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Operations for Board of County Commissioners during Coronavirus Pandemic

Nassau County, Florida, March 17, 2020 –At a Special Meeting held on March 16, 2020, the Board discussed operations of departments under the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) during the Coronavirus Pandemic.

In an effort to prevent a delay in operations, the Board of County Commissioners will still have their regularly scheduled meetings on March 18th at 9am and March 23rd at 6pm. Routine and time sensitive items will still be heard by the Board. Public hearings will be postponed to April 27th at 6pm, with the exception of the following two hearings which will still be considered on March 23rd:

- 1) A transmittal hearing for application CPA20-004, a Future Land Use Map Amendment, to change classification of 479 acres located on the north side of William Burgess Blvd, between the Robert M. Foster Justice Center and Harvester Street. This is a transmittal hearing to send the FLUM amendment request to the State for review. Following the review by the State, a public hearing will be held before the Board for comments.
- 2) Finance Package 2020-11 and associated Resolutions to carry fund balance from the closeout Fiscal Year 2018-2019 and amend various receipts for the current fiscal year.

We realize that residents have concerns about attending gatherings but may still have an interest in items under consideration by the Board. At this time, we would like to remind everyone that Board meetings can be viewed live on our website at www.nassaucountyfl.com. Citizens with comments or concerns related to any agenda item on March 18th or March 23rd may send an email to contact@nassaucountyfl.com prior to the meeting. It will be shared with the Commissioners and read into the record at the meeting.

Information related to operations of BOCC Departments

County departments are open and operating as normal with the exception of those outlined below.

Animal Services

Animal Control has suspended owner surrenders in an effort to not exceed shelter capacity. Adoption events have also been postponed. Animal Control Officers will still respond to emergency calls for service. The lobby is still open to the public at this time.

Beaches

Beaches in the unincorporated areas (Peters Point south to the State Park) remain open at this time.

County Extension Office

Operation of the County Extension Office is a joint partnership between the Board of County Commissioners and the University of Florida. UF has sent a directive that all Extension related activities and events are to be cancelled through April 30th. At this time, the office is still open to the public.

County Facilities/Community Centers

Utilization of community centers is suspended effective at 5pm on Monday, March 16th through Monday, April 6th. Any reservations currently on the schedule through April 6th will be cancelled. Contact Facilities Maintenance at (904) 530-6120 if you have any questions.

County Manager

Ask the County Manager Sessions scheduled for Thursday, March 26th and Monday, March 30th are cancelled and will be rescheduled to a later date.

Fire Rescue

Fire Rescue will still be operating and will respond to calls for service, however the Fire Stations will be closed to the public effective at 5pm on Monday, March 16th through Monday, April 6th. Residents arriving to a fire station for a wellness check shall ring the bell and a staff member will meet them at the door

Libraries

Library programs have been cancelled. Library branches will be closed to the public effective at 5pm on Monday, March 16th through Monday, April 6th. Staff members will still be in the branch working and can be reached by phone at (904) 530-6500 or via email at libraryinfo@nassaucountyfl.com.

Sports Complexes & Parks

All organized athletic programs including practices, games, field and lighting reservations are cancelled. Individuals may still access the playgrounds, parks, walking trails, etc.

Other Board Meetings

Meetings of the Development Review Committee, Conditional Use & Variance Board, Planning & Zoning Board and Code Enforcement Board are suspended until late April.

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