

Emergency Meeting
October 18, 2018
7:00 P.M. ET

Chairman Dexter Barber called the meeting to order. Present at the meeting were Commissioner Dexter Barber, Commissioner Scott Phillips, Commissioner James Sanders, Commissioner Jim Johnson and Commissioner Dewayne Branch. County Attorney Myers, Clerk Kathleen Brown and Deputy Clerk Mason Kever.

Dick Stanley led Prayer.

Commissioner Sanders led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion to approve the agenda made by Commissioner Sanders, second by Commissioner Johnson and carried.

Audience Concerns:

Kevin Sherin, Liberty County Health Department advised the Board that he is here to relieve Rachel Bryant due to the many hours she has worked due to Hurricane Michael. The Health Department is here to support Liberty County through this disaster, educating the public on the safety operations of generators, environmental concerns, mosquito spraying, baby supplies, etc. Commissioner Phillips discussed septic tanks concerns.

Mr. Roberts and Ms. Harrington with FEMA advised the Board of the available resources to Liberty County. They advised the Board of the process to register and provided a phone number and web address. They are in the process of scheduling two town hall meetings in Liberty County. Motion to approve the town hall meetings as approved by EOC made by Commissioner Johnson, second by Commissioner Branch and carried.

Rhonda Lewis, Emergency Management Director advised the Board of the available supplies and locations. EOC has a pre-disaster contract in place. Most of the power has been restored in Hosford and Bristol. The debris clean up and removal was discussed by Commissioner Branch. He acknowledged receipt of the notice from DOT. Commissioner Phillips discussed the disaster clean up. The Liberty County landfill is a debris storage and incineration site.

Motion to approve expenditure to City Electric for the generator at the Road and Bridge Department for operation of the fuel pumps at the County yard during Hurricane Michael in the amount of \$7400.00 made by Commissioner Johnson, second by Commissioner Branch, and carried.

Motion to approve labor costs for Joe Combs to hook up the generator at the Road and Bridge Department during Hurricane Michael made by Commissioner Sanders, second by Commissioner Phillips and carried.

Motion to approve six dumpsters being delivered by Waste-Pro to be set up in each Commissioners districts and one at the Woodman of the World Camp to accommodate extra trash created by Hurricane Michael made by Commissioner Sanders, second by Commissioner Johnson, and carried.

absence for other employment but did allow him to take off two weeks using annual time. County Attorney Myers to review Board's personnel policy. Mr. Earnest advised the Board that the debris removal company, Bergeron, is advising citizens to put the garbage/debris out by the right of way and it will be picked up in stages.

The Board discussed Insurance Adjuster assessing all County structures for damages.

The Board discussed County burn ban being lifted. City of Bristol's is still in effect.

The Board discussed the waiver of late fees on water and garbage accounts due to County closures and water bills for the month of October being reduced to minimum bills due to numerous leaks. Motion to approve made by Commissioner Johnson, second by Commissioner Sanders and carried. Commissioner Branch discussed Marie Wimberly being able to be connected to the County water system. He requested the County waive the tap in fees for customers who already have a meter and waive building permit fees. Motion to waive tap in fees for 90 days made by Commissioner Johnson, second by Commissioner Sanders, and carried. Motion to waive all building permit fees due to Hurricane Michael made by Commissioner Branch, second by Commissioner Sanders, and carried.

Commissioner Branch requested Road and Bridge Department work on cleaning up the cemeteries first.

Commissioner Branch discussed the forest needs to be harvested. Donnie Read advised the Board that he would talk to them tomorrow about this.

Commissioner Branch discussed CR 123, Kennedy Creek, Northern part is not open. He requested Dewayne Williams with Road and Bridge to check on it.

Commissioner Branch recognized the Volunteer Fire Departments. They worked hard during this storm and he appreciated Melissa Peddie and her team working so hard helping members in their community. Donnie Read thanked Ms. Peddie for the food pod that was operated by herself and her team.

Commissioner Johnson advised the Board that he had been informed that trucks would be delivering supplies in each district @ 8:30 A.M. in the morning.

Commissioner Sanders had no business to discuss.

Commissioner Phillips had no business to discuss.

County Attorney Myers advised the Board of the Executive Session scheduled in the Synovus case for November 8, 2018 at 5:00 P.M.

Clerk Brown advised the Board of the website request received for ADA compliance. The Board instructed Clerk Brown to send a letter approved by the County Attorney.

Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Sanders, second by Commissioner Phillips, and carried.