

Emergency Meeting
October 30, 2018
8:00 A.M.

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 was not in attendance. Clerk Kathleen Brown and Deputy Clerk Mason Kever were present.

Commissioner Jim Johnson led prayer.

Commissioner Scott Phillips led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Monica Brinkley, Extension Director advised the Board that the Veterans Memorial Civic Center needs to be cleaned due to the volume of people utilizing the building during Hurricane Michael. They cannot use inmate labor since FEMA is in the building. The building needs to be cleaned at least once a week. Motion to hire Carolyn Drew to clean the building once a week at \$100.00 as long as FEMA is located in the building, by Commissioner Johnson, second by Commissioner Sanders and carried..

Stephen Ford, 911 Director, advised the Board that his DROP ends on December 31, 2018 and the Board needs to advertise for his replacement. Mr. Ford also advised the Board that he would be attending the conference in Destin to see about possible funding options relating to Hurricane Michael. Motion to advertise the 911 Director position made by Commissioner Sanders, second by Commissioner Johnson, and carried.

Tamim Choudhury with Disaster Recovery advised the Board that the Small Business Administration is available for renters and homeowners. The deadline to submit is December 10, 2018.

Danny Earnest, Landfill Director, discussed the position filled by Bobby Ray Summers at the landfill and requested Board approval for Mr. Summers to take a six-month leave of absence to help with the debris cleanup from Hurricane Michael and to hire Lesa Mabus at OPS status with no benefits at minimum wage until Bobby Ray return. Motion to allow Bobby Ray Summers, landfill operator to take a six-month leave of absence by Commissioner Sanders, second by Commissioner Johnson, and carried. Motion to amend previous motion that Mr. Summers does not have to use his annual leave prior to taking the leave of absence made by Commissioner Sanders, second by Commissioner Johnson and Commissioner Johnson amended the motion that the employee will have to pay the employer and employee portion of the health insurance while on leave of absence with no benefits on leave, and carried.

Gerald Hires, Water Operator, requested Board approval to take a three month leave of absence from his job. Motion to allow leave of absence with the same conditions as Mr. Summers made by Commissioner Sanders, Commissioner Phillips discussed, second by Commissioner Johnson, and carried.

Motion to change previous motion to waive the tap in fees for new water customers made

operates 911 as well as mosquito and other departments. Mr. Ford stated that he as the 911 Director worked on GIS, 911, Mosquito and street signs and was unsure if it was a good idea for the Sheriff's Office to take over 911. The Board requested to agenda this for the November 8, 2018 meeting.

The Board discussed overtime pay, with specific start and end dates, for employees due to Hurricane Michael. The Board instructed the finance department to revert to their regular policy as of October 21, 2018 and if an employee works over 40 hours in a workweek, to document as Hurricane Michael overtime.

The Board discussed the tipping fees charged for the disposal of the mobile home from Bentley Bluff that was demolition and the debris was taken to the landfill. The Board instructed finance to pay invoices using the Recreation Department budget made by Commissioner Johnson, second by Commissioner Sanders, and carried.

The Board made a motion to ratify approval of the expenditure to Ken Rudd Electric for the Dispatch Generator for \$24,500.00 made by Commissioner Sanders, second by Commissioner Johnson, and carried.

The Board made a motion to ratify approval of the Rostan Solutions Contract for FEMA reimbursement services and debris monitoring, signed by Chairman Barber on 10/14/18 made by Commissioner Johnson, second by Commissioner Sanders, and carried. Motion to approve Resolution #2018-38, #2018-39, #2018-40, #2018-41 declaring local state of emergency for the following weeks: October 16-22, October 23-29, October 30-November 6, and November 7-14. Made by Commissioner Johnson, second by Commissioner Phillips, and carried.

Rhonda Lewis, Emergency Management Director, discussed the Liberty County Shelter Task Force, which will be FEMA reimbursable. Mr. Dick Stanley, Building Inspector, recommended that himself, Tony Arrant, County Planner, and Katie Phillips, SHIP Director, to be appointed by the Board on this task force. Motion to appoint the Housing Task Force with Dick Stanley, Building Inspector, Tony Arrant, County Planner, and Katie Matchkus, SHIP Director, as members made by Commissioner Johnson, second by Commissioner Sanders, and carried. John Price with FEMA present and encouraged individuals to register and apply. Patricia Harrington with FEMA made presentation to the Board with further explanation on the process.

Commissioner Branch had no business to discuss.

Maria Crump with the Ambulance Department advised the Board that they have two trucks operating currently since Calhoun Liberty Hospital is out of commission and all calls are going to Tallahassee. Motion made by Commissioner Phillips to allow the operation of two trucks, submitting the second truck expenses to FEMA reimbursement, second by Commissioner Johnson, and carried.

Ray Glisson with Liberty County Recreation requested additional equipment for park clean up. Motion for Road and Bridge to get prices for a tractor rake and grapple made by Commissioner Sanders, second by Commissioner Johnson, and carried. Motion amended to allow Chairman Barber to approve the purchase once prices are obtained, second by Commissioner Johnson, and carried.

Commissioner Sanders requested that Clerk Brown invite someone to a Board meeting on November 8th to represent the US Forest Service.

Commissioner Phillips made a motion to allow Chairman Barber to sign the Water & Wastewater Mutual Aid Agreement, second by Commissioner Sanders, and carried.

Commissioner Phillips discussed Fly1.com and the report to FEMA reimbursement for diesel.

Commissioner Phillips requested the County Attorney send the letter of support previously approved by the Board for the Supreme Court appointee.

Commissioner Sanders made a motion to add getting a price to purchase a Thumb for equipment clean up, second by Commissioner Johnson, and carried.

The Board discussed the grave in the Hosford Cemetery that has been disturbed with the tree being down. Todd Wahlquist has agreed to put the vault back in the grave once Road and Bridge gets the tree and roots removed. Motion made by Commissioner Johnson to approve Mr. Wahlquist doing this work, second by Commissioner Sanders, and carried.

Motion by Johnson, second by Sanders and carried to allow JT Hathaway, Road Superintendent, to rent a crane and move the tree at the Cemetery.

Motion to approve invoices submitted by Joe Combs electric in the amounts of \$1,700.00 and \$2,020.38 for work done during Hurricane Michael made by Commissioner Johnson, second by Commissioner Phillips, and carried.

Clerk Brown advised the Board of the recent lawsuit filed against the County.

Clerk Brown advised the Board that the deed to the 9.51 acres landfill property has been recorded and finalized.

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



Chairman Dexter Barber



Clerk Kathleen E. Brown