



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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*Harold E. Jenkins II, Chairman
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Doug Smith
Sarah Heard
Edward V. Ciampi*

*Taryn Kryzda, County Administrator
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Comptroller*

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. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Ciampi, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to accept the agenda as presented. 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.

Laurie Prim spoke about the importance of testing, accurate reporting on the number of cases, widespread sheltering-in-place, and personal protection equipment for healthcare providers.

Jon Page spoke about the need for widespread testing, social distancing, and a shelter-in-place order.

United Way President/CEO Carol Houwaart-Diez informed the Board about the United Way's COVID-19 Economic Relief Fund. She later asked for the Board's assistance in educating the community so they will be able to make intelligent decisions with their charitable giving.

Troy McDonald thanked the Board and staff for the great job of keeping everyone informed. He voiced concerns about businesses that are operating as if nothing is happening (no social distancing, no hand sanitizer, etc.) and urged the need to get the message out to these businesses that they are not helping.

Boys & Girls Club Chief Outcomes & Club Experience Officer Sarah Torres spoke about their Emergency Relief efforts to get prepared food to kids and families.

House of Hope CEO Rob Ranieri updated the Board on their assistance efforts.

The Community Foundation President/CEO Elizabeth Barbella updated the Board on their funding consortium, data collection, and food survey. She later spoke about coordinating with local non-profit agencies.

Frank McChrystal spoke about the number of confirmed cases in counties south of us and the need to identify essential spending for our future economy and budgets.

Sheriff Bill Snyder spoke about the decrease of boating activity and the challenge of enforcing social distancing on the sand bars.

2. COMMISSIONERS

The Commissioners requested information/presentations on the following issues:

- daily information updates
- shelter in place/safe at home
- golf courses flooded with players coming in from other counties
- weekly updates on the status of the County's efforts
- a presentation from FAC regarding stimulus money for small businesses
- a presentation by Seacoast Chairman/CEO Denny Hudson
- staff coordinate with commissioners so that messages are consistent
- small business loan information
- tax issues for adult children and college students
- economic update from Business Development Board and Career Source
- disseminating information from daily updates (website, social media, MCTV, etc.)

- Governor DeSantis' stay-at-home initiative for South Florida
- collaborating with St. Lucie and Indian River Counties
- County inspections of open businesses

3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

None at this time.

DEPARTMENTAL **ADMINISTRATION**

DEPT-1 CORONAVIRUS (AKA COVID-19) UPDATE

The Martin County staff will brief the Board of County Commissioners and the public regarding the County's efforts and the current status of COVID-19.

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Emergency Management Director Michele Jones provided the update to the Board. The presentation included local actions, completed testing, updates on numbers of confirmed cases, state actions, and resource requests.

Cleveland Clinic Martin Health President Rob Lord addressed the Board regarding efforts taken by the hospital, including and drive-through testing and video visits, and provided the triage number for anyone who wished to see if they meet the criteria for testing (772-419-3360).

Martin County Health Officer Carolann Vitani (Florida Department of Health) updated the Board on the Health Department's efforts and provided the following numbers/website for further information: Local Call Center (221-4000, option 9) and State Dept. of Health Call Center (866-779-6121 or covid-19@flhealth.gov).

Fire Chief Bill Schobel assured everyone that business was operating normally for first responders in Martin County and stressed the importance of heeding the CDC recommendations.

School Board Chair Marsha Powers spoke about the start of digital learning and praised the teachers, staff, parents, and students.

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There was no additional public comment.

ADJOURN

The Board of County Commissioners Emergency COVID-19 Update Meeting of March 30, 2020 adjourned at 11:10 a.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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