



## Legislation Text

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**Agenda Item Name:**  
COVID-19 Discussion

**Presenter:**  
N/A

**Description:**  
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**Recommended Action:**  
The discussion will go over the following items:

- Department of Health Update
- Cares Act Update
- Ratification of Emergency Order

**Prior Board Motions:**  
August 25, 2020:

1. COVID 19 Discussion 20-0697

**Fiscal Consideration:** N/A

**Recommended Action:** Authorize advertisement of amendments to Chapter 27 (Emergencies), Alachua County Code, as recommended by County Attorney. Health Department Director Paul Myers presented the above item.

Alachua County Health Department Director Paul Myers presented an update on Pandemic Metrics in Alachua County.

Mr. Myers stated that the contact tracing efforts have been able to conduct a successful contact interview 83% of the time. He stated that success with the interviews rely on cooperation from the contacted individual. Mr. Myers advised that there have been difficulties in hiring contact tracing for school system but that he has staff that will fill in until the personnel. He further informed that he will make recommendations to the school system based on the best scientific data. It will be the School Systems decision to implement those recommendations or not. The Health Department just as the County have no authority over the school system.

Commissioner Cornell and Chair Hutchinson presented comments.

Commissioner Wheeler logged in at 11:58 A.M.

Have a discussion on:

A. CARES Act Funds Update

CRI representative Diane Shuping presented the above item.

Mrs. Shuping advised that 4,415 applications for individuals have been received which accounts for \$8,600,000 of funding. There have been 256 business applications received which accounts for \$2,300,000 in funding.

Commissioner Byerly, County Manager Lieberman, and Finance Director Todd Hutchinson presented comments.

B. Order Enforcement Update

Growth Management Director Missy Daniels presented the above item.

Mrs. Daniels reported that overall mask compliance is 98% based on Code Enforcement Officers inspections. She stated there are some business that repeat complaints have been received about employees not wearing mask.

Chair Hutchinson and Commissioner Byerly presented comments.

C. West Lawn Use

County Manager Lieberman and Chief of Staff Gina Peebles presented the above item.

Mrs. Peebles advised the Board that the City of Gainesville is starting a program to provide outdoor seating for restaurants and bars. The City of Gainesville has requested the County participate by making the west lawn of the County Administration Building available. The Parks Department had planned on purchasing picnic tables and benches for the parks but they could be used for this purpose and moved to the parks when finished. The City is looking to kick the program off on September 10 or 11, 2020.

Commissioner Cornell, Commissioner Wheeler, Commissioner Byerly, Commissioner Chestnut, Chair Hutchinson, Commissioner Byerly, and Commissioner Wheeler presented comments.

Chair Hutchison stated that the matter should be discussed with the City at the Joint Meeting tomorrow to get the specifics before the Board makes a decision.

D. Emergency Management Ordinance

County Attorney Torres presented the above item.

Mrs. Torres recommended that the Board authorize the advertisement of a Public Hearing to adopt the updated Emergency Procedures Ordinance that provides updated language to address extend emergencies such as the current pandemic which were not consider when originally drafted. It

defines a continued emergency which is an event that last longer than 30 days and codifies the procedures the Board is currently operating under.

Chair Hutchinson and County Attorney Torres presented comments.

9. CARES Act - Sub-recipient Agreements 20-0693

**Fiscal Consideration:** N//A

**Recommended Action:** Approve the sub-recipient agreements and authorize the Chair to sign final documents approved by the County Manager and County Attorney's office.

Assistant County Attorney Torres presented the above item.

Commissioner Cornell, Assistant County Attorney Forziano, Gatornationals , County Attorney Torres, County Manager Lieberman, Mark Sexton,

**Commissioner Cornell moved** the following:

1. Authorize the advertisement of an amendments to Chapter 27 Emergency of the County Code as recommended by the County Attorney.
2. Direct that the County Attorney meet with GPD and UPD or their designee to ensure the County Emergency Order can be properly enforced on Campus and within the city limits.
3. To approve the sub recipient agreements as adjusted in the Health Department Agreement for all agreements. Authorize the Chair to sign documents approved by the County Manager/County Attorney's Office. The sub recipient agreements should be amended to deny reimbursement cost for any expenses occurred during a time period in which the party was not in compliance with the County's Emergency Order.
4. Staff proactively reach out the Gatornationals to coordinate the event in accordance with the County's Emergency Order

County Manager Lieberman and Assistant County Attorney Forziano presented comments.

Public Comments via Telephone

Telford Cartwright, Tamara Robins, Citizen, and Commissioner Cornell presented comments.

**The motion carried 5-0.**

**\*Please see the August 26, 2020 BoCC Joint Meeting minutes in attachments.\***

**Fiscal Consideration:**

N/A

**Background:**

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