

BOARD MINUTES FOR 08/10/04

AUGUST 10, 2004

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, MET IN SPECIAL SESSION ON THE ABOVE DATE AT 2:00 P.M. AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER, 1331 SOUTH BOULEVARD, CHIPLEY, FLORIDA WITH COMMISSIONERS COPE, HALL AND FINCH PRESENT. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR PETER HERBERT, ATTORNEY GERALD HOLLEY AND DEPUTY CLERK DIANNE CARTER WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

CHAIRMAN HALL CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AND TURNED IT OVER TO EOC DIRECTOR, ROGER HAGAN.

HAGAN UPDATED THE BOARD AND THE OTHER VARIOUS AGENICIES PRESENT ON TROPICAL STORM BONNIE; THERE WILL BE ANOTHER CONFERENCE CALL WITH THE STATE EOC AT 4:00 P.M. ON THIS DATE.

HE ASKED THE BOARD TO DECLARE A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY AND, UPON ATTORNEY HOLLEY'S APPROVAL, HE ASKED THEY ADOPT ONE OF THREE DECLARATIONS:

1. DECLARATION FOR TROPICAL STORM BONNIE
2. DECLARATION FOR TROPICAL STORM CHARLIE
3. DECLARATION COMBINING TROPICAL STORMS BONNIE AND CHARLIE

DUE TO TROPICAL STORM CHARLIE BEING PREDICTED TO MAKE LANDFALL ON MONDAY, AUGUST 16TH, HE ADVISED THE BOARD BY GOING AHEAD AND ADOPTING A DECLARATION FOR IT, THEY WOULD NOT HAVE TO CALL ANOTHER SPECIAL MEETING ON SUNDAY, ETC. ALSO, THIS WOULD ALLOW THE EOC AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT STAFF TO ACTIVATE THE EOC UNDER THEIR CEMP PROVISIONS AND THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 252.

HE REPORTED THAT BONNIE WOULD BE A MINIMUM HURRICANE AT THE WORST AND A TROPICAL STORM AT THE BEST; WINDS WILL BE IN EXCESS OF 30 TO 40 MPH.; IT IS EXPECTED TO REACH LANDFALL ON THURSDAY MORNING IN THE PANAMA CITY, TYNDALL AND MEXICO BEACH AREA. WASHINGTON COUNTY WILL BE ON THE OUTER BOUNDS OF THE WESTERN SIDE OF THE STORM WHICH IS WHERE THEY WOULD WANT TO BE.

HAGAN REPORTED THE SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT, JERRY TYRE, WOULD MAKE A DETERMINATION ON AUGUST 11TH WHETHER TO CLOSE THE SCHOOLS ON AUGUST 12TH.

HE RECOGNIZED AGENCIES THAT WERE CALLED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CONFERENCE WHICH INCLUDED ALL COUNTY AGENCIES, DEPARTMENT HEADS, UTILITIES, MS. MAVIS SMITH WITH THE ARC CENTER, FL-DOT, FIRE DEPART- MENTS, SCHOOL SYSTEM, COUNCIL ON AGING, ETC. HE REQUESTED EVERYONE PRESENT SIGN IN ON THE SIGN IN SHEET AND PROVIDE THEIR TELEPHONE NUMBER, E-MAIL ADDRESS, ETC. SO THEY WILL BE ON THE LIST FOR FUTURE MAILOUTS.

HE ADDRESSED THE CHANCES TO GET A DECLARATION WERE NOT GOOD; THERE WOULD HAVE TO BE A MAJOR AMOUNT, APPROXIMATELY \$16,000,000 STATEWIDE. HE EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE, HOWEVER, FOR ALL AGENCIES TO DOCUMENT EVERYTHING INCLUDING OVERTIME, EXPENDITURES, ETC.

ON DECIDING WHETHER TO ACT ON INDIVIDUAL DECLARATIONS OR COMBIN- ING THEM, ATTORNEY HOLLEY RECOMMENDED THE BOARD ADOPT INDIVIDUAL DECLARATIONS FOR TROPICAL STORM BONNIE AND TROPICAL STORM CHARLIE.

COMMISSIONER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO DECLARE A DECLARATION FOR TROPICAL STORM BONNIE.

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MARY ENFINGER, REPRESENTING THE WASHINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL ON AGING, REPORTED THEY WILL HAVE STAFF ON HAND IN CASE THE SPECIAL NEEDS SHELTER NEEDS TO BE OPENED.

HAGAN REPORTED THE EOC, AS THEY GET BETTER INFORMATION AND TRACKING ON BONNIE, BY THE AFTERNOON OF THE 11TH, WILL BROADCAST ANY NECESSARY EVACUATION NOTICES BY MEANS OF RADIO AND TELEVISION.

HE REFERENCED THERE ALWAYS BEING A POINT WHERE RESOURCES WILL BE PULLED OFF THE ROADS; IT IS NOT RIGHT TO JEOPARDIZE EMT, LAW ENFORCEMENT, FIREMEN, ETC., BY

HAVING THEM CONTINUE TO GO OUT AND GET PEOPLE WHEN A STORM REACHES A HIGH POINT THEIR OWN SAFETY IS AT RISK.

HE REITERATED THERE BEING ANOTHER CONFERENCE CALL AT 4:00 P.M. AND HIS OFFICE WOULD BE KEEPING TRACK OF BONNIE AND MAKE A DETERMINATION WHEN THEY WILL ACTIVATE THE EOC.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED. ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

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DEPUTY CLERK

CHAIRMAN

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