



# Okeechobee County Board of County Commissioners

## County Briefing Updates COVID-19

Meeting Location  
304 NW 2nd Street  
Okeechobee, FL 34972  
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~ Agenda ~

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Thursday, July 2, 2020

4:00 PM

Historic Courthouse, Room 270

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### Call to Order

Terry Burroughs	Chairman
Bryant Culpepper	Commissioner
Kelly Owens	Commissioner
David Hazellief	Commissioner
Bradley G. Goodbread	Commissioner
Robbie Chartier	County Administrator
Wade Vose	County Attorney
Jeff Shain	Deputy Clerk

### I. Agenda

1. COUNTY BRIEFING MEETING ON COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) AND EXTENDING LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR A PERIOD OF SEVEN (7) DAYS BEGINNING JULY 3, 2020— Tracy Rowland

That the Board of County Commissioners conduct a County Briefing to receive an update on COVID-19 from the Public Safety Director and County Administrator as it relates to various scenarios and how it may impact the public, employees, and its operations;

and authorize the Chairman to execute Resolution 2020-32, extending the Local State of Emergency in response to COVID-19 pandemic. This Resolution of a Local State of Emergency will commence at 8:00 AM EDT on Friday, July 3, 2020 for a period of 7 days unless rescinded earlier by the Board.

### II. Adjournment

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**Okeechobee County  
Board of County Commissioners**

304 NW 2nd Street  
Okeechobee, FL 34972

Department: Administration  
Category: General Business  
Prepared By: Tracy Rowland  
Initiator: Tracy Rowland

**SCHEDULED  
ACTION ITEM (ID # 5962)**

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**SUBJECT:** COUNTY BRIEFING MEETING ON COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) AND EXTENDING LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR A PERIOD OF SEVEN (7) DAYS BEGINNING JULY 3, 2020

**MEETING:** County Briefing Updates COVID-19 July 02, 2020

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**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

N/A

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**REQUESTED ACTION:**

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**BACKGROUND:**

In light of evolving events surrounding COVID-19 the listed agencies will be updating the Board regarding COVID-19 and its evolving situation in Okeechobee County:

1. Public Safety Department
  2. Florida Department of Health
  3. Okeechobee County School Board
  4. Okeechobee County Sheriff
  5. Other Constitutional Officers
  6. County Administration
  7. Public Comments
  8. Commissioner Comments
  9. Questions or Topics to address at the next meeting on this subject.
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**ATTACHMENTS:**

- BOCC LSE Resolution COVID19 Extension 07-02-2020 meeting PDFA ADA CKd (002)  
(PDF)

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**OKEECHOBEE COUNTY FLORIDA**

**RESOLUTION N0**

**DECLARATION EXTENDING STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY FOR  
OKEECHOBEE COUNTY.**

**WHEREAS**, Section 252.38 Florida Statutes, notes that safeguarding the life and property of its citizens is an innate responsibility of the governing body of each political subdivision of the state; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 252.38(3) (a), Florida Statutes, empowers political subdivisions to declare a state of local emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 252.38(3)(a), Florida Statutes, empowers political subdivisions to take certain actions, including the power and authority to assign and make available for duty the officers and agencies of the political subdivision, including the employees, property, or equipment thereof relating to firefighting, engineering , rescue, health, medical and related services, police, transportation, construction, and similar items or services for emergency operations purposes, as the primary emergency management forces of the political subdivision for employment within or outside the political limits of the subdivision; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 252.38(3) (a), Florida Statutes, as well as Section 26-26 of the Okeechobee County Code, empowers the County to waive the procedures and formalities otherwise required of the County by law pertaining to 1: Performance of public work taking whatever prudent action is necessary to ensure health, safety, and welfare of the community; 2. Entering into contracts; 3. incurring obligations; 4. Employment of permanent and temporary worker; 5. Utilization of volunteer workers; 6. Rental of equipment; 7. Acquisition and distribution, with or without compensation, of supplies, materials and facilities; and 8. Appropriation and expenditures of public funds; and

**WHEREAS**, BOCC Resolution 2009-47 directs the use of the National Incident Management System as the county's system of preparing for and responding to disaster incidents, including the use of the Incident Command System to establish an Incident Management Team to address hazards and threats facing the jurisdiction, and a delegation of authority to an Incident Commander: and,

**WHEREAS**, In Resolution 2020 – 07 the Board of County Commissioners a local state of emergency for seven (7) days as of Thursday March 19, 2020 because of the imminent threat posed by the COVID-19 global pandemic,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, that:**

1. That the state of local emergency declared on Thursday March 19, 2020 is extended for an additional seven (7) days from the time when the state of local emergency would have expired pursuant to Resolution.

RESOLVED this 2nd day of July 2020.

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Terry W. Burroughs, Chair  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTEST:

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Sharon Robertson, Clerk  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA