

**CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
EMERGENCY MEETING MINUTES
MAY 27, 2018**

PRESENT AND ACTING:

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

**CARLA HAND, CLERK OF COURT AND COUNTY COMPTROLLER
ADAM JOHNSON, INTERIM EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR
BOBBIE JO CHAMBERS, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

The Emergency Commission Meeting (held in the Emergency Operations Center) was called to order by Chairman Wise at 9:00 a.m., CT.

Mr. Johnson updated the Board on Sub-Tropical Storm Alberto. Mr. Johnson requested the Board consider issuing a local state of emergency. Mr. Johnson stated as the storm has strengthened, the tropical storm watch that was issued earlier in the weekend has been upgraded to a tropical storm warning for our area. Mr. Johnson stated, as the system gets closer to land there is uncertainty as to where the storm may shift and could become unstable. Mr. Johnson stated the local concerns are tornado threats and flash flooding. Mr. Johnson stated the Calhoun County Emergency Operation Center (EOC) has activated to Level 2 increased readiness, but are not staffing the EOC further than himself and Ms. Bobbi Jo Chambers at this time. Mr. Johnson stated they would continue to monitor conditions throughout the day and night as the storm begins to come ashore early tomorrow morning. Chairman Wise asked Sheriff Kimbrel if all his deputies are on standby. Sheriff Kimbrel stated his staff were put on stand-by since Friday. Chairman Wise asked Mr. Edenfield if he has been in touch with the prison. Mr. Edenfield stated he would contact them. Chairman Wise asked if any shelter needs have been foreseen. Mr. Johnson stated none of the surrounding counties have plans of opening any shelters at this time. Sheriff Kimbrel asked when the EOC would be staffed beyond Mr. Johnson and Ms. Chambers. Mr. Johnson stated if there were any further significant shift to the east of the storm then they would call for full activation of the EOC. Sheriff Kimbrel stated he would send someone to help if needed. Sheriff Kimbrel asked when they could expect the rain to arrive. Mr. Johnson stated the rain could begin this afternoon, with a more constant heavy rain expected this evening after sunset and into tomorrow morning.

- ❖ Commissioner McDougald made a motion to adopt Resolution 2018-15 to declare a local state of emergency for seven (7) days due to Sub-Tropical Storm Alberto and the threat for tornados. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Mr. Jim Dooley asked what the wind strength and rain conditions would be tomorrow morning. Mr. Johnson stated as far as bridge closures go, he does not anticipate this being a concern as sustained tropical force winds are not expected.

Commissioner McDougald asked if this is expected to be a 24-hour rain event. Ms. Chambers stated the rain is expected to last a little over 24 hours, as the rain is expected to continue into Tuesday. Mr. Johnson stated they would be continuing to monitor river levels for flooding. Commissioner Jones asked if it would be better for the EOC to be staffed now rather than later so someone would not have to travel to the EOC during the rain event. Mr. Johnson stated if directed by the Board they could have a representative from the Sheriff's Department come in, go on 24-hour activation around 4:00 pm, and have staff monitoring the storm overnight. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

**RESOLUTION # 2018-15
CALHOUN COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

RESOLUTION DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Calhoun County Board of County Commissioners have met and considered the conditions caused by Sub-Tropical Storm Alberto 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 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;

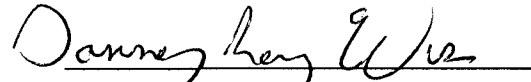
To assign and make available for duty the offices and agencies of the political subdivision, including the employees, property or equipment thereof relating to firefighting, engineering, rescue, health, medical and related services, police, transportation, construction and similar items of services for 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.

By special order of the County Commissioners in a vote of 5 to 0, this 27th day of May, 2018.

Sheriff Kimbrel asked if reimbursement could be requested for this storm since a local state of emergency has been declared. Mr. Johnson stated reimbursement is possible. Commissioner Bailey asked if the reimbursement for Hurricane Irma has been received. Mr. Johnson stated reimbursement has not been received, and is in the review process. Clerk Hand asked if there was other criteria beyond declaring a local state of emergency to meet before the County is eligible to receive reimbursement. Ms. Chambers stated the Governor declared a state of emergency for all sixty-seven (67) counties yesterday.

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


DANNY RAY WISE, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:


CARLA A. HAND, CLERK

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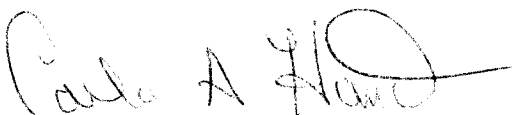
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CALHOUN COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY:



CARLA HAND, Ex Officio
Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners



Calhoun County Board of Commissioners