

**CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
EMERGENCY MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 8, 2018**

PRESENT AND ACTING:

**DANNY RAY WISE, CHAIRMAN
GENE BAILEY, VICE-CHAIRMAN
DARRELL MCDUGALD
DENNIS JONES
JERAL HALL**

**CARLA A. HAND, CLERK OF COURT AND COUNTY COMPTROLLER
SARAH WILLIAMS, CLERK ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

Chairman Wise called the meeting held in the Emergency Operations Center to order at 9:00 A.M.; CT.

Mr. Adam Johnson, Interim Emergency Management Coordinator, briefed the Board on Tropical Storm Michael and stated the storm is predicted to be upgraded to a hurricane by this afternoon. Mr. Johnson stated the hurricane could be a possible category three (3) when it makes landfall. Mr. Johnson stated there are already hurricane watches in effect, and Calhoun County is included in these watches. Mr. Johnson stated the earliest onset of tropical storm force winds currently is forecast for Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Johnson stated he has been speaking with Superintendent Yoder regarding school closings, and opening shelters. Mr. Johnson requested the Board declare a local state of emergency so mutual aid agreements could be enacted and begin necessary preparations for the storm.

**RESOLUTION #2018-30
CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

RESOLUTION DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Calhoun County Board of County Commissioners have met and considered the conditions caused by Tropical Storm Michael, 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.

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 by 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 5 to 0, this 8th day of October, 2018.

- ❖ Commissioner McDougald made a motion to declare a local state of emergency and adopt Resolution 2018-30. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Mr. Johnson stated different groups have contacted him offering to bring supplies and donations to the County. Mr. Johnson stated he has also been speaking with the Red Cross, who is short-staffed, but are working on setting up training for school staff and prepare them for evacuees to shelters. Mr. Johnson stated he would need Board direction on when they would like to shut down County offices and open shelters. Superintendent Yoder stated he has a conference call with the Department of Education at 10:30 this morning, and another at 1:00 this afternoon, and would be making a decision after these calls for school closures. Superintendent Yoder stated he feels schools would be closed at least Wednesday, and possible Thursday as well. Superintendent Yoder stated as of now schools would be open Tuesday, and preparations to open a shelter at Blountstown High School would begin as soon as students were released. Chairman Wise stated a shelter at Altha School should be opened as well. Superintendent Yoder stated there were only nineteen (19) people at the shelter in Altha during the last storm event, and it is his staff the school board must pay to staff the shelter. Superintendent Yoder stated he feels they can better serve the community with one (1) shelter location. Mr. Johnson stated he would recommend one (1) shelter, and once that shelter reaches 75% capacity another shelter could be opened. Chairman Wise disagreed, and stated all shelters need to be available. Commissioner Hall stated it is better to have the shelters open and not need them, than need them open and not have them. Mr. Johnson stated if this is what the Board wants they would make it happen. Mr. Johnson stated volunteers would be needed to staff the shelters. Superintendent Yoder asked if the County would be reimbursing the School Board for their cost for staffing an additional shelter at Altha School. Chairman Wise stated the County would reimburse the school board if they have to in order to have shelters open. There was further discussion about Hurricane Michael. Chairman Wise asked when shelters would be opening. Mr. Johnson stated he is planning on opening shelters Tuesday evening,

depending on school closures, and remain open as needed. Commissioner Bailey stated he supports reimbursing the school board for their costs of staffing school shelters, and would be in favor of paying them in an orderly fashion and not wait for FEMA reimbursements.

- ❖ Commissioner Bailey made a motion to open all shelters in an orderly fashion, and reimburse the school board for their shelter staffing costs. Commissioner McDougald seconded the motion. Commissioner Bailey asked when the EOC would be activated. Mr. Johnson stated he would be activating the EOC to a level two (2) activation at the close of this meeting, and starting tomorrow morning the EOC would be activated to a level one (1). There was further discussion about overtime for County employees. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Commissioner Bailey inquired about special needs citizens. Mr. Johnson stated the Health Department would be making notifications to these citizens. Ms. Rachel Bryant, Health Department Director, stated they have begun making notifications. Chairman Wise asked where the special needs citizens evacuate. Ms. Bryant stated if they choose to evacuate, they go to the special needs shelter in Jackson County. There was further discussion about special needs evacuations. Ms. Bryant stated her staff is scheduled to work pre-storm at the Jackson County special needs shelter. Ms. Bryant stated a special needs shelter would also be opened in Liberty County at their shelter beside the senior citizens building. There was further discussion about shelters. Mr. Johnson stated he would coordinate shelter openings with Superintendent Yoder at the schools and Ms. Rita Maupin, Director of Library services, at the Mossy Pond Library.

Chairman Wise stated there is a County Commission Board meeting scheduled for tomorrow night and asked if the Board would like to keep the meeting or cancel. Commissioner Bailey asked if there is any business (deadline related) due at the meeting tomorrow night. Clerk Hand stated nothing time sensitive is scheduled other than approving payment of vouchers. Commissioner McDougald asked if the invoices could be approved for payment in the current meeting. Clerk Hand stated this would be allowable.

- ❖ Commissioner McDougald made a motion to approve the vouchers as published on the agenda (vouchers for warrants: accounts payable warrants – 1809-2ES, 1809-TAG, 1809-UTL, 1810-1EC, 1810-1EP, 1810-1GC, 1810-1GP, 1810-1LP, 1810-1RC, 1810-1RP, 1810-1SP, 1810-MED, 1810-1SC and payroll warrants – PR18-B31, PR18-B32, PR090618, PR092018). Commissioner Bailey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.
- ❖ Commissioner Hall made a motion to cancel the regular Board meeting scheduled for tomorrow at 6:00 pm, Tuesday, October 9, 2018. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:22 A.M., CT.

Danny Ray Wise
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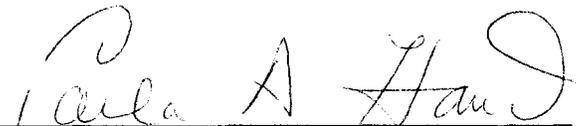
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Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners

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OF CALHOUN COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY:


Calhoun County Board of Commissioners