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Washington County Unemployment Update

(April 23, 2020, Chipley) The Washington County Board of County Commissioners is monitoring the unemployment situation closely for our county and will make sure that residents are equipped with all the knowledge necessary to help them survive in this uncertain time. The County understands that it has been a struggle to apply for benefits through the state because of the state system becoming overloaded and long wait times for assistance via phone. Thankfully, anyone with a delayed application will not be denied payment.

The Florida Department of Management Services Secretary, Jonathan Satter, announced on Wednesday, April 22, 2020 that retroactive payments will be awarded to those that lost their job on or after March 9, 2020, regardless of when they submitted their application. If you are an independent contractor, self-employed or a gig-worker, you can now apply for your federal benefits through the state's existing application system. More details will be released soon.

For more information on the Florida Department of Management Services, please visit www.dms.myflorida.com. For current COVID-19 resources for residents and small businesses, please visit the County's website at www.washingtonfl.com and click on the COVID-19 button.

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