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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

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Ciampi, 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

Vice Chair Hetherington spoke about the need for housing assistance down the road.

Commissioner Ciampi asked Ms. Kryzda to invite the Tax Collector to talk about the property tax deadline extension and tax ramifications for both residential and businesses.

Commissioner Heard suggested that the Supervisor of Elections should also be invited to provide an update on the upcoming election season. She spoke about the current trend of spring cleaning and praised her garbage men and Waste Management for the fantastic job they are doing.

3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

County Administrator Taryn Kryzda requested authorization from the Board to write Chair letters of support when requested by our lobbyists. The Board concurred.

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.

Agenda Item: 20-0644

Cleveland Clinic Martin Health President Rob Lord updated the Board on the status of the hospital's Emergency Operations Plan. He assured the Board that they continue to have adequate supplies and are using CDC guidelines for conservation of those resources. He stated that they were encouraging all caregivers to wear cloth masks and encouraged all the people in our community to do the same. He reminded everyone of the triage number for drive-through testing (772-419-3360).

Mr. Lord spoke about what needs to be done as we re-open our community and stressed the importance of doing more testing, conducting surveillance, tracing the contacts of those persons identified as positive, and then isolating those people. He also suggested that people be required to wear masks in public and to continue social distancing.

Martin County Health Officer Carolann Vitani thanked the Board for their support and partnership. She reported 142 confirmed cases and four deaths in Martin County. She informed the Board that the Health Department is continuing to do contact tracing and urged everyone to continue to practice all prevention measures. She encouraged everyone to follow the governor's 'Safer at Home' directive, especially individuals aged 65 and older who may have underlying health care conditions and/or are

immunocompromised. She provided the website for the Department of Health's interactive dashboard (www.floridahealth.gov), the number for the state's call center (866-779-6121), and the number for the local call center (772-221-4000, option 9).

Sheriff Snyder updated the Board on the COVID situation: they have had 500 calls reporting violations, the majority of the golf courses are in compliance, the boat ramps were quiet during the week, there was a significant decline in violators at the beaches, the sand bars have been very quiet but are being patrolled. He spoke about the reduction in service calls due to the bars being closed and spoke about the increase in service calls for mental health issues. He informed the Board that there were no COVID-19 cases in the Martin County jail.

Emergency Management Director Michele Jones informed the Board that we may see our peak hospital utilization within the next two weeks. She urged residents to stay home as much as possible and, when not at home, to wear face masks and practice social distancing. She also urged residents to grocery shop online, if possible. She announced that the County had updated its COVID-19 dashboard at www.martin.fl.us.

United Way CEO Carol Houwaart-Diez updated the Board on meals being provided by the following non-profits: the School District, The Kane Center/Meals on Wheels, local churches, the Boys and Girls Club, the Banner Lake Club, the House of Hope and the Treasure Coast Food Bank. She asked for volunteers to help sew cloth masks. She urged anyone in need of financial assistance to call the Salvation Army or the House of Hope, and to call 2-1-1 for other assistance.

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None at this time.

ADJOURN

The Board of County Commissioners COVID-19 Update meeting adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

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

Minutes approved:

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