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Doug Smith
Sarah Heard
Edward V. Ciampi*

*Taryn Kryzda, County Administrator
Sarah W. Woods, County Attorney
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Comptroller*

COVID-19 Update

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Smith arrived at the meeting at 9:19 a.m.

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 Ciampi, seconded by Commissioner Heard, to approve the agenda. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Smith

COMMENTS

1. PUBLIC - PLEASE LIMIT COMMENTS TO THREE MINUTES.
2. COMMISSIONERS
3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

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: 20-0832

Cleveland Clinic Martin Health President Rob Lord provided a power-point presentation with updated data including: number of people tested, percentage of positive test results, number of cases by county, hospitalizations by county, age distribution of cases, current admissions by age, and hospital admissions (April 1 through July 1).

Florida Department of Health Martin County Public Information Officer Renay Rouse provided updated numbers to the Board: 158,997 positive cases in the state with 3,550 deaths; 2,112 positive cases in Martin County with 25 deaths; 12.4% positivity rate in Martin County, with a median age of 37. She urged everyone to avoid the 3 C's: close spaces, crowded places, and close contact with people.

City of Stuart Mayor Mike Meier praised the Board for their strong leadership and spoke in favor of an emergency order to make masks mandatory.

The following members of the public addressed the Board on the mandatory mask issue: Carroll Brennan, S.K. Adorno, Lina DeBonet, Christina Acevedo, Florida Department of Health Epidemiologist Karlette Peck, Michael Syrkus, Rehannon Miller, Dr. Eva Eskin, Dr. Robert Hess, Jan Mozingo, Todd Mozingo, Nicole Banks, Dr. Robin Kass, Mona Leonard, Julie Bjornson, Toni Rummo, Massey Campos, Billy Fries, Lee-Ann Fries, Dr. Brian Moriarty, Deanna Mullin, Jenny Starts, Douglas Miller, Deborah Miller, Lisa Lupi, J.P. McGlone, Krista Singleton, Cheryl Schwochert, Jonathan Chontos, Maria Skumanich, Lisa Marie, Kyle Greene, Glen Collins, Sasha Hoppenworth, Susan King, Meredith Lee, Christe Mihok, Meghan Pybus, Joanne Black, Jo Neeson, Samuel Longo, Laura Perez, Andrew Eilenberg, Dr. Anna Rosenbaum, Tara Baldwin, Wendy Chabebe, Joshua Nelson, Jennifer Kerr, Ashley Froehling, Travis Walker, Roxanne Howard, Christopher Collins, Dr. Tiffany Weakley, and Carly Dubois.

Jill Capua spoke about the aftermath of the Hobe Heights flooding for the people in her community. Robert Ranieri (House of Hope) provided a brief update on the increasing needs of the people in the community. Assistant County Administrator George Stokus, Chief Information Officer Michael Merker, and Communications Manager Laura Beaupre read public comment emails into the record.

County Attorney Sarah Woods presented the draft emergency order to the Board.

Commissioner Jenkins spoke about the need for up-to-the-minute medical information and read Miami-Dade's Emergency Order 18-20 requiring each hospital to report information to the County daily. At the end of the meeting, County Attorney Sarah Woods and County Administrator Taryn Kryzda informed the Board that they will reach out to Cleveland Clinic to request additional data.

At the Board's request, Deputy Andrew Pine spoke about verbal warnings versus written warnings.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Heard, seconded by Commissioner Ciampi, for approval of the emergency order. Add language to section 5 that "any person violating this order shall first be given a minimum of two written warnings prior to enforcement, pursuant to 252.47." The motion FAILED by the following vote:

Aye: 2 - Commissioner Heard, and Commissioner Ciampi

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

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MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Smith to ask staff to advertise an emergency meeting for Tuesday afternoon following our workshop Tuesday morning for the purpose of discussing the Emergency Management Ordinance to make revisions to the ordinance that would allow us to write or craft a mandatory mask program, but without misdemeanors or penalties [bring back a draft amendment to the Emergency Management Ordinance]. 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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The Board briefly discussed the emergency management order closing the beaches for the upcoming holiday weekend.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Hetherington, seconded

by Commissioner Smith, to open the beaches on Hutchinson Island, to Martin County residents only, July 3rd through July 5th; Hobe Sound, because of the proximity and the parking, would be closed, and they would reopen Monday, July 6th; and strict adherence to social distancing. The motion FAILED by the following vote:

Aye: 2 - Vice Chair Hetherington, and Commissioner Smith

Nay: 3 - Chairman Jenkins II, Commissioner Heard, and Commissioner Ciampi

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Commissioner Heard made a motion regarding emailed comments for the upcoming continuation of the mandatory mask discussion.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Heard, seconded by Commissioner Smith, now that we have the availability of Zoom, that the emailed comments to us, we will of course make them public comments, but they will not be read at the meeting. 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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None at this time.

ADJOURN

The Board of County Commissioners COVID-19 Update Meeting of July 2, 2020 adjourned at 7:54 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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