

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CAROLINE COUNTY
109 Market Street, Room 106, Denton, Maryland

Minutes
May 5, 2020

Present: President Larry C. Porter; Vice President Daniel J. Franklin; Commissioner Wilbur Levensgood, Jr.; via conference call.

The meeting began at 9:00 AM via conference call.

Situation Report and EOC Response Update Regarding COVID-19:

Caroline County Health Department Update: Scott LeRoy, Health Officer, briefed the Commissioners on updates regarding COVID-19. He stated that the Regional Testing Site has tested a total of 780 people, with 112 of those being from Caroline County. There are currently 142 test results that are pending. The Health Department is continuing to reach out to the Business Community to answer questions and ensure compliance with the State orders. The School Nurses from Caroline County Public Schools will be coming on staff today.

Department of Emergency Services & Emergency Operations Center: Anna Sierra, Director of Emergency Services, gave a brief update on the operations of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and Unified Command. The Community Point of Testing Event that was held in Federalsburg was successful and staff tested approximately 142 individuals. There will be a formal after-action report drafted for review by next week. EOC staff is communicating with the poultry industry to stay informed of practices at the local processing plants. The County has received more test kits from the State.

Caroline County Public Schools Update: Dr. Patty Saelens, Superintendent of Schools, advised that they are working on keeping the students engaged. There is a plan for graduation that will be presented at the Board of Education meeting tonight. More information will be forthcoming if that plan is approved. There are yard signs on order that will be placed throughout the County and around the schools with pictures of the graduating seniors. Summer staff development is being discussed as well as plans for returning to school in the fall.

Public Information Update: Sara Visintainer, Public Information Officer, stated that public information posts will continue throughout the week. The Community Point of Testing Event that occurred on May 2, 2020 was advertised to a targeted audience and was successful in getting that audience to the testing site.

Consent Agenda: The following items were approved by unanimous consent:

- Open and Closed Session minutes of the April 28, 2020 County Commissioners Meeting.
- CDBG Second Amendment to Grant Agreement.
- Letter of Support, Caroline County Public Library Capital Grant.
- MOU – Choptank Community Health.

Sue Simmons, Director of Recreation and Parks: Ms. Simmons briefed the Commissioner's on the timeline and monetary obligations necessary to commit to Summerfest 2020. The Commissioners discussed options and agreed to revisit in the near future.

County Administrators Report: Mr. Goldman advised that staff will be meeting to look into the Cares Act funding more closely and develop a plan to be submitted and approved by the State.

Open Discussion Period:

The Commissioners thanked all of the teachers for their hard work especially during the pandemic. They also thanked all of the County employees who are working to keep the County up and running. Commissioner Porter stated that he received a copy of a letter from the Denton Volunteer Fire Company that was sent to the Maryland State Fireman's Association outlining funds that have been lost due to the inability to fundraise.

There being no further discussion, on a motion by Commissioner Franklin, and seconded by Commissioner Levensgood, the meeting convened into closed session at 10:25 a.m. for the following purposes:

To discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals.



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