

**CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
EMERGENCY MEETING  
EXTENSION OF LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY  
OCTOBER 12, 2018**

**PRESENT AND ACTING:**

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

**CARLA HAND, CLERK OF COURT AND COUNTY COMPTROLLER  
KATHY STEWART, ACCOUNTING MANAGER  
JUANICE WENGERD, A/P CLERK**

Chairman Wise called the meeting held in the EOC command center to order at 7:07 P.M.; CT.

**EXTENSION OF DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY**

**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 Hurricane Michael, severe weather conditions, and the fact that substantial injury to the population and substantial damage due to the loss of property has occurred, and

WHEREAS, Hurricane Michael has caused extensive damage to public utilities, public buildings, public streets and roads, public parks and property, and commercial and residential buildings and areas; therefore

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

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.

DONE, ORDERED, AND ADOPTED, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2018.

- ❖ A motion to extend the declaration of the current state of emergency (1<sup>st</sup> extension) was made by Chairman Wise and seconded by Commissioner Jones. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

#### **VENDORS**

Chairman Wise addressed the vendors present thanking them for coming to help and informing them that they would be checked out before being awarded any contracts for work. Florida DOT has a standing contract with DBI to clear State roads. Jonathan Lord (Critical Response Team representative) stated, "You can only clear roads that you own (County roads). If you clear a State road you will not be reimbursed."

#### **REQUEST TO THE STATE FOR ROAD CLEARING ASSISTANCE**

Chairman Wise stated that our road department employees are not able to handle all of the road clearing. Jonathan Lord stated the County has requested that the State handle the debris removal and the request was denied. A second request was submitted and we are waiting for a response.

Clerk Hand made mention of the fiscal concern for the Board.

Commissioner Bailey asked if we could negotiate a contract that allows for the work to be done but the payment not be made until the funds come in from FEMA. A contractor representative from DRC Emergency Services addressed the Board. There was more discussion regarding payment options.

Commissioner Bailey asked if they must vote on this tonight. Jonathan Lord suggested that they wait until they hear the response on the second request.

#### **CARLA PEACOCK – PROPERTY APPRAISER**

The software company used by the Property Appraiser for their website will conduct a fly-over to collect photos of the county to be used to assess property damage. The software needed to review the images costs \$2,200. Ms. Peacock stated that she had funds left from her fiscal year 2017-2018 budget, in excess of the amount needed for the software. She requested permission to purchase the software and

get the process started immediately. Commissioner McDougald made a motion to allow Ms. Peacock to purchase the software. Commissioner Bailey seconded the motion.

Commissioner Bailey asked when the results of the damage assessment would be available. Ms. Peacock has already given Ms. Kimberly Prosser (Representative on the Critical Response team) information on the value of the houses in the county but it will take time to review the images once received to determine the percentage of homes damaged. Commissioner Bailey asked who would be involved in the damage assessment. Ms. Carla Peacock indicated that it would be up to her office to perform the damage assessment.

There was more discussion regarding the process surrounding the damage assessments, the process of being declared eligible to participate and the advantages/disadvantages of having the state pay for the debris removal.

The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

The representative from DRC Emergency Services offered to rent loaders to the county and accept the FEMA approved amount (if approved) or below market value if not approved. Commissioner Bailey declined the offer.

Commissioner Bailey made a motion to give Cliff Edenfield, Road Department Supervisor, the authority to rent equipment to clear county and state roads. Commissioner McDougald seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

#### **CLERK HAND**

The Florida League of Cities is sending someone to assess the damage to county buildings.

Commissioner Bailey asked Adam Johnson to use the electronic billboards to announce locations of the Points of Distribution centers (PODS).

Commissioner Wise requested that PODS be established in all four quadrants of the county.

Commissioner Bailey asked when the power might be back on. There was some discussion regarding the restoration of power.

#### **RITA MAUPIN**

Two libraries are damaged and unusable. Commissioner Bailey suggested that the employees be assigned to PODS or other emergency services and the payroll would be reimbursable by FEMA. The Board agreed for Library employees to be reassigned to PODs and other emergency services.

Commissioner McDougald asked what the courthouse staff is doing. Are they working in emergency areas? Clerk Hand informed them that the Clerk and Property Appraisers staff have been working in the Emergency Management office.

**ADAM JOHNSON**

Adam Johnson presented the Board with a "Delegation of Authority" letter granting him the authority to extend the Local State of Emergency every seven (7) days. Commissioner McDougald made a motion to allow Adam Johnson to sign the extension letters. Commissioner Bailey seconded the motion.

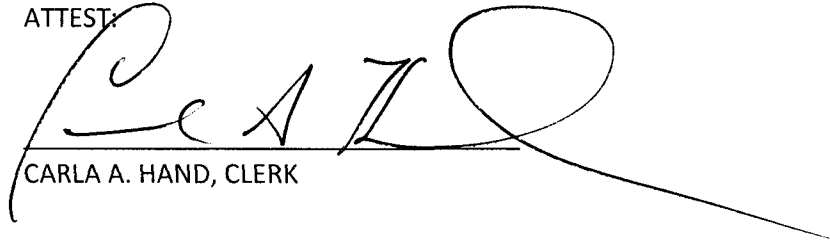
Commissioner Bailey amended the motion to allow Chairman Wise to sign the extensions to the Local State of Emergency without a Board meeting. The motion was seconded. The motion to amend the motion passed unanimously 4-0.

The motion to allow Chairman Wise to sign the extensions to the Local State of Emergency passed unanimously 4-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 P.M.

  
DANNY RAY WISE, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

  
CARLA A. HAND, CLERK

**RESOLUTION # 2018-30**

**CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**RESOLUTION DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY –  
FIRST EXTENSION**

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CALHOUN COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BY:

  
CARLA A. HAND, CLERK

  
DANNY RAY WISE, BOCC CHAIRMAN