

BOARD ACTION  
November 17, 2020

	<p><b><u>INVESTITURE</u></b></p> <p>Investiture of Commissioner Shields and Commissioner Smith.</p> <p><b>Commissioner Blake’s Investiture to be held at the December 8, 2020 Board of County Commissioners (BCC) meeting.</b></p>	
UPDATE	<p><b><u>COVID-19 UPDATE</u></b></p> <p>Mr. Tommy Carpenter, Director for the Office of Emergency Management, provided an update on the County’s response to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). He stated that the County’s Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was currently at a level three for monitoring and that their operations were focused toward COVID-19 response and hurricane season. He relayed that the Citizen’s Information Line (CIL) was not staffed but had recorded information for the Florida Department of Health (DOH), COVID-19 questions, the Lake CARES resident assistance grant program, and the County’s Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act program. He stated that the number for the CIL was 352-253-9999. He commented that the DOH’s COVID-19 hotline was open Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at 352-742-4830. He then provided information regarding the number of COVID-19 cases, number of tests, percent positivity, number of deaths, age groups affected by the virus, hospital beds and cases, personal protective equipment (PPE) issued by the County, cases within long-term care facilities, and testing sites within the county. He also relayed an update on Lake Support and Emergency Recovery’s (LASER), and he then provided information regarding the number of cases in Lake County schools. He presented a tropical weather update and recalled that in the previous week, he had reported that Tropical Storm Eta was forecasted to make a Florida Panhandle/State of Alabama area landfall, but within 24 hours the forecast changed to 200 miles east. He stated that on November 11, 2020, they received a confident forecast of the tracks and the impacts to the county, with forecasted 25 to 35 miles per hour (MPH) winds, along with 45 MPH to 60 MPH gusts. He then reviewed the impacts of the storm, and relayed that the 2020 hurricane season had been record setting. He discussed COVID-19 testing locations in the county, noting that there had been an uptick in the number of positive tests. He said that surrounding Counties were offering rapid testing due to gatherings in the current time of year, and that Adult Medicine of Lake County could offer rapid testing in a partnership with the County for \$7 per test, with an estimated 1,500 tests per day, for a total of about \$10,500 per day that it could cost the County for this testing; additionally, this could start on the following day and could use CARES Act funding.</p>	COLE

	<p>Mr. Aaron Kissler, Administrator/Director/Health Officer for the DOH in Lake County, displayed COVID-19 data and said that Lake County was doing fairly good in its region and comparatively to the nation. He commented that they had an increase in cases and their positivity rate, though it was not as high as it was in some areas. He explained that one reason why the positivity rate was doing well in Lake County was the supplemental testing with other groups, along with testing at the DOH. He stated that they had been working together to provide a good amount of tests per capita over the summer, which helped to identify cases early and break the chain of transmission. He mentioned that they had the BinaxNOW tests and that they were testing teachers from private, public and charter schools at their locations by appointment, along with BinaxNOW tests being sent to schools. He noted that with the BinaxNOW test, the person needed to be symptomatic when being tested and that this limited it to some extent. He commented that they were also working with the schools to limit infection and identify contacts, and he mentioned that they were sending testing teams to areas that had outbreaks. He said that the numbers at hospitals were elevated but were not as high as in the summer, and he asked that individuals continue public health measures. He commented that they just received 20,000 masks that were being distributed, and that they had worked with the County to provide over 300,000 masks to county residents. He mentioned that the Pfizer vaccine looked effective and that the safety data from phase two looked promising. He elaborated that soon after phase three, it would be developed and sent to hospitals, first responders and individuals in long term care facilities; however, the ultra-cold storage could impact logistics. He also said that they were working with hospitals and the County to try to solve any logistical issues with the storage. He said that the Moderna vaccine looked to be stored like the chicken pox vaccine, and he noted that both vaccines would take two doses. He remarked that other vaccines were close to the end, and that some of them did not require ultra-cold storage and would be going through pharmaceutical routes in 2021. He added that it was important to limit the spread of COVID-19 with masks, social distancing, and public health measures. He explained that the less of a chance that the virus had of spreading, the less variation there would be in it, and the antibody treatments and vaccine could be more effective.</p> <p><b>The Board approved to allocate \$200,000 in CARES Act funding for Adult Medicine of Lake County to conduct COVID-19 rapid testing through December 8, 2020.</b></p>	
APPROVED	<b>Tab 1.</b> Request for approval of the minutes of the BCC Meeting of August 25, 2020 (Regular Meeting).	COONEY
	<b><u>CITIZEN QUESTION AND COMMENT PERIOD</u></b>	

Ms. Diana Aten, surviving spouse to Sergeant First Class Michael C. Aten, said that she was present to seek support for designating Lane Park Road to her husband on State Road (SR) 19 going toward the Town of Howey-in-the-Hills and Mission Inn. She stated that the City of Tavares and the Town of Howey-in-the-Hills had approved a resolution in her support. She explained that her husband was born in Lake County and had graduated from Mount Dora High School in 1984, commenting that he was an avid outdoorsman and that in July 1986, he joined the United States (US) Army in which he became an Airborne Ranger and received a diploma to wear the black beret. She elaborated that he served many tours in Korea as military police in the joint security area of the Korean Demilitarized Zone (DMZ). She relayed that in 1990, he suffered a severe injury where he had to reclassify into food operations. She said that he received a Bronze Star in Iraq for his actions in 2005, noting that he had a recommendation for an Army Commendation with Valor where he had been honored as a natural combat leader. She said that he had served his community and his neighbors, along with serving others with the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association. She stated that he had helped combat veterans in need, and she hoped that she had the Board's support for the road designation in his honor.

Ms. Velma Dawson, Sergeant Aten's mother, requested a resolution from the County, and expressed appreciation for everything the Board could do in support. She thought that Sergeant Aten deserved attention with a sign on the road that would remind people that there were army rangers who loved the country and served the nation with pride.

Mr. Ronald Moore, a former paramedic with the Lake County Office of Emergency Medical Services (EMS), expressed concerns about the circumstances of his resignation and his experience with the Lake County Office of Human Resources and Risk Management. He also indicated that he had sent an email regarding this matter to the Board but had not received a response.

Ms. Lee Conger, a resident on County Road (CR) 44A, thanked the Board for considering the interests of unincorporated county residents with regards to the City of Eustis annexation issue for property located on Eldorado Lake Drive and Thrill Hill Road. She mentioned that residents had attended the Eustis City Commission meeting and that it was unclear how services would be provided to this area; additionally, she opined that the density and the contiguity were also unclear. She relayed that the unincorporated residents felt dismissed at the City meeting and that they looked to the BCC to investigate this issue. She requested that the Board approve that there be a 25 foot strip on the Lake May Preserve conveyed to the Scott and Elaine Taylor Foundation to create a way to have dialogue and collaboration between the County and the City of Eustis. She relayed her understanding

	<p>that the City did not want to discuss it, but opined that there needed to be planning.</p> <p>Mr. Rick Ault, a concerned citizen, expressed concerns about Mr. Moore’s experience with the County. He also welcomed Commissioner Shields and Commissioner Smith to the Board.</p> <p>Mr. Vance Jochim, a concerned citizen, asked if the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC) could be expanded to include mobile home parks. He said that he had been investigating mobile home park abuses by their owners, and that he had four witnesses to an abuse of elderly individuals being evicted from these parks. He hoped that the Board would add direction to the AHAC to review mobile home park owner practices, and he expressed concerns that the state agency which governed this was not taking any action. He also requested that the Board consider setting up a task force to address this.</p> <p>Mr. Scott Taylor, representing the Scott and Elaine Taylor Foundation, said that he had offered to take a small strip of Lake May Preserve, opining that this would give Lake County some leverage over the ability of the City of Eustis to extend annexation into east Lake County. He opined that by accepting this land into his foundation, this would provide east Lake County with a more balanced situation. He remarked that if Lake County decided that it did not want to donate the land to his foundation under advantageous conditions, the County could have the property back and the foundation would be bound to taking care of the property as it presently existed.</p> <p>Mr. David Serdar, a concerned citizen, commended Commissioner Shields and Commissioner Smith. He also made comments relating to local government.</p>	
<p>APPROVED</p>	<p><b>Tab 2.</b> Approval of Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller’s Consent Agenda (Items 1-5):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Request to acknowledge receipt of the list of warrants paid prior to this meeting, pursuant to Chapter 136.06 (1) of the Florida Statutes, which shall be incorporated into the Minutes as attached Exhibit A and filed in the Board Support Division of the Clerk’s office.</li> <li>2. Request to acknowledge receipt from the City of Clermont Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Resolution 20 adopting the budget amendment for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.</li> <li>3. Request to acknowledge receipt of Annexation Ordinance 2020-18 from the City of Mount Dora.</li> </ol>	<p>COONEY</p>

	<p>4. Request to acknowledge receipt of the State of Florida Department of Economic Opportunity’s final order DEO-20-050 pursuant to Section 380.05(6), Florida Statutes, approving land development regulations adopted by Lake County, Florida, Ordinance No. 2020-37.</p> <p>5. Request to acknowledge receipt of the State of Florida Department of Economic Opportunity’s final order DEO-20-049 pursuant to Section 380.05(6), Florida Statutes, approving land development regulations adopted by Lake County, Florida, Ordinance No. 2020-36.</p>	
APPROVED	<b>Tab 3.</b> Request from Procurement Services for approval to declare items as surplus and authorization to remove these items from the County’s official fixed asset inventory records. The fiscal impact (revenue) cannot be determined at this time.	BARKER
APPROVED	<b>Tab 4.</b> Request from Facilities Management for approval of Contract with Vetted Security Solutions (Saint Petersburg, FL) for a video security system at the new Animal Shelter. The fiscal impact is \$29,453.86 (expenditure). Commission District 3.	DRURY
APPROVED	<b>Tab 6.</b> Request from Facilities Management for approval of Contract 20-0462 with Randall Mechanical, Inc. (Apopka, FL) for fire alarm system services, and authorization for the Office of Procurement Services to execute all supporting documentation. The estimated fiscal impact is \$35,000.00 (expenditure).	DRURY
APPROVED	<b>Tab 7.</b> Request from Public Works for approval of <b>Resolution 2020-212</b> to advertise a public hearing to vacate unimproved rights of way in the plats of Silver Lake Estates, located on the east side of Radio Road at the intersection of Morningside Drive, in the Leesburg area. The fiscal impact is \$2,295.00 (revenue - vacation application fee). Commission District 3.	DRURY
APPROVED	<b>Tab 8.</b> Request from Public Works for approval to accept public right of way and easement deeds that have been secured in conjunction with development, roadway and stormwater projects. The fiscal impact is \$1,530.30 (expenditure - recording fees).	DRURY
APPROVED	<b>Tab 5.</b> Request from Facilities Management for approval: 1. Of Contracts 20-0456 with Convergent Technologies, LLC (Orlando, FL) and NetPlanner Systems Inc. (Tampa, FL) for countywide maintenance of security video systems. 2. For the Office of Procurement Services to execute all supporting	DRURY

	<p>documentation.          The estimated annual fiscal impact is \$30,000.00 (expenditure).</p> <p><b>Approved with the modification not to exceed \$30,000 annually.</b></p>	
APPOINTMENTS/ APPROVED	<p><b>Tab 10.</b> Request appointment of one County Commissioner to the Value Adjustment Board for the remainder of the 2020 tax year.</p> <p><b>The Board appointed Commissioner Shields to the Value Adjustment Board.</b></p>	CAMPIONE
APPOINTMENTS/ APPROVED	<p><b>Tab 11.</b> Request approval to appoint members to the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee to fill four vacancies, and approval of the supporting <b>Resolution 2020-213.</b></p> <p>1. Danielle Stroud (District 4) to fill the vacancy for a resident who represents essential services personnel, and approval of a waiver of potential ethical conflict.          2. Ken Thomas (District 1) to fill the vacancy for a resident who is designated as an advocate for low-income persons in connection with affordable housing, and approval of a waiver of potential ethical conflict.          3. Nathaniel "Joe" Jamieson (District 2) OR Amanda Walters (District 3) to fill the vacancy for a resident actively engaged in banking or mortgage banking industry in connection with affordable housing.          4. Geoffrey Chernault (District 5), OR Danielle Roberts (District 3), OR Melissa Samar (District 4), OR Pamela S. Bonjorn (District 2) to fill the vacancy for a resident who is actively engaged as a real estate professional in connection with affordable housing.</p> <p><b>The Board tabled the appointments for a resident actively engaged in banking or mortgage banking industry in connection with affordable housing, and for a resident who is actively engaged as a real estate professional in connection with affordable housing.</b></p>	CAMPIONE
DISCUSSION	<p><b>Tab 12.</b> Discussion and direction regarding the Eustis annexation of property located on Eldorado Lake Drive and Thrill Hill Road.</p> <p><b>The Board approved to convey the 25 foot strip of land in Lake May Preserve to a nonprofit organization no later than December 2, 2020, to authorize the Chairman to sign the deed, and to authorize the Chairman to sign an agreement which would establish the terms for reversion and maintenance, if the City of Eustis did not decide to delay their annexation until at least March 1, 2021 to give the County time to work on a joint planning arrangement.</b></p>	CAMPIONE

APPROVED	<p><b><u>Tab 9. PUBLIC HEARING:</u></b>  Request approval of budget adjustments for the year-end closeout of Fiscal Year 2020 in accordance with County Policy LCC-36, and Administrative Procedure pursuant to section 129.06 (2) (A), Florida Statutes. The fiscal impact is \$369,244.00 (revenue/expenditure).</p>	BARKER
FOR YOUR INFORMATION	Ms. Marsh mentioned that there would be a closed session on December 8, 2020 to discuss fire union negotiations.	MARSH
FOR YOUR INFORMATION	Mr. Cole recalled that in January and February 2020, he had notified the Board that the City of Fruitland Park staff had engaged in discussions with County staff about merging the City's fire services with Lake County Fire Rescue. He stated that the discussions had continued and that on November 10, 2020, the Fruitland Park City Commission voted unanimously to begin negotiating with the County to merge fire services. He relayed that once there was a tentative agreement that the City and County agreed would work for both parties, they would come back and present it to the Board for discussion and consideration.	COLE
FOR YOUR INFORMATION	Mr. Cole reported that County Offices would be closed on November 26 and 27, 2020 for the Thanksgiving holidays.	COLE
FOR YOUR INFORMATION	Commr. Shields said that he would have his first constituent meeting on Saturday, November 21, 2020 with Four Corners residents; additionally, Commissioner Parks would join him. He also thanked staff and said that he would like to talk to any other Commission District 1 communities.	SHIELDS
FOR YOUR INFORMATION	Commr. Shields mentioned that during his campaign, the issue of whether the County had considered a mask mandate had come up. He relayed that many stores had signs to wear masks and that people were wearing them. He commented that the Board received a recent email regarding this issue, and said that he wanted to bring this up to see if the Board wanted to entertain it.	SHIELDS
FOR YOUR INFORMATION	Commr. Parks complimented Mr. Fred Schneider, Public Works Director, and his staff for doing an excellent job at the Hooks Street meeting in the City of Clermont on the previous day. He mentioned the Hooks Street extension project that would go further east toward CR 455, and that they received good input.	PARKS
FOR YOUR INFORMATION	Commr. Parks welcomed the new Commissioners, and said he knew both of them and that they would both be diligent, intelligent, and would be working hard for the County. He added that they were not afraid to weigh in and ask challenging questions.	PARKS

FOR YOUR INFORMATION	Commr. Smith thanked staff and Mr. Jeff Cole, County Manager. He said that he discussed with Mr. Cole that when presenting the fiscal impact on future agendas, budgetary impacts would be included so it was known if it was already approved by the Board.	SMITH
FOR YOUR INFORMATION	Commr. Smith expressed that he was excited to be here, and he thanked Lake County residents for putting their trust and faith in him. He said that he would do his due diligence and that he would do the best he could. He also stated that he was excited to work with the Board.	SMITH
FOR YOUR INFORMATION	Commr. Blake congratulated Commissioner Shields and Commissioner Smith, and said that he looked forward to working with them. He also apologized for not being present at the current meeting, instead attending via Zoom Webinar.	BLAKE
FOR YOUR INFORMATION	Commr. Campione wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and reminded them that they were in a situation with COVID-19. She noted that these were the times where family members could transmit diseases among themselves, and she asked everyone to keep distance and do things differently. She hoped that people could get together and see each other with creative ways to stay connected while also being safe.	CAMPIONE
FOR YOUR INFORMATION	Commr. Campione welcomed the new Commissioners and said she looked forward to working with them. She encouraged them to watch the State of the County address and opined that it gave a good perspective of what the County had been working on over the past year, along with items coming up. She stated that they were focused on issues that they campaigned on, and that unexpected issues also came up which they had to find solutions for. She thought that this Board would be great at problem solving, working together and being creative to address items.	CAMPIONE