

SPECIAL CALLED
MEETING

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MARCH 17, 2020

The Board of Sumter County Commissioners (BOCC/Board) convened in a special called meeting on Tuesday, March 17, 2020, at the Sumter County Service Center in Wildwood, Florida, with the following members present to wit: Al Butler, 2nd Vice Chairman, District No. 1; Don Burgess, District No. 3; and Steve Printz, Chairman, District No. 5. Doug Gilpin, District No. 2; and Garry Breeden, Vice Chairman, District No. 4, were absent. The following individuals were also present and acting in their respective official capacities: Bradley Arnold, County Administrator; Bill Kleinsorge, Finance Director; and Caroline Alrestimawi, Deputy Clerk. Commissioner Printz called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m. The complete audio recording of this meeting is available by request through the Clerk's Website - www.sumterclerk.com.

1. Local State Of Emergency Declaration (Staff Recommends Approval).

County Administrator, Bradley Arnold, briefed the Commissioners on the Local State of Emergency Declaration. At this time, there are no specific requests that the Commissioners must act on, regarding COVID-19. However, the proposed Declaration will allow the County to be eligible for any federal funds that may be appropriated for this disaster, should the County need them. Mr. Arnold further noted that the Governor's directive to close pubs and nightclubs and limit restaurant occupancy to 50% is to be enforced by the Department of Business and Professional Regulation, not on a local level. However, if there are any changes in directives, the County will already have the Board's authority to move forward accordingly through the Declaration. After seven days, per statute, the Board will have to meet again to extend the declaration, unless there are further directives by the Governor. The Small Business Council through the Economic Development Department is the direct contact for small business owners. Mr. Arnold also addressed the BOCC Meeting scheduled for March 24, 2020. At this time, there are public hearings advertised and there is at least one known hardship that would be caused by postponing meeting. In addition, there are other potential impacts that could take place if other items are not approved. The County has already communicated to the Everglades Regional Recreation Center that two-thirds of the chairs should be removed to provide for adequate spacing. It is not anticipated that there would be over 50 people in attendance and any individuals at risk may want to stay home. Mr. Arnold is recommending that the March 24th meeting take place. Hopefully, there will be more guidance from the Governor regarding future meetings. The Board provided consensus to move forward with March 24th meeting so that County's business is not impeded.

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Commissioner Burgess moved, with a second by Commissioner Butler, to approve the Local State Of Emergency Declaration. The motion carried 3 - 0.

2. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.