

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA

COURTHOUSE ANNEX

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, 2020

9:00 A.M.

The Board of County Commissioners of Madison County, Florida met this day in special session with the following members present: Donnie Waldrep (District 2), Ronnie Moore (District 3), and Alfred Martin (District 4). Also present were County Attorney George T. Reeves, County Manager Brian Kauffman and Clerk Billy Washington.

The Chairman, Honorable Donnie Waldrep, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and conducted roll call.

New Business #1: Discussion and Possible Approval of Extension of Declaration of State of Emergency in Response to the City of Valdosta Sewage Spill into the Withlatchoochee River. Health Department Director Kim Albritton gave a report on the testing of private wells. She stated that 170 wells have been tested. Of the 170 tested wells, 36 tested above the acceptable levels for fecal coliform bacteria and 2 tested above the acceptable levels for E. Coli bacteria. She said that residents have been provided with education material and instructions for disinfecting wells. She also mentioned that the Withlatchoochee River tested above the acceptable levels for fecal coliform bacteria at one location on December 24th and 26th. Other than those dates and location, testing at the river has not produced results above the acceptable levels. Ms. Albritton stated that she had a call today at 1:30 p.m. with the state Department of Health to discuss lifting the health advisory.

Commissioner Waldrep expressed his concern over lifting the county's local state of emergency due to the rain expected over the next few days. After discussion about timing of the local state of emergency, Commissioner Martin presented a motion to approve Resolution 2020-01-03 to extend the local state of emergency for another seven-day period. Commissioner Moore seconded the motion and the board voted unanimously (3-0) to approve the motion.

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 9:20 a.m.

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