

The Board of Sumter County Commissioners (BOCC/Board) convened in a special called session on Tuesday, December 29, 2020, at The Villages Sumter County Service Center in Wildwood, Florida with the following members present to wit: Doug Gilpin, District No. 2; Craig Estep, Vice Chairman, District No. 3; and Oren Miller, 2nd Vice Chairman, District No. 5. Gary Search, District No. 1; and Garry Breeden, Chairman, District No. 4, were absent. The following individuals were also present and acting in their respective official capacities: Bradley Arnold, County Administrator; and Caroline Alrestimawi, Deputy Clerk. Commissioner Estep called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. The complete audio recording of this meeting is available by request through the Clerk's Website - www.sumterclerk.com.

1. Public Forum

David Sirdar, 66 Wintergreen Dr, Fruitland Park, spoke during Public Forum.

2. State of Emergency Declaration Extension

Bradley Arnold, County Administrator, provided a COVID-19 related update. There are a cumulative number of 118 COVID-related deaths, with 49 individuals in The Villages Hospital, and 9 in ICU. As of December 27, 2020, per the Florida Department of Health, there have been 122,881 first doses of COVID-19 vaccinations administered. In Sumter County, 170 first doses have been administered. There are five long term care facilities that are contracted for CVS to administer the first dose. They are on schedule and today are being administered at the Buffalo Crossing facility. Sumter County Health Department Director, Dr. Zelnick received notice on Friday that a vaccination shipment was coming. On Monday, the local Health Department received 2,500 first doses. The Health Department is not holding back any doses for a second dose and there is no schedule from the State related to when the second doses should arrive. Second doses should be administered 30 days from the first dose. Mr. Arnold discussed the fact sheets associated with the Moderna vaccination (see attached). There are some factors that need to be considered before deciding to get the vaccination, including use of blood thinners. Dr. Zelnick plans to utilize UF Health as a partner in the vaccination process. Thus, 2,100 of the 2,500 doses received are planned for a handoff to UF Health. The intent is that 2,100 doses will go to healthcare workers in the hospital and that UF Health will reach out to other healthcare providers. The Health Department held out 400 doses for healthcare providers outside of The Villages. The big issue that is being heard by residents is lack of information regarding when the vaccinations will be available to the public. However, the State Department of Health is not providing that information to the local Health Department. Mr. Arnold spoke with Representative Hage's office today and they are equally as frustrated regarding vaccination deployment because they are not receiving any additional information either. Some counties have vaccination sign-up sheets. However, a sign-up sheet would signal that the vaccinations are available, which would also signal misinformation because a timeline of when vaccinations will be available is unavailable. The Governor's Order is signaling for individuals 65 or older to

have access to the vaccination. Mr. Arnold has spoken with Chief Hanson with Sumter County Fire & EMS and Christine Kennedy with AMR regarding vaccinations. Chief Hanson and Ms. Kennedy have no issue holding back vaccinations for their personnel because they are typically younger and already have personal protection equipment. Another concern is vaccinating all personnel and having adverse reactions causing coverage issues. As vaccinations become more readily available to the vulnerable population, the interested Fire & EMS personnel will be worked in. Commissioner Miller shared an email with Mr. Arnold from the Health Department (see attachment). Mr. Arnold asked for direction from the Board regarding a press release. The Commissioners provided consensus to put out a press release with all available information related to COVID-19.

12-29-20-2-Local State of Emergency Declaration Ext, 12-29-20-2-additional documentation

Commissioner Gilpin moved, with a second by Commissioner Miller, to approve the Local State of Emergency Declaration Extension. The motion carried 3 - 0.
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3. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 5:21 p.m.