

Monday, September 20, 2021 – 2:00 P.M.
John R. “Jack” Durrance Auditorium
County Administration Building
12 Southeast First Street
Gainesville, Florida

The Alachua County Board of County Commissioners met for the Special Meeting.

PRESENT: Chair Ken Cornell, Vice Chair Marihelen Wheeler, Commissioner Mary Alford, Commissioner Charles S. Chestnut IV, and Commissioner Anna Prizzia

ALSO PRESENT: County Manager Michele Lieberman, County Attorney Sylvia Torres, and Deputy Clerk Casey Miller

Chair Cornell called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Chestnut moved to approve the agenda.

Commissioner Wheeler 2nd motion.

The motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Alford not in the room.

Commissioner Alford entered the room at 2:02 P.M.

Items for Discussion

1. COVID-19 Delta Variant Discussion 21-0899
Fiscal Consideration: N/A
Recommended Action: Consider extension of local state of emergency
Consider extension of emergency order

Health Department Director Paul D Myers presented the above item.

Commissioner Wheeler, Health Department Director Myers, Chair Cornell, Commissioner Alford, Commissioner Chestnut, and Commissioner Prizzia all presented comments.

Commissioner Wheeler moved to extend the local state of emergency and the emergency order for another seven days.

Commissioner Alford 2nd motion.

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Public Comment:

Anthony Johnson and Armando Gundy-Gomez presented comments.

Mr. Johnson requested an update on the concerns raised about the Florence Waste Dump on the eastside of the County.

The motion carried 5-0

Comments:

Chair Cornell, Health Department Director Myers, Chair Cornell, and Communications Coordinator Sexton.

County Manager Lieberman stated the EPD Director Hofstetter and Health Department Director Myers have been collecting data on the Florence Dump site and should be ready to provide it shortly.

Chair Cornell requested that an update be provided on the air and water at the next Regular Meeting whether on County Manager Reports or as an item on the agenda.

Commissioner Prizzia inquired if the County has any information on the School Board's mask mandate.

Chair Cornell stated that the School Board issued an 8 week mandate so it will expire in the middle of October. They are considering continuing the mandate until vaccines are available to younger students. He stated that the City of Gainesville is also contemplating an order.

Adjournment:

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 2:35 P.M.