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*Harold E. Jenkins II, Chairman
Stacey Hetherington, Vice Chair
Doug Smith
Sarah Heard
Edward V. Ciampi*

*Taryn Kryzda, County Administrator
Sarah W. Woods, County Attorney
Carolyn Timmann, Clerk of the Circuit Court and
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. MOMENT OF SILENCE
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hetherington, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve 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.

None at this time.

2. COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Smith spoke about a friend of Martin County up in Tallahassee who was gravely ill and asked that everyone keep that person in their prayers.

Commissioner Hetherington thanked our medical professionals, who are on the front line, and our first responders, our school district, and our teachers. She also offered our thoughts and prayers to our first victim of COVID-19.

Commissioner Heard reminded everyone that daily COVID-19 updates can be seen on MCTV at 4:30 p.m.

3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

None at this time.

DEPARTMENTAL

ADMINISTRATION

DEPT-1 CORONAVIRUS (AKA COVID-19) UPDATE

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

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COVID-19 UPDATE

Emergency Management Director Michele Jones provided an update to the Board on the County's efforts.

Fire Rescue Chief Bill Schobel informed the Board that all first responders were responding without delay and that five to six suspected COVID-19 patients were being transported per day. He assured the Board that ample personal protection equipment was available for emergency response personnel. He also praised the 9-1-1 dispatchers for the job they were doing.

Martin County Health Department Administrator Carol Wegener-Vitani announced the first reported death in Martin County. She informed the Board that there were currently 108 confirmed cases (105 residents and 3 non-residents) and that the Health Department staff continue contact tracing, seven days a week, of all the positive individuals.

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

continue to operate under their Emergency Operations Plan and currently have adequate supplies. He announced that the hospital is collaborating with health care officials and estimated that their surge capacity was 350 to 450 beds, with alternate care sites identified that could add an additional 250 beds, if that became necessary. He also updated everyone on their testing program (triage #772-419-3360).

United Way CEO Carol Houwaart-Diez updated the Board on the activities of the non-profit community.

PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM

Business Development Board Executive Director Joan Goodrich introduced Seacoast Bank Chairman Denny Hudson, who provided the presentation to the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

House of Hope CEO Rob Ranieri updated the Board on food distribution and mental health support.

GOLF COURSE DISCUSSION

The following members of the public spoke in opposition to closing the golf courses: Attorney Bob Raynes (The Dye Preserve Golf Club), Kevin Murphy (MacArthur Golf Club), Michele Reilly (Willoughby Golf Club), Nancy Lopez Russell (Piper's Landing), Brian Rich (Piper's Landing), Colleen Katterheinrich (Champions Club at Summerfield), and E.J. Ewing (Sailfish Point).

Assistant County Administrator George Stokus updated the Board on staff's efforts in contacting local golf courses. County Administrator Taryn Kryzda (through communications with the Sheriff) confirmed that each open golf course had a plan in place to comply with CDC recommendations. County Attorney Sarah Woods informed the Board that they could direct an emergency order requiring compliance with best management practices.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Smith to adopt the golf course owner's best management practices as our guiding principles. The motion failed for lack of a second.

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MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Chairman Jenkins, to direct staff to work with the Sheriff to create an order [for golf courses], under the Emergency Powers Act that we operate under, to create a rule for existing members, Martin County residents, and no guests on either side of that equation, in coordination with the Sheriff's Department. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Chairman Jenkins II, Vice Chair Hetherington, and Commissioner Smith

Nay: 2 - Commissioner Heard, and Commissioner Ciampi

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PARKS DISCUSSION

Parks and Recreation Director Kevin Abbate provided a Parks Status Update to the Board. Mr. Abbate presented the Board with a list showing the status of the County's various parks and facilities.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Heard, to approve the language that Mr. Abbate has given us with the various edits. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

PUBLIC - PLEASE LIMIT COMMENTS TO THREE MINUTES.

None at this time.

ADJOURN

The Board of County Commissioners COVID-19 Update Meeting adjourned at 12:09 p.m.

Carolyn Timmann, Clerk of the
Circuit Court and Comptroller
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Harold E. Jenkins, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

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