

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

Minutes
February 2, 2021

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

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 AM.

COVID-19 Response and Recovery Update:

Anna Sierra, Director of Emergency Services. Ms. Sierra provided an update on behalf of Health Officer, Laura Patrick, to the COVID numbers in Maryland and Caroline County. The total number of cases in Caroline County since the onset of the Pandemic is 1899. The positivity rate in Maryland is 5.62%, with Caroline County being 11.5%. There are 6 testing opportunities per week across the County. We are testing an average of 300-400 residents per week. Much appreciation to the Library employees who are staffing the COVID-19 call center. The Health Department and the Department of Emergency Services are working with the State of Maryland on a plan that will allow EMS employees to administer vaccinations after appropriate training. Ms. Sierra expressed her appreciation to the County Employees and volunteers who are dedicating their time to assisting residents at the vaccination sites. As of February 1st, 98.9% of Caroline County's doses have been administered. Approximately 2300 citizens have received their first doses with approximately 1100 receiving their second doses. Vaccinations on site at assisted living facilities and congregate facilities are continuing. There are currently no Caroline County residents hospitalized in Maryland hospitals that we are aware of. Commissioner Franklin inquired about reinfection data. Ms. Sierra stated that she is unaware if that data is being captured. Ms. Sierra reminded everyone to register through the Smart 911 system so that they can be contacted when appointments become available for vaccination.

Milton Nagel, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services. Mr. Nagel provided an update to Caroline County Public Schools. Mr. Nagel stated that Caroline County Public Schools welcomed some students in Pre-k thru 4th, 6th and 9th grades back into the building yesterday. The remainder of students that will attend in-person learning will come back in stages and will be in the building a few days per week.

Sara Visintainer, Chief of Staff. Ms. Visintainer provided an update on Public Information and Outreach. Ms. Visintainer stated a new registration process for vaccination appointments will be launching this week. The new system will screen citizens for eligibility and helps to determine which phase of the vaccination process the requestor is in. It also will allow us to create a database and assign appointments for vaccinations.

Margaret Roe, Director of Finance. Ms. Roe reviewed expenditures for the 2nd quarter of FY2021. She reported that the County has collected 64% of our projected revenue, while the County has spent 41% of the projected expenditures. She advised that we are trending the same

as this time last year. Projections are looking positive for the upcoming fiscal year. Ms. Roe stated that Capital expenditures need to be completed by June 30th, 2021.

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

- Minutes, January 26, 2021 County Commissioners Meeting
- 2021 Chesapeake Bay Trust Grant Agreement for Jonestown Community Park in the amount of \$2,850.00
- Employment Contract, Department of Emergency Services, Joshua Davies
- Employment Contract, Department of Emergency Services, Rebecca Bonner
- Employment Contract, Department of Emergency Services, Christian Helwig
- Employment Contract, Department of Emergency Services, Lauren Todd
- Personnel Grievance Panel New Appointment – Sarah Dahl
- Personnel Grievance Panel New Appointment – Jonah Owens

County Administrators Report:

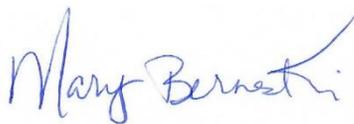
Mr. Goldman reported that progress is being made on gathering information for the disposal of the Goldsborough house. All legal work has been sent to contracted Attorney's while Ms. Price transitions to the bench.

Open Discussion Period:

The Commissioners expressed their appreciation to the COVID call center workers and all other workers that are staffing the testing and vaccination clinics. Commissioner Porter stated that he will continue to advocate to the Maryland Department of Health for more vaccination doses. Commissioner Levensgood mentioned upcoming bills that will need to be reviewed during Legislative session.

No public comment was received.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:58 a.m.



Mary Berneski
Paralegal