

3MINUTES OF THE GLADES COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
EMERGENCY MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2017 AT 2:00 P.M. IN
THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM, GLADES COUNTY
COURTHOUSE, MOORE HAVEN, FLORIDA

The Glades County Board of County Commissioners met on Wednesday, September 6, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. with the following Commissioners present:

John Ahern, Chairman
Tim Stanley, Vice Chairman
Weston Pryor
Donna Storter-Long
Donald Strenth

Others present:

Sandra H. Brown, Clerk of Court
Julie Mann Braddock, Administrative Secretary
Tiffany Patterson, Finance Director
Paul Carlisle, County Manager
Jerry Randolph, Public Works Director
Michelle Lanier, Probation Officer
David Hardin, Sheriff
Angie Colegrove, Emergency Management Director
Scott Bass, School Superintendent
Aletris Farnam, Supervisor of Elections
Susan Whidden, Administrative Assistant
Inga Williams, Community Development Director
Gabrielle Ibietatorremendia, Human Resources Director
Tycee Prevatt, Agriculture Extension Agent
Jack Lundy, County Judge
Gail Jones, Tax Collector
Jerri Lynn Schlueter, Public Works Director – City of Moore Haven
Kevin Bryant
Lori Ward, Property Appraiser
James Brickel, Director of Administrative Services
Jeff Hill, Sheriff's Department

Chairman Ahern called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

PRAYER

Commissioner Storter Long gave the invocation.

PLEDGE

Vice chairman Stanley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA

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Angie Colegrove, Emergency Management Director, stated the EOC was on Level 2 activation. She stated Hurricane Irma was a Category 5 storm. She stated Tropical Storm Force winds would reach South Florida by Saturday at 8:00 a.m. and Hurricane force winds by Monday at 2:00 a.m. She stated the Animal Control Officer would only be taking emergency calls.

County Manager Carlisle stated the County was still in the cone and would continue to prepare for the worst. He stated there was some uncertainty as to where the storm would make landfall but the County was in the projected path.

Mrs. Colegrove stated there were Hurricane force winds up to 45 miles from the center of the storm and that the residents should prepare for the worst over the weekend.

Chairman Ahern asked what shelters would be open and when.

Mrs. Colegrove stated the special needs shelter would open at 2:00 p.m. today and that she had a call down roster that would be used. She stated 4 residents had been added to this roster today. She stated Manatee County would be taking any overflow of special needs residents. She stated the general population shelters would open at 5:30 p.m. She stated these shelters were located at West Glades School, Moore Haven High School, and the Maple Grove Baptist Church. She stated she was not comfortable opening the Buckhead Ridge shelter because it was not rated for the winds that were being expected.

There was a brief discussion about the VFW building in Buckhead Ridge and why it would not be opened as a shelter.

Mrs. Colegrove stated the Lakeport Community Building would not be opened as a shelter but there were sand bags available to the residents at that site.

Sheriff Hardin stated his staff would not be manning the building if it opened for local residents.

Mrs. Colegrove stated the building was not a safe place to seek shelter in.

Scott Bass, Superintendent, stated the schools would be closed on Thursday and Friday and possibly Monday. He stated the schools were ready to be opened as shelters. He stated the Harry Chapin Food Bank would be at the school at 3:00 p.m. this afternoon and he had asked that they bring water also. He stated Al Brown had met with the Red Cross regarding the storm and supplies. He asked that residents bring their food supplies to the shelters.

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Sheriff Hardin stated he would be housing any sex offenders that needed shelter at the County Jail. He stated ICE and the Federal Government had removed all of their inmates from the ICE facility. He stated they would be returned after the storm.

Chairman Ahern stated some of the inmates had been taken to Texas and others had been taken to Georgia. He expressed concern with the storm track going into Georgia.

Jerry Randolph, Public Works Director, stated all generators were filled at the shelters and all County buildings had been boarded up. He stated his employees were working on the Library and the County Road Barn. He stated they were ready for the storm.

Jerri Lynn Schuelter, Public Works Director - City of Moore Haven, stated the City was working with FEMA and had crews on stand by for electric restoration after the storm passed and for debris removal.

County Manager Carlisle read the title of the resolution into the record. He stated this resolution was required in order to for the County to function and obtain FEMA and state reimbursements.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Pryor seconded by Commissioner Strenth the Board approved Glades County Resolution No. 2017-22 Proclamation Declaring a State of Local Emergency.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

Chairman Ahern opened a discussion regarding the closing of County facility.

County Manager Carlisle stated the Schools had elected to close their facilities and the Courts were closing on Thursday, Friday, and possibly Monday. He stated considering the students would be out of school and the school buildings would be used as shelters he felt the Board should authorize closure of the County facilities and authorize him to make a decision regarding closing on Monday based on conditions after the storm. He stated essential staff would be required to work over the weekend (i.e. EMS, Fire, Sheriff's Office, and Road Department).

Commissioner Pryor questioned how these employees would be paid and if they would receive time and half or double time pay.

Commissioner Storter Long commented on some of the employees being scheduled to work already.

County Manager Carlisle suggested paying double time.

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Commissioner Storter Long asked if Mrs. Colegrove would be calling in any additional staff for the storm.

Mrs. Colegrove stated she may have an additional crew on Saturday and Sunday for EMS.

Commissioner Storter Long asked if the employees were paid double time if those costs would be figured in the FEMA reimbursement and the 12.5% that the County would have to provide.

Mrs. Colegrove stated if the County was declared by the Governor then yes the costs would be figured in the 12.5%. She stated this figure would be 100% if the County was not declared. She stated if the County did not make the \$46,000.00 these costs would be direct loss. She explained how the project worksheets would be added up after the storm.

Vice Chairman Stanley asked if he was correct in understanding that the Board was going to pay double time for Saturday and Sunday also. He stated he believed Saturday and Sunday should be paid at time and half. He stated he understood paying the people that were to be off on Thursday and Friday double time if they came in to work.

Commissioner Storter Long stated the Board needed to make sure the Finance Clerk understood exactly what was being directed.

Ms. Brown stated there had been problems with the payroll after Hurricane Matthew because of the payment of overtime.

Commissioner Storter Long stated everyone would be paid for Thursday and Friday regardless of whether they were scheduled to work. She explained that if an employee was scheduled to work Thursday or Friday the employee would be paid doubletime. She stated Saturday and Sunday would only be work days for Public Works and EMS employees. She further stated that if an employee was on stand by and called in then they should be paid double time.

Ms. Brown clarified that if the employees that normally worked on Thursday and Friday were off on those days they would still get paid.

Commissioner Storter Long stated this was correct, they would be paid anyway. She stated that the people worked on Thursday and Friday they would be paid double time. She stated the people that did not normally work on the weekend would not be paid anything and the people that did normally work on the weekend would be paid double time. She stated if those employees were on stand-by and were called in they would be paid double time.

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Vice Chairman Stanley asked if everyone would be on double time for a month if the storm caused significant damage and the County was closed down for a lengthy amount of time.

Chairman Ahern stated this discussion was regarding payment through Monday and that the circumstances would need to be re-evaluated at that point.

County Manager Carlisle stated people may be able to work on Tuesday. He stated the Board would also need to talk about the Commission meeting on Tuesday and the Budget hearing on Tuesday night. He stated he had asked Mrs. Williams to cancel the Planning and Zoning meeting on Tuesday night.

Ms. Brown stated there was also a Value Adjustment Board hearing scheduled for Tuesday.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Storter Long seconded by Commissioner Strenth the Board authorized closure of County facilities on Thursday, September 7, 2017 and Friday, September 8, 2017; authorized County Manager Carlisle to close County facilities on Monday, September 11, 2017 at his discretion; authorized payment for their time for employees who normally work on Thursday and Friday; authorized payment of double time for those employees that were called in to work on Thursday and Friday; authorized payment of double time for those employees on stand-by who were called in over the weekend; authorized payment of double time for those employees that normally work on the weekends; and if the County facilities remained closed the pay rate would still apply.

Commissioner Storter Long clarified that the employees would have to be called in by a Supervisor to work, they could not just show up.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

Jack Lundy, County Judge, stated the Courts would be closed Thursday and Friday and Monday was to be determined. He stated he would be doing first appearances as normal on Thursday and Friday at 8:30 a.m. and Judge Sloan was scheduled to hear first appearances by Polycom on Saturday and Sunday. He stated if Polycom was down for any reason he would be go to the Jail to do them.

Sheriff Hardin stated his staff would man all of the designated shelters once they were opened. He stated the Sheriff's Department would go on Alpha Bravo and remain there until the storm passed. He stated he would be half staffed and would call in the rest as needed. He stated once the winds hit 45 mph the Sheriff's Department would not be responding to calls. He clarified that Emergency Medical vehicles would not be able to respond either.

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Mrs. Colegrove stated EMS nor Fire would be able to respond.

Commissioner Storter Long asked if traffic would be allowed to travel after the winds reached 45 mph.

Sheriff Hardin stated he did not have the authority to stop traffic from traveling; however, he could impose curfews for residents.

County Manager Carlisle stated he had another conference call with the Chairman and Governor's office tonight at 7:45 p.m. and another meeting in the morning with the Water Management District to discuss the integrity of the dike.

Commissioner Storter Long asked if the Army Corps of Engineers had been contacted.

County Manager Carlisle stated they would be involved in the discussions.

Chairman Ahern stated he appreciated all of the hard work put into preparing for this storm. He stated he would be hoping for the best.

ADJOURN

ON MOTION of Commissioner Pryor seconded by Commissioner Storter Long the Board adjourned the meeting.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

There being no further discussion, Chairman Ahern adjourned the meeting at 2:37 p.m.

John Ahern, Chairman

ATTEST:

Sandra H. Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court

Approved: November 14, 2017

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