deemed as essential business we have been out of meetings for over a month and we would like to get our meeting started again we need narcotics anonymous to be an essential activity business whatever you want to call it because we are having way too many people relapsing overdosing and dying

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Agenda Item # or Topic: COVID-19 Distancing Date of Meeting: Fri, 2020/05/08 Your Comment or Message: The pedestrian walkways on the Veteran's Memorial Bridge at Indian Street provide a beautiful space to exercise. The walkways have recently become more crowded, making it increasingly difficult to maintain proper distance from others. Is it possible to institute one-way flows, perhaps matching the flow of traffic on each side of the bridge? I believe this could be done easily by placing signs or painting one-way arrows at each of the four walkway entrances. Thank for considering this idea. Thank you for your continuing efforts in protecting the health of all Martin County citizens.

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Agenda Item # or Topic: Need for WalkUp or Walk in COVID19 TESTING Date of Meeting: Tue, 2020/05/05 Your Comment or Message:
Administrator George Stokus,

I want to thank you for reading my plea for the need OF a Walk- In or Walk- Up COVID19 TESTING SITE FOR THOSE UNABLE TO GET TRANSPORTATION. ALBEIT, I MUST SAY OUT OF THE 82 COMPLAINTS, 77 WERE ABOUT "Open the Beaches, Boat Ramps, Golf Courses, certain businesses, etc " only 5 out of those 82 were legitimate concerns . AGAIN I THANK YOU FOR SUBMITTING IT BEFORE THE BOARD, YET THE WAY I WROTE IT OR MAYBE your copy was hard for you to read. I Respectfully ask you to reiterate to the committee during your May 4th meeting. I am asking you to resubmit this request again, it didn't seem to make a dent in the commission whatsoever. I also include another very important issue one for you to submit before the board, which will also include Vandalism to Vehicles, Apartments and Major Fire Codes being broken on a Continuous basis. Matt Caully ? Interim Fire Chief has been NO HELP WHATSOEVER , I finally gave up texting him footage of the Code Breakers, and their apartment numbers which he asked of me over & over yet did nothing. As far as the Vandalism, from knifed tires, Front Doors Shot up, a 22 Slug in my outside wall by my kitchen window, autos being broken into etc... after years,of residents calling the Stuart PD , and their apathetic, complacent behavior has made it where residents just don't bother to call them anymore because nothing has ever been done. In fact those that do call end up getting a lecture from the Stuart PD instead of the perp. Now I am not speaking of the Sherriff's Dept. OH HOW WE WISH WE DID FALL UNDER THE PROTECTION OF SHERRIFF WILLIAM SHNEIDER'S DEPT. unfortunately we do not. Now I'm fully aware that the past Stuart PD Chief is sitting on the committee right now, he is a Good Man but we lost him right in the middle of him helping straighten this Complex out, this being SIERRA CONDO'S AKA SIERRA APTS. FOR YEARS THE PLACE THAT DRAWS THE DREGS OF MARTIN CO. CORRUPT OWNERS, CORRUPT RENTERS & TENANTS AND MAJOR NARCOTICS ACTIVITIES, ALONG WITH FIRE CODES BEING BROKEN CONSTANTLY. I WRITE YOU THIS NOW DUE TO RESIDENTS WHO ARE AFRAID OF RETALITION FROM THESE THUGS, & RULE BREAKERS, SO AFRAID THEY RUN TO ME INSTEAD OF THE STUART PD FOR THEY ARE ALL TO FAMILIAR WITH THE STUART PD'S TACTICS. THEY ARE PLEADING WITH ME TO TRY TO GET THE WORD OUT TO THE COMMISSION & THE SHERIFF'S DEPT. THAT WE NEED THEIR HELP, UNFORTUNATELY THE STUART PD HAS PROVEN ITSELF FOR THE PAST 5 YEARS TO BE APATHETIC,

COMPLACENT, AND INEPT. AND THE GOOD RESIDENTS HERE DO NOT TRUST THEM AT ALL AS FAR AS INVESTIGATING ANYTHING AND TRULY TAKING ACTION. THEY HAVE EVEN DENIED US THE CHANCES TO WRITE UP A COMPLAINT OR REPORT. I PRAY THAT THE COMMISSION WILL RECOGNIZE THAT WHEN GOOD PEOPLE STOP FIGHTING EVIL, EVIL SHALL PREVAIL !!

WELL WE'RE NOT GOING TO STOP FIGHTING, WE NEED YOUR HELP THOUGH, TO GET THIS INFORMATION TO THE COUNTY COMMISSION, AGAIN UNFORTUNANTLY WE DO NOT FALL UNDER THE SHERRIFF's Territory as has been told to us all to many times. We always ask for them yet get rerouted back to the inept Stuart PD. Your help with this while we open up this town again and things get HOT and the problems ramp up as has in the past needs to be addressed. A residents tire was knifed last night. And this will escalate as the Town Opens back UP FOR BUSINESS!!

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after this one

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Agenda Item # or Topic: Covid
Date of Meeting: Sat, 2020/05/02
Your Comment or Message: The numbers continue to climb in Martin county and you want to
reopen? How is this safe?

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Agenda Item # or Topic: Open our town!

Date of Meeting: Tue, 2020/05/05

Your Comment or Message: We the people have done our part as you asked of us, closing our businesses, staying home, and flattening the curve. It is now time for you to do your part. Our little beach towns are dying more every day that we aren't allowed to serve our patrons and it is time to for us to get back to the business of LIVING! At this point the only thing missing is your support. It is OUR constitutional right to make a living. Please support your citizens as we have supported you. This is an election year. WWG1WGA Thank you,

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City:

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Agenda Item # or Topic: General Public Comment Date of Meeting: Tue, 2020/05/05 Your Comment or Message:

Thank you Commissioners for opening the beaches. Can you reconsider opening the playgrounds too? Here are 2 things that were not mentioned at Fridays meeting that I'd like you to consider:

Number 1. Sunlight kills covid. Playgrounds are generally outside in sunlight. It is very sunny outside this time of year. Covid cannot survive on playground equipment for very long. So you don't need someone wiping it down constantly. It will die quickly on its own.

Number 2. There has NEVER been a covid transmission FROM a child TO an adult. So it wouldn't be jeopardizing adults either. Children are by far the least susceptible and are mostly asymptomatic. So if they can't give it to adults, what danger is there?

Please consider opening the playgrounds! Our children need to get outside again!

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Agenda Item # or Topic: Martin County's Double Standard Date of Meeting: Tue, 2020/05/05 Your
Comment or Message:

Good Morning Commissioners, My name is Tom Pine I have been a resident of Martin County for over 45 years and presently live in Jensen Beach.

I spoke at the April 28, 2020 commission meeting about two restraints in downtown Jensen Beach that take between 70% and 80% of the usable public sidewalk for their own personal gain which now makes social distancing impossible. Now one of the restraints wasn't satisfied and added several more tables, to what is supposed to be a public sidewalk.

I gave three suggestions on how this problem could be remedied and it seems by doing nothing you have spoken loud and clear. Social Distancing in Martin County or at least Jensen Beach isn't necessary no matter what the governor says.

If we get a spike in Covid -- 19 cases in Martin County specifically in Jensen Beach is this commission going to take responsibility , or will it be code enforcement for allowing this situation to go on for such a long time.

This is just another example of the double standard in Martin County. There is one standard for the average tax payer and the small business, hundreds if not thousands of rules and regulations that code enforcement uses to keep us in check and then there's the Good Old Boys and the Pay to Play crowd like the restraints downtown that seems to do anything they please, they make up their own rules.

Tom Pine

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Agenda Item # or Topic: Neighborhood HOA Gyms and Clubhouses Date of Meeting: Fri, 2020/05/08
Your Comment or Message:
I watched the last meeting on-line. I wanted to let you know that I am impressed. You mentioned that you were going to have your staff check with the governor to get clear about the status of some businesses as it relates to the reopening.
I am curious if you can ask the governor about private HOA gyms and clubhouses and if they can be reopened? It seems like this is a perfect example of the personal responsibility you talked about at the last meeting as it relates to people choosing to go there. Concerned persons can stay out of the gym and those that want to use it can. Standard rules about spacing and cleaning equipment etc could apply. I used to go to mine at 5AM. I have never seen anyone else there. Thanks and keep up the good work.

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Agenda Item # or Topic: Covid 19
Date of Meeting: Tue, 2020/05/05
Your Comment or Message: We have seen some very rare cases of pets getting
CV-19 from the owners when in close confined continuous contact. Does the Board have any
recommendations to dogs in public places? Besides being on a lease.

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Agenda Item # or Topic: Opening Martin

Date of Meeting: Tue, 2020/05/05

Your Comment or Message: Please open Hobe Sound Beach. It's in Martin County, not Palm Beach- & Jupiter does NOT own it, so we should not pander to them. OR to the one board member who votes no to everything & lives....where?

That beach is quiet, an older demographic. Check licenses for non-Martin Cty residents. Many ppl cannot get to any other Martin beaches- all far away over bridges. It is not right to leave this one area, which is part of Hobe

Sound!- closed because Jupiter says so.

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Agenda Item # or Topic: Government Authority Date of Meeting: Tue, 2020/05/05 Your Comment or Message:

My question is for the County Attorney, since the Commisisioners keep yielding to the Governors Edicts.

Where does the State/Governor get the authrotiy to shut down and micromanage Individuals and Business's? How does any Edict pass the US Constitutionality?

Thank you,


RJ Pozzi

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Agenda Item # or Topic: Agenda PH-4 (CPA 19-22 Publix Supermarket) Date of Meeting: Tue, 2020/05/05 Your Comment or Message:

 Martin County is blessed to have a wide variety of land use areas that we are able to enjoy coupled with a very wide selection of living and housing opportunities. As our county population continually increases, the resulting pressures on our infrastructure and the adverse impact on our natural resources also continually increase. Our county's waterways, inlets, intercoastal, and ocean resources are continually experiencing increased poor water quality issues. Much of this is due to the loss of our county's, and south Florida's, natural filtration systems: our wetlands and our tracts of agriculturally zoned lands. The southern part of Martin county contains one of the last large tracts of our natural water filtration in the area. Over the past few years this area has continually been 'under attack' by all flavors of developers. The rezoning of this corner of our natural water filtration area is just the tip of the iceberg. Everyone knows that this will simply lead to more and more development in this area and eventually your last large water purification system will be gone. People will wonder why the intercoastal has so many more 'algae bloom' and red tide days.

Please don't give in to the pressure or perceived monetary benefits. In the end, this county that we call home, will become less and less desirable as a place to call our home and an environment to enjoy.

For this reason, I am opposed to the rezoning to Commercial as requested by CPA 19-22 Publix Supermarket.

Sincerely,

Kerry A Meier, Jr.

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Agenda Item # or Topic: CPA 19-22. Publix.

Date of Meeting: Tue, 2020/05/05

Your Comment or Message: I am very upset that the county is considering changing the zoning on Kanner -Pratt Whitney from R -3A and A1 (small farm district) to a general commercial usage. This is not Miami Beach and I moved to Martin County so that zoning would not be changed because BIG business wants it. We have a Publix less than 10 minutes away. More concrete; more sewage waste; more runoff, more traffic; more heat absorbing concrete and huge buildings to raise temperatures and more storm water to carry more pollutants to our already taxed infrastructure and water bodies. If I wanted Fr Lauderdale, I would move there. Please do not change the zoning to destroy another beautiful natural area. Zoning was in place for a reason. Keep Commercial on A 1 A and the already ear marked commercial zones. Most appreciative of your time and consideration.

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Agenda Item # or Topic: 20-0627 Kenai Tower Extension Date of Meeting: Tue, 2020/05/05 Your
Comment or Message:

[My name is John Melson and I am the President of North Passage HOA. North Passage is a community of 251 homes located across Country Club Drive from the Kenai Tower and we have homes that are less than 150 feet from this tower.
North Passage and Little Club have spent probably close to \$200,000 fighting this tower. Between the 2 communities it represents over 500 homeowners that surround this tower. North Passage unanimously voted to oppose this increase in size of this tower and we encourage the Commisioner's to maintain their original agreement to keep this tower to only 80 feet in height. At the time this was first approved the major concern was that the tower would be stealth. I can assure you as a person that sees the tower every day that it is NOT stealth and at 100 feet it will be worse. Kenai would like an increase in height so they can add additional carriers to the tower. That would create more equipment and more disturbances to our residents.
Additional carriers can locate on the 120 foot tower being constructed at the substation on County Line Road. That could benefit Martin County as well as all of the residents in the area.
Thank You for your Consideration

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To All whom it may concern

Good Day to our Commissioners team, hope all are fine.

Please just think we are among those that are in the process to make it big and profitable because they need to make a living and do not care about nature, but nature will not forget our children's or ourself will pay the price, the more we try to make it clear those that our listeners do not care at that moment that is why we need to think looking at the future results.

Thanks
WM

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From: TBarnes <tbarnesusa@gmail.com>
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Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to express my objections to the ordinance amending Chapter 155, Streets, Roads and Bridges and repealing Chapter 25 pertaining to Cable Communications. According to the public notice that appeared in the Stuart News on April 23, this matter is set for hearing on May 5, 2020. I ask that my written objections and comments be placed in the public record of the hearing on this matter.

Without any substantive explanation or discussion, staff states that these actions are justified because the only provision for issuing permits for work on right-of-ways is in Chapter 25 for communication facilities. As discussed below, Chapter 25 is a critical ordinance that governs and regulates Cable Communications with rules necessarily unique to Cable Communications. The amendments to chapter 155 will eliminate the regulatory process for Cable Communications. Furthermore, the amendments to Chapter 155 are unclear and confusing, create an incredibly expensive and burdensome process for something as simple as repairing a driveway. The ordinance states that its purpose is to provide procedures for the "creation, installation, construction, or placement of any permanent improvement in a road right-of-way." (Page 1, 5th paragraph). Due to the lack of clarity in the statute, virtually all work that involves or touches a county right-of-way has been placed in the same box.

Chapter 25 Articles 1-3. Cable Communications: This provision sets up a comprehensive regulatory system and policies for cable communications. Its stated purpose is to ensure the orderly licensing, growth, and development of cable television and cable communications facilities and services within the county, and safe use of the public ways in providing these services and facilities. This is a licensing ordinance which provides for a 15 year agreement between the county and the service provider. § 25.46. There are 3 pages of detailed definitions so that the terms of the different sections are clear. Article 1 details the rights and obligations between the parties to the licensing agreement and the requirements for development approval. Article 2 contains the licensing requirements, including applications § 25.41, liability insurance and bonding requirements and bonds. Article 3 pertains to Construction, Operation & Maintenance standards.

Staff's justification for eliminating Chapter 25 related to Cable Communications is because it only applies to Cable Communications and is the only provision for permits. However, by repealing Chapter 25, the entire regulatory system is eliminated. This regulatory process is critical to the orderly growth and development of these facilities as the community grows. If there are other service providers that need to be addressed where similar licensing agreements are required, perhaps the commission should consider amending Chapter 25 to address those issues, not saddling the ordinary property owner with onerous and costly permitting requirements

Chapter 155, Article 1 § 155.2. Establishment of minimum speed limit: This is a new provision which provides that unincorporated Martin County shall not have a posted speed limit of less than 25 miles per hour. The stated reason in the staff report for taking away the power of the Commission to set appropriate speed limits is because "historically the Martin County sheriff has not enforced posted speeds of less than 25 MPH." (Staff report page 2). That is rather shocking since speed limits in school zones are 20 MPH and roads through cemeteries and on ramps can be 15 MPH. Speed limits are a public safety issue. This County is growing and

traffic is increasing every day. In Palm City Farms alone, the new development Pineland Prairie, which will include several schools, will generate an enormous amount of traffic when fully built. Whatever reason the sheriff's department may have for not enforcing certain speed limits, this is not a justification for the Commission to relinquish its power to establish speed limits as appropriate in every community of Martin County. This section should not be approved.

Chapter 155, Article 2: To understand an ordinance and how it applies, its purpose should be clearly articulated and critical terms defined. The following paragraphs discuss the Articles and Sections in order:

Article 2 § 155.31. – Definitions:

Although Chapter 155 applies to road right-of-ways, the terms road and right-of-way are not defined. The definitions in the definition section create confusion as to what road or right-of-way would be subject to the ordinance. For example, if a person owned 2 adjacent parcels of land and there was a dirt track through the 2 parcels to drive from one parcel to the other, this does not mean that the County automatically would have a right-of-way on that "road" just because it "affords access to more than one parcel of land." Similarly, utility easements afford access to more than one parcel of land, but that doesn't mean that the County has a right-of-way in every piece of land that the easement crosses. Comparing this ordinance to the state law definition is instructive. State law defines right-of-way" as "land in which the state, the department, a county, or a municipality owns the fee or has an easement devoted to or required for use as a transportation facility". Florida Statute 334.03(21). This definition shows that the statute applies to right-of-ways in which the government entity has a clearly defined legal interest.

-Facility: Although it would appear that the word "facility" is describing businesses, whether publicly or privately owned, which provide commodities such as utilities, cable, and communication services, because of the wording it could be interpreted to apply to something like a drainage ditch on private property which connects to a drainage ditch on another piece of property. This definition needs to clearly describe what is a facility and what is not a facility.

-Public and private road: These terms are used in the ordinance and yet there is no definition as to what public or private means. Presumably a road that is only on a person's property for personal use and is not on any plat is not what is contemplated. See Article 2 §155.38. The word private by definition means one's own personal property or not open to the public. If the county does have a legal interest in a private road then the word "private" needs to be defined so as to not be confused with a "road" on private property as discussed in the example above.

Article 2 § 155.32. Permits required; 155.35. Permit application; 155.36, Permit application review; 155.37. Non-interference of use:

The current Section 155.32 requires a permit to open a street in the unincorporated portion of Martin County. The proposed amendments to the section now include right-of-ways and a substantially expanded permitting process. It would appear that the new permit procedures in Chapter 155 were inspired by the Chapter 25 provisions. However, the provisions in Chapter 25 were devised to apply to a facility/business that requires a licensing agreement to operate and is providing a service to the public. Presumably when building, these facilities impact the County right-of-way which is why there is such a detailed regulatory scheme which includes a development approval process. If this ordinance is only to be applied to facilities that provide services to the general public, the easy fix is to either clarify the definitions or amend Chapter 25.

Unfortunately, because of the confusing definitions, something as basic as fixing a driveway that crosses a county right of way will be subject to these onerous provisions. The definition of "work" (Section 155.31) includes "replacement of a permanent improvement". As an example, a significant number of driveways in Palm City Farms cross culverts and/or drainage ditches. As a result, some portion of the driveway may cross the County's right of way. Should any improvements or repairs need to be done to a driveway, these extensive permitting procedures would apply. The property owner will need a permit, a maintenance agreement with the county, additional expenses for surveys, engineering reports, estimates for construction and/or restoration, security that represents 110% of the cost of the work, a plan for traffic maintenance, and liability insurance for the county. Once all of these items are put together, the time frames in the ordinance for application review,

curing any deficiencies and any further review result in a minimum of 100 days or over three months before a permit can be issued. Would this process also apply to the installation of mail boxes on county right of ways? What about sod where the mailbox is installed. Sod is a type of landscaping.

An extreme example of how this procedure would impact the property owner is if a culvert or drainage ditch were damaged in some way preventing the use of the driveway. Under this ordinance an ordinary homeowner would be unable to commence any repairs for months thus prohibiting them from being able to drive their car off the property during the permitting process.

Staff is proposing to add thousands of dollars to the costs of repairs as well as an extended and time-consuming process for obtaining permits subjecting the ordinary property owner to the same regulatory scheme as a service provider. There is no justification for this type of process just to repair a driveway.

Section 155.32B: This provision seems to provide an exception to the permitting requirements. It states that "it shall be unlawful for anyone to Work in a County-maintained road right-of-way." From the plain language of the section, if the County has a road right-of-way that it does not maintain, a person is not required to get a permit to work in the right-of-way. Not only does this create an inequity in who would need to obtain a permit, but it leaves open for debate and possible litigation the question of what constitutes maintenance.

These new permitting provisions should not be passed. They are confusing, extraordinarily burdensome, and extremely expensive to the property owner. The justification in the staff report for Article 2 is because the only permitting provision that existed was for Cable Communication. If the intent of this permitting process is to apply to businesses that provide commodities or services to the public, then this section needs to be rewritten to clearly articulate this purpose or Chapter 25 expanded to cover other service providers. As written, everyone has to comply with this process, including a homeowner who wants to repair his or her driveway, install a mailbox, or put sod around the mailbox if it is in the County right-of-way. In many instances, these extensive rules and requirements will have no rational relationship to the work that is being performed. A regulatory system for service providers surely cannot be equated to a property owner repairing a driveway. A one size fits all system is inequitable.

Section 155.38. Open Roads:

This provision creates different criteria for when a road is considered open. Under 155.38(A) any road that appears on a plat approved by the County will be added to the county's inventory as an open road. Under 155.38(B), only after construction is complete pursuant to a road opening permit will the road be added to the inventory as an open road. Under (B) the road must comply with the County's Roadway Design standards. Under (A) the road just needs to appear on an approved plat and is not required to meet any design standards. Assuming that the public has a right to access open roads, an open road that meets no roadway design standards raises questions of public safety and the County's liability.

The amendments to Chapter 155 should not be accepted due to the confusion in the ordinance and the burdensome requirements that don't seem to bear a rational relationship to the work that would be covered by the amendments. If the regulatory scheme in Chapter 25 needs to be refined to include other facilities/businesses that provide specific kinds of services to the public, then that Chapter can be amended. Although the stated purpose for this ordinance is to "prevent damage to the roadbed and to any portion of the rights-of-way, including drainage facilities, driveways, sidewalks and other public facilities," the ordinance seems to try to bring under the County's umbrella any type of road/right-of-way regardless of whether the legal procedures for accepting/approving/recording the road/right-of-way have occurred. As the Commission is aware, the issue of right-of-ways, particularly in Palm City Farms, are currently the subject of several lawsuits and could impact this ordinance.


I urge you to reject staff's proposal to repeal chapter 25 and expand Chapter 155 as submitted.

Draft Outline for Right-Of-Way and trails assessment: My only comment is that any further action pertaining to trail issues should wait until the courts resolve the various pending lawsuits and the issues they have raised concerning the right-of-ways.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Antonia Barnes, 5/1/2020

Donna Gordon

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 **From:** Virginia Sherlock <vsherlock@lshlaw.net>
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Commissioners,

Please send the proposed ordinance repealing Chapter 25 and amending Chapter 155 ("ordinance regarding streets, roads and bridges") back to staff for re-drafting and clarification.

This is not an emergency measure. There is no reason to rush it through when members of the public are effectively prohibited from meaningful participation. Having your staff read e-mailed comments into the record is not a substitute for giving residents an opportunity to address you directly.

In any event, the proposed ordinance contains inconsistencies, ambiguities and costly requirements. I cannot detail all of the problems in three minutes. Please review the e-mail that was sent to you by attorney Toni Barnes which contains an excellent analysis of the issues.

Although the ordinance does not directly address Palm City Farms rights-of-way issues that have been debated for many years, the proposal appears to be an attempt to get a foot in the door to penalize residents who are accused of encroaching on private rights-of-way.

There are problems associated with the proposed ordinance, including implementation of a costly and lengthy permitting process for any work in a right-of-way without regard to the extent or nature of the work. Driveways to private homes almost always cross a right-of-way. This ordinance would require a homeowner to pay for survey and engineering reports and apply for a special permit to widen, repair, or re-pave a driveway.

And staff's reason for suggesting a speed limit of at least 25 miles-per-hour on all County roads is very concerning. Staff says the Sheriff has historically refused to enforce lower speed limits, which are common in school zones and where children play. The sheriff's

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failure to enforce the law is not a good reason to change a law. It is your job to determine and establish maximum speeds that ensure public safety on local roads.

The proposed ordinance needs revision and input from members of the public who will be affected. Please ask staff to review Attorney Barnes' analysis and continue this item.


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I live on Hutchinson Island and am also a physician. I am very concerned about an influx of non Martin county residents using our beaches and the potential to spread COVID 19 as the also will likely frequent our restaurants, supermarkets and gas stations. THERE IS A REASON THE GOVERNOR DID NOT OPEN PALM BEACH, DADE AND MARTIN COUNTIES!! Since the beaches were re opened on Monday the parking lot across the street from my house has been completely full by 11 am, i.e. on a weekday. The same is true for the other parking lots up and down the island. According to newscasts these cars are not all from our area and people are already coming up from the south. Prior to the closing of the beaches in March, the last weekend our beaches were overrun with people from Palm Beach, Dade and Broward counties. If our beach parking lots are already full on a weekday I can only imaging what will happen on a weekend. I suspect it is going to be worse. I see a sign posted on the island as you enter from Sewalls point stating no parking on the median. This is a good concept however I am concerned about enforcement. I also feel that all residents of the MARTIN COUNTY should have access to our beaches, however we do not need to be the beach for all of S. Florida. Therefore I am recommending the following.

1. Restrict beach access in Martin County to Martin County residents. You could post a sheriff or other individual to check ID's and or water and electric bills. This would be the best solution.
2. If for some reason that is not possible then issue a warning via news papers, newscasts (i.e. in Dade, Broward and Palm Beach counties) that it is not recommended you drive up and use of beaches as they will likely be full.
To enforce this there needs to be deputies posted at each beach to prevent parking outside the beach lots and vehicles who park on the medians should be towed at the owners expense. Signs should also be posted warning people not to park on the medians. This message should also get out to individuals down south.



I assure as a physician if we let individuals from high endemic areas into our area our cases will increase and we will never get back to normal. It will like necessitate a further shutdown and step backwards.



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REPRESENTING (IF OTHER THAN SELF)

None. I haven't been in my area since March.

Are you speaking during the Open Public Comment period?

YES ☐ NO ☒

Have I made any comments to any public buildings and stores for if not, which agenda item number (example: 8B, 8C)?

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wedding masks and gloves. Get

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Comment or Message: I have heard many public officials comment that requesting or requiring masks is an infringement of civil rights. I would venture to say that business may get back to normal faster if people feel safe; going out to dinner, getting haircuts, shopping in stores, etc. I, for one, would hesitate to go to a business that did not exercise the precautions of masks for employees. I would choose the business that did use masks over the ones that did not. It will not kill us to wear masks for a month or so....it may kill us not to.