

AT AN EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD IN AND FOR
GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA ON MAY 29, 2020 AT 1:00
P.M., THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDING WAS HAD, VIZ:

Present: Dr. Anthony "Dr. V" Viegbesie, Chair, District 2
Brenda Holt, Vice Chair, District 4
Eric Hinson, District 1-appeared remotely
Gene Morgan, District 3-appeared remotely
Sherrie Taylor, District 5-absent
Dr. Henry Grant, Interim County Administrator
Clayton Knowles, County Attorney
Marcella Blocker, Deputy Clerk

INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Viegbesie called the meeting to Order at 1:00 p.m. and asked everyone to bow their head for a moment of silence. He then led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U. S. Flag.

Commissioner Holt arrived at 1:02 p.m.

CITIZENS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD (3-Minute Limit)

Due to COVID-19 and the efforts of the Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners to continue the practice of social distancing, Commissioners want to continue to hear from citizens under the Citizens Requesting to be Heard section of the agenda.

If citizens have any questions, comments, or concerns, please email

CitizensToBeHeard@gadsgdencountyfl.gov and anticipate receiving a response within 48 hours.

The Board of County Commissioners would like to thank everyone for their patience and flexibility during this time.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. COVID-19 Resolution 2020-24 Update

Dr. Grant introduced the above item.

Chair Viegbesie said they have had a chance to preview the document and was ready for discussion.

Commissioner Holt said she had no problem continuing with the mandatory masks but would like for the 25% to be increased to 50% occupancy and was in the form of a motion. Chair Viegbesie made the second.

Chair Viegbesie said one change requested was increasing the business occupancy from 25% to 50%.

Mr. Knowles asked if that was for all businesses including restaurants or for retail businesses, she asked what was in place now. He said both now for restaurants and retail. He wanted to clarify the motion to make sure...

She stated it was at 25% now and would like both to be at 50%.

Commissioner Morgan asked on the percentage of occupancy, was that in line with the Governor's current Executive order and Mr. Knowles said yes.

CHAIR VIEGBESIE CALLED FOR A ROLL CALL VOTE.

COMMISSIONER HINSON	YES
COMMISSIONER TAYLOR	NOT PRESENT
COMMISSIONER MORGAN	NO
COMMISSIONER HOLT	YES
CHAIR VIEGBESIE	YES

MOTION PASSED 3-1 COMMISSIONER MORGAN OPPOSED

Chair Viegbesie asked if there were any other changes or revisions to the Resolution, if not, he would entertain a motion to adopt the Resolution with the last change they just approved.

COMMISSIONER HOLT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AND CHAIR VIEGBESIE MADE THE SECOND.

Commissioner Holt asked about day camps, was that a part of this Resolution and he said yes.

Chair Viegbesie stated with regards to youth programs and camps during the Covid-19 pandemic, there is a part of the Resolution with an attachment that conforms with the CDC requirements.

Commissioner Morgan asked if they were still voting to maintain the mandate on masks and Chair Viegbesie said yes.

CHAIR VIEGBESIE CALLED FOR A ROLL CALL VOTE.

COMMISSIONER HINSON	YES
COMMISSIONER TAYLOR	NOT PRESENT
COMMISSIONER MORGAN	NO
COMMISSIONER HOLT	YES
CHAIR VIEGBESIE	YES

MOTION PASSED 3-1

Chair Viegbesie said due to current conditions, the burn ban was not currently on the Agenda and the ban has been temporarily lifted.

Commissioner Holt said the Manager still had up to \$5,000 that he could get daily work of the County done without bidding. Chair Viegbesie said the discretionary spending was still up to \$25,000 and Commissioner Holt stated they were definitely at \$5,000 and she wanted to make sure that was still in place and people understood that they have to do that. It had to be done in order to run government and almost all governments had that. Chair Viegbesie said he could

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not recall any other conversations on this Board that had actually changed and thought it stood unless someone proved him otherwise.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, CHAIR VEIGBESIE DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:12 P.M.

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ANTHONY VIEGBESIE, Ph.D.

ATTEST:

NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk