

The County Council convened as the Committee of the Whole on November 29, 2021 to discuss CR-137-2021 a resolution continuing the emergency declaration adopted by the governing body on October 19, 2021, CR-122-2021 and continued by the County Executive as set forth in Executive Order 21-2021 dated September 30, 2021.

Rhonda Weaver, County Attorney, gave an overview of the resolution. She stated that the declaration of emergency shall stay in effect through January 23, 2022 from its effective date of December 9, 2021 unless amended or terminated sooner by the County Executive or as extended by a subsequent resolution of the governing body.

Dr. Ernest Carter, Health Officer, also briefed the Committee on the status of COVID-19 efforts in the County and the need to continue the emergency declaration. The Committee discussed issues involving an update on the Omicron variant; the importance of keeping the indoor masking mandate in place; vaccination rates of the senior community, residents 12 years old and up, and County employees; issues surrounding requiring masks in gyms and health clubs; booster shots and availability to the public; and the County continuing home visits and mobile units. After a robust discussion, the Committee of the Whole voted favorable on CR-137-2021, 9-0.