

**CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
EMERGENCY BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 16, 2018**

PRESENT AND ACTING:

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

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

Chairman Wise called the Emergency Board meeting held in the Clerk of Court Office to order at 1:00p.m., CT.

Ms. Becky Smith, Tax Collector, stated her office is up and operational. Ms. Smith requested the front doors of the Courthouse be unlocked so they could begin to serve the public. Sheriff Kimbrel stated he would have deputies at the door for security tomorrow morning. There was further discussion about Ms. Smith's office.

Ms. Kimberly Prosser stated FEMA does have disaster assistance teams in the County at POD (Point of Distribution) sites or shelter locations getting people registered. Ms. Prosser stated after registered, FEMA inspectors would visit houses however, she does not believe the County is that far along that inspectors have arrived. Ms. Prosser stated they would follow up with FEMA for more information. There was further discussion about FEMA.

Clerk Hand stated she would need to bring her staff back into her office once the courthouse is open. Commissioner Jones stated if employees were going back to their regular jobs, additional people would be needed to work the positions they would be leaving. Ms. Kristy Terry stated there are volunteers who could fill some of these positions, and Career Source Chipola is currently searching for a company to facilitate the additional jobs needed. Ms. Terry stated hopefully in a couple days they could find a company and a contract could be put in place to begin hiring. There was further discussion about additional workforce for the County.

Chairman Wise stated the National Guard should be posted at the distribution center to guard the area. Ms. Terry stated there is an armed guard stationed at the distribution center currently and also three State Troopers. Chairman Wise stated supplies should not be stock piled, and should be taken to the POD sites so it doesn't seem the County is trying to deprive anyone of needed items. Ms. Terry stated she is trying to manage all resources so they are used appropriately, but if this situation is going to continue for even one (1) month, she is worried that in a few weeks the supplies coming into the County are going to slow down as the news coverage declines for the area and she does not know if as many supplies would be coming in after that time. Ms. Terry stated it might not be a bad idea to keep moving supplies at the same level they are now, so that in a month from now there would still be much needed supplies left for the community. Ms. Terry stated she has been getting more calls recently about donating their time cleaning up the area, rather than donating supplies. There was further discussion about donations and clean-up. Ms. Terry stated Governor Rick Scott would be visiting the County this

afternoon at 2:45 and would be coming to the Clerk of Court Office first to speak with the County Commissioners, and then would be moving outside to speak with the team in the Mobile Unit.

Commissioner Bailey stated several counties have offered to send equipment and operators to help with clean-up efforts, which is appreciated but he did not accept any offers yet. Mr. Cliff Edenfield, Road Superintendent, stated an assessment would need to be made to see what needs the County has at this time and they could make a decision from there.

Mr. Adam Johnson, Interim Emergency Management Director, stated he would plan to brief the Board at any meetings that are scheduled.

Commissioner Bailey presented a limited access agreement to the Board with Gulf Power Company for a portable cell tower located at Sam Atkins Park.

- ❖ Commissioner McDougald made a motion to approve and give the Chairman permission to execute the limited access agreement with Gulf Power Company. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 4-0

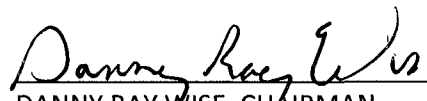
Commissioner Bailey asked if FEMA would reimburse generator purchases due to the power outages caused by Hurricane Michael. Ms. Prosser stated FEMA used to do this in years past, but is not something that has been done in recent storms. Mr. Jace Ford stated a FEMA representative was in his office a couple days ago and she told him to keep receipts related to any expenses due to the storm, and they could potentially be reimbursed. Ms. Prosser stated FEMA would not reimburse for spoiled food, and at Mr. Johnson's request they have put in a request to the State for the Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program for temporary food stamps.

Commissioner Jones asked about the status for showers at Hugh Creek. Mr. Johnson stated they have requested several showers and they are still coming in. Commissioner Jones stated there are generators wrapped in plastic behind the Courthouse that no one is watching. Commissioner Jones stated these need to be guarded or they may be stolen. Ms. Prosser stated the thirty-eight (38) generators were sent from the State Emergency Operations Center to power traffic signals. Ms. Prosser stated the generators are small and would not power much. Commissioner Bailey asked who ordered the generators. Ms. Prosser and Mr. Johnson stated no one ordered the generators, the State EOC just sent them without being asked. Commissioner Jones stated one (1) generator looks to have already been taken.

Chairman Wise asked if the 15,000 tarps requested have been delivered. Mr. Johnson stated 15,000 tarps have been delivered and dispersed. There was further discussion about tarps. Mr. Johnson stated additional tarps have been requested. Mr. Ford stated he has had a lot of people ask if there are supplies such as roofing tacks and lathing strips to secure the tarps to houses. Mr. Ford stated chain oil and chains for chainsaws would also be beneficial. Ms. Terry stated people are asking for specific needs and these are items that could be requested. There was further discussion about tarps and POD sites.

There was consensus to hold a Special meeting on Thursday at 5:00 to be held in the Clerk's Office.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:41 p.m., CT.


DANNY RAY WISE, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:


CARLA A. HAND, CLERK