



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FINAL MINUTES

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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, for approval of 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

None at this time.

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 matters relating to the Coronavirus. Staff will provide an update on local efforts and coordination taking place.

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Cleveland Clinic Martin Health President Rob Lord informed the Board that the growth rate has held steady at around three percent, with only a few new COVID patients requiring hospitalization. He asked that everyone continue to use protective measures during the reopening. He announced that, per the governor's order, elective surgeries, rehabilitation services, and wound care have resumed. He spoke about the sanitation efforts at their facilities and urged people to go to the hospital if they have a health emergency. He spoke about their ongoing testing and provided the nurse triage line: (772) 419-3360.

Florida Department of Health Martin County Health Officer Carolann Vitani provided updated COVID numbers: 233 confirmed cases in Martin County, with six deaths, and 38,828 confirmed cases in the state of Florida. She spoke about expanded testing and outreach efforts in Indiantown. She stressed the importance of continuing to use preventative measures and urged residents 65 and over to remain vigilant about those measures.

United Way CEO Carol Houwaart-Diez updated the Board on the efforts of the non-profits: some agencies will be back at 40% capacity by late May/early June. She announced that thrift stores would be opening next week and that 5,000 masks have been provided to the community.

Sheriff William Snyder, with Lieutenant Ryan Grimsdale, provided an update to the Board: they have established a call center for COVID concerns; the beaches were very crowded Monday through Thursday, with estimates that as much as 60% of beach goers were from out-of-county; parking was a challenge, but there were no noticeable behavior issues; causeways/boat ramps/sand bars were extremely crowded, with

hundreds of boats in the waterways; social distancing was nearly impossible to regulate, specifically on the sand bars; there had been 712 service calls (since April 2nd) regarding COVID-19, with 67 in the last week; and there were no COVID-related arrests or summons.

Emergency Management Director Michelle Jones provided a brief update on working with local agencies, navigating from crisis to recovery, and the County's crisis communication plan. She informed the Board that the website had been visited 396,000 times, they continue to publish a daily report, and the community information center remained open (287-1652). She reminded everyone to continue following the CDC recommendations to stay healthy (hand washing, social distancing, clean and sanitize high-touch surfaces, and wear cloth face covering when in public).

Fire Rescue Chief William Schobel spoke about the ocean rescue/lifeguards, who reported that there had been a typical 'spring break-ish' week with the crowds they were seeing at the beach.

RESTAURANTS

Economic Council CEO Ted Astolfi spoke about taking actions to help the business community and suggested allowing restaurants to expand their outside seating.

County Administrator Taryn Kryzda and County Attorney Sarah Woods explained the restrictions in the Indian River County order reopening their restaurants.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Ciampi, seconded by Commissioner Hetherington, to formulate an emergency order to allow, during a time period to be determined by our administrator, for restaurants to have the opportunity to create outdoor dining that would include tables, chairs, tent structures, and anything else that would be appropriate and deemed necessary to conduct additional business outdoors. 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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BOWLING ALLEYS

Nicole Sprague (Jensen Beach Bowling Center) urged the Board to specifically address bowling alleys, which do not fall in any single category (part bar, part restaurant, part entertainment).

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Ciampi, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to send a new urgent letter, not only to the governor, but perhaps we can enlist Representative Overdorf, Senator Harrell, and Representative Magar, showing our local support to bowling alleys, and maybe they can utilize their resources in Tallahassee. 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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BATTING CAGES

Assistant County Administrator George Stokus read public comment emails into the record.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Ciampi, seconded by Commissioner Hetherington, to open park batting cages. 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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PLAYGROUNDS

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Ciampi, seconded by Commissioner Hetherington, to open the playgrounds; same CDC guidelines, same social distancing, but with the understanding that family members/parents/grandparents are putting their children on that using their own personal discretion on whether or not they think it's appropriate to have their children on community public playground equipment. We cannot sanitize that equipment to the level; as soon as children go on it, any kind of sanitation procedures we've done are over; so the families would have to understand that they're putting their children on, understanding that it is at their discretion if they think it's appropriate. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 1 - Commissioner Smith

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PUBLIC BEACHES

County Attorney Sarah Woods advised the Board that, based on research with the state, they should be able to restrict beaches to Martin County residents under the governor's emergency orders.

Sheriff William Snyder informed the Board that he would be able to set up barricades and station his deputies to check identification for Martin County residency.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Hetherington, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to craft an executive order that would allow Martin County residents only to access our beaches, beaches are still open seven days a week, and this would carry through as long as the state emergency

order is in effect or until we amend that order. That applies only to the northern, Hutchinson Island beaches and then we will appropriately sign and communicate the fact that the beaches are open only to Martin County residents. 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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ILLEGAL PARKING ON JUPITER ISLAND

County Attorney Sarah Woods explained to the Board that our ordinance (that deals with parking in the right-of-way) requires that we designate the areas that we don't want cars to be parked and put 'no parking' signs in those areas so that it's clear to those individuals. That gives the Sheriff's Department the authority, under that designation, to write parking tickets for those that are parked in the right-of-way.

The Board provided staff direction to reach out to Jupiter Island and the Sheriff's office and craft a resolution prohibiting parking on Beach Road and Bridge Road.

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HAIRSTYLISTS and BARBERS

The Board discussed reports that licensed hair professionals had received a letter from the state informing them that they would lose their licenses if they were operating out of their homes.

Chairman Jenkins solicited public comment; none was heard.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Ciampi, to send a letter to the state in support of the hairstylists and barbers to allow them to work on their clients at home, and to let them open up their businesses, and let them at least operate at a 50% or a 25% occupancy, or 'x' amount of people in the salon (i.e. one person per stylist), and let them get back to their business. 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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SUMMER CAMPS AND DAYCARES

The Board asked staff to check on the status of camps and daycares under the governor's emergency orders.

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INDIAN RIVERSIDE PARK INTERACTIVE FOUNTAIN

Assistant County Administrator George Stokus read one public comment email into the record.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Ciampi, to allow the water play park to reopen at Indian Riverside. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 1 - Commissioner Heard

ADJOURN

The Board of County Commissioners COVID-19 Update meeting of May 8th, 2020 adjourned at 11:30 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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