

**CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
EMERGENCY MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 23, 2016**

PRESENT AND ACTING:

**MARION "LEE LEE" BROWN, CHAIRMAN
THOMAS G. FLOWERS
DENNIS JONES
DARRELL MCDOUGALD**

**MATTHEW FUQUA, ATTORNEY
CARLA HAND, CLERK OF COURT AND COUNTY COMPTROLLER
BECKY BROWN, DEPUTY CLERK**

The workshop was called to order by Chairman Brown at 5:27 p.m., CT.

Ms. Smith advised the Board of a severe storm system coming through Calhoun County during the night which could produce excessive high winds (70 mph), rain, hail and possible tornados. Ms. Smith asked the Board for their direction in opening an emergency shelter at the Mossy Pond Library. There was further discussion of what kind of assistance this will allow the County to receive by opening an emergency shelter and which shelter to open.

- ❖ A motion to forgo opening an emergency shelter was made by Chairman Brown and seconded by Commissioner Flowers. Attorney Fuqua stated an action was not necessary. Chairman Brown withdrew his motion.

Ms. Smith asked the Board to adopt a Resolution declaring a State of Emergency in Calhoun County for the severe storm of 2016 with severe weather conditions and the fact that there is a likelihood of substantial injury to the population and substantial damage due to the loss of property.

**RESOLUTION OF THE CALHOUN COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, the Calhoun County Board of County Commissioners have met and considered the conditions caused by the Severe Storm of 2016, with severe weather conditions, and the fact that there is a likelihood of substantial injury to the population and substantial damage due to the loss of property, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Calhoun County, Florida, is hereby declared to be in a state of emergency.

Due to the rapid escalation of this problem and the requirement for rapid action, publication of notice of this special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners is not practical. Furthermore, the Board of County Commissioners hereby exercises its authority and waives the proceedings and formalities required by law of a political subdivision as provided by Florida Statutes 252.38.

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While the state of emergency continues to exist, the County shall have the power and authority to carry on those activities set forth in Florida Statutes 252.38, including but not limited to: appropriate and expend funds; make contracts, obtain and distribute, equipment, materials and supplies for emergency management purposes; provide for the health and safety of person and property, including emergency assistance to the victim of any emergency; and direct and coordinate the development of the emergency management plans and programs in accordance with the plans and policies set forth by federal and state emergency management agencies;

To appoint, employ, remove or provide with or without compensation, coordinators, rescue teams, fire and police personnel and other emergency workers;

To establish, as necessary, a primary and one or more secondary emergency operating centers to provide continuity of government and direction and control of emergency operations;

To assign and make available for duty the offices 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 of services for emergency operation purposes, as the primary emergency management forces of the political subdivision for employment within or outside the political limits of the subdivision.

To request state assistance or invoke emergency-related mutual-aid assistance by declaring a state of local emergency in the event of an emergency affecting only one political subdivision. The duration of this state of emergency declared locally is limited to 7 days; it may be extended, as necessary in 7-day increments.

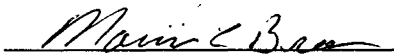
By special order of the County Commissioners in a vote of 4 to 0, this 23rd day of February, 2016.

- ❖ A motion declaring a local State of Emergency for the severe storm of 2016 was made by Commissioner McDougald and seconded by Chairman Brown. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

Ms. Smith asked the Board for their permission and allow her to work throughout the night in the Emergency Management Office monitoring the storm and responding to citizen inquiries. There was further discussion of whether Ms. Smith should stay in the office or forward the calls to her home phone. (The Board asked whether this would invoke the double pay status and she stated no as she would go home the next morning if the emergency situation had ceased.)

- ❖ A motion to allow Ms. Smith to work throughout the night in the Emergency Management Office was made by Chairman Brown and seconded by Commissioner Jones. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

The Emergency Board meeting was adjourned.


MARION "LEE LEE" BROWN, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:


CARLA A. HAND, CLERK

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