

The County Council convened as the Committee of the Whole on January 18, 2022 to discuss CR-001-2022 a resolution continuing the emergency declaration adopted by the governing body on November 29, 2021, CR-137-2021 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 March 9, 2022 from its effective date of January 23, 2022 unless amended or terminated sooner by the County Executive or as extended by a subsequent resolution of the governing body.

Dr. George L. Askew, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Health, Human Services and Education, and 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 resident vaccinations rates of the senior community and children 5 to 12 years old; availability of booster shots to the senior community and student population; and the definition of fully vaccinated. After a robust discussion, the Committee of the Whole voted favorable on CR-001-2022, 10-0.