

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Washington County, Florida
Board Meeting
1331 South Blvd., Chipley, FL 32428

DISTRICT 1 Alan Bush	DISTRICT 2 Charles Kent	DISTRICT 3 Tray Hawkins Chairman	DISTRICT 4 Todd Abbott Vice-Chairman	DISTRICT 5 Steve Joyner
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I. PROCLAMATION

- A. Call to Order – Chairman Hawkins
- B. Invocation/Pledge – Johnny Evans offered the invocation, which was followed by the pledge.

Present were Chairman Hawkins, Vice-Chairman Abbott, and Commissioners Bush, Kent, and Joyner. Also present were Jeff Massey, County Administrator, Lora C. Bell, Clerk, Risha Brantley, Deputy Clerk, and County Attorney H. Matthew Fuqua, Fuqua & Milton, P.A.

Chairman Hawkins expressed thanks to individuals that assisted with the recent storm event.

Commissioner Joyner recognized Mr. Ussery along with the other two linemen that lost their life last night expressing the need for everyone to be safe. He also expressed his thanks to all that have helped during the recent storm.

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS - Cancelled and moved to next month -

- Sam Miller, Future Land Use Map Amendment – Agriculture/Silviculture to Low Density Residential, 1170 Mockingbird Lane, Chipley, FL – Steve Cramer
- Ron Novonglosky, Future Land Use Map Amendment –

Agriculture/Silviculture to Low Density Residential, 1159
Mockingbird Lane, Chipley, FL – Steve Cramer

Agenda Addition – Amendment to the Emergency Management
Handbook – Clerk staff member present at EOC during a local state of
emergency – Chairman Hawkins

- III. ADOPT THE AGENDA – **Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Joyner and carried to approve the agenda.**

IV.

Chairman Hawkins commented on record that Governor Scott has been an asset to the community during the recent storm event.

Lynne Abel, Public Safety Director addressed the board.

Numbers were provided that were specifically related to the event that occurred as Michael was approaching and immediately following that on Wednesday.

165 people were seen at the Northwest Florida Community Hospital Emergency Room, 38 patients were seen in their clinics, an estimated 45 were transported to other hospitals due to trauma, and fatalities directly/related to the storm approaching were 0.

A disaster recovery center is located at the agriculture center, which is open from 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., 7 days per week.

As of yesterday, 96 individuals reported damage and were requesting assistance through FEMA bringing the total to 2,223 households that

have requested assistance. 89 citizens have reported damage directly to the emergency management office, and 5 families are in shelter at the First Baptist Church as of yesterday, with 5 being homeless prior to the storm.

A preliminary damage estimate of county owned buildings, excluding parks is approximately \$1,000,000.00. Preliminary cost to county owned roads and bridges is \$750,000.00.

Crops that have been reported as a loss are 85% of all cotton crops, 50% of all peanut crops, and 100% of timber.

99.7% of Gulf Power clients lost power, 99% of West Florida Electric, and 100% of Gulf Coast Electric clients in Washington County lost power following the storm.

72% of West Florida Electric Washington County clients power has been restored, 96% for Gulf Coast, and Gulf Power has basically 100% restoration.

A preliminary assessment team will be in Washington County 11/2 to verify that the threshold of \$94,000.00 has been met.

V. ADOPT PREVIOUS MINUTES –

- August 23, 2018 Budget Workshop
- September 19, 2018 Final Budget Hearing
- September 20, 2018 Board Meeting

Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by

Commissioner Bush and carried to approve the minutes dated 8/23/18, 9/19/18, and 9/20/18.

Commissioner Joyner offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Abbott and carried for dictated minutes and recorded minutes to be transferred to Clerk Bell for the record.

These were meetings that were held at the Washington County Emergency Operations Center in regards to Hurricane Michael.

Marla Hayes advised Clerk Bell that she had e-mailed a set of minutes to her that were not recorded and a separate meeting that was held, which was recorded has been provided to the clerk's office.

Clerk Bell advised at this point she does not have the e-mailed minutes but would follow-up.

- VI. NON-AGENDA AUDIENCE - Effective October 1, 2013, Florida Statute 286.0114 mandates that "members of the public shall be given a reasonable opportunity to be heard on a proposition before a Board or Commission." Each individual shall have three (3) minutes to speak on the proposition before the Board.
- Mary Christine Jackson addressed the board in referenced to the school bus route that Pearl Jackson, bus driver. The route is awkward because of a large tree that has fallen, which has caused the driver to be unable to take that route. Therefore, the children have to walk to catch the bus.

Chairman Hawkins advised that they are aware of the situation and have plans take care of the situation.

VII. AGENDA ITEMS –

- Sam Miller, Future Land Use Map Amendment – Removed
- Ron Novonglosky, Future Land Use Map Amendment – Removed
- Reappointment of Aaron Miller to Seat #6 for a full 4-year term ending September 30, 2018 – Heather Lopez, TDC requested the reappointment of Aaron Miller, Park Manager/Falling Waters to seat #6 for a full 4-year term

Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bush and carried to reappoint Aaron Miller to seat #6 for a 4-year term from 9/30/18 – 9/30/22.

- Five year TDC Bylaws Review – Heather Lopez, TDC requested approval of the Five Year TDC Bylaws, which have been reviewed by Mr. Fuqua and his comments have been included in the document.

Commissioner Kent offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bush and carried to approve the Five Year TDC Bylaws.

- Resolution – One Time Special Exception to Local Housing Plan, Romina Valerio, West Florida Regional Planning Council addressed the board in reference to the replacement home that is currently being completed. The local housing assistance plan allows for \$60,000.00 to be spent on replacement housing projects. On March 4, 2018 the board approved a resolution to increase the amount from \$60,000.00 to \$85,000.00 for a specific SHIP client. Due to unforeseen

circumstances approval is needed to adjust the amount to \$88,220.00 for this specific client.

Commissioner Bush offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kent and carried to approve of a one-time special exception for local housing to \$88,220.00.

- Suspension of fees on Re-Roof and Electric Reconnections and Refund of fees already received – Commissioner Hawkins addressed the board. Before the building department was instructed to stop collecting fees they had collected 24 repower and 3 reroof permits.

He requested that from the date of the storm to refund the total amount of \$1,429.00 back to the constituents that pulled the permits. Also, until further notice suspend reroofing and repowering permit fees.

Commissioner Bush offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Abbott and carried to refund the permits totaling \$1,429.00 from the date of the storm. Also, suspend reroofing and repowering permit fees until further notice.

Chairman Hawkins requested the board revisit the above motion in January/90-days.

Commissioner Bush confirmed that January 1 the fees will revert back, unless the board decides differently.

- Emergency Management Handbook Update – Chairman Hawkins

requested the Emergency Management Handbook be updated to include someone be on hand from the clerk's staff to be available for emergency board meetings.

Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kent and carried to add to the Emergency Management Handbook for a staff member from the clerk's office to be at the emergency operations center when it is activated to be available to take minutes.

VIII. COUNTY ENGINEER – Not Present

IX. PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR – Johnny Evans acknowledged all that assisted during Hurricane Michael.

Eight days after the hurricane the roads were passible. As of yesterday only two bus drivers are reporting problems.

Chairman Hawkins requested Johnny Evans check the concern expressed earlier in the meeting on Jackson Community Road.

Commissioner Bush suggested that Lynne Abel include the upcoming rain event on the county alert system.

Johnny Evans addressed the board. The workers at the Chipley Landfill are already beginning to grind.

Chairman Hawkins commended Ginny Miles for her assistance during Hurricane Michael.

X. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Jeff Massey addressed the board.

- Spending Limit for Public Safety Director – County Administrator Massey requested Lynne Abel’s spending limit be increased from \$500.00 to \$2,000.00.

Commissioner Joyner offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Abbott and carried to increase Lynne Abel’s spending limit from \$500.00 to \$2,000.00.

- Waste Management Collection Contract – 2.15% CPI Increase – County Administrator Massey advised the board the Waste Management contract includes a CPI clause. Waste Management is requesting an increase of 2.15% CPI.

Commissioner Kent offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bush and carried to approve of the CPI increase to the Waste Management contract of 2.15%.

- One Time Cost of Living – Jeff Massey opened discussion with the board in reference to a one-time cost of living of \$300.00 for county employees. It is understood that all departments are able to cover the expense.

Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bush and carried to approve the one-time cost of living supplement of \$300.00.

Chairman Hawkins advised that the one-time cost of living

supplement will be done the next payroll in November.

- Inter-Local Agreement with the City of Blountstown for debris removal
– County Administrator Massey advised the board that discussion was raised in reference to the City of Blountstown participating with the county’s debris contract.

Attorney Fuqua advised the board that he intends to research this issue with Mr. Carter, Blountstown representative.

- Debris – County Administrator Massey updated the board on debris. 31 trucks ran yesterday and 4 additional haul trucks were also certified. OSHA made site visits and offered positive feedback, with no recommendations.

Tallahassee questioned the authorization for the old landfill, which all resulted from the cap over the waste. This issue has been worked through.

Three sites are active, Daniels Lake, Chipley, and Moonseed. They are also interested in St. Mary’s. They are seeking private property between New Hope and Ebro for staging only. In addition of 65,000 yards of debris has been collected thus far.

Kevan Parker addressed the board. DOT is staging certifying their trucks now at Pals Park.

Commissioner Bush addressed Kevan Parker requesting that when working with Whit O’ Bryan emphasize the maintenance of traffic.

Commissioner Joyner suggested that Kevan Parker check the workers MOT certification.

Commissioner Bush also requested that the load heights be checked.

Greta Bruner addressed the board. Early voting starts October 27 at the Chipley office. The schedule is Saturday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Sunday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., and Monday – Saturday, November 3 is 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

The polling locations include the Supervisor of Elections Office, Vernon City Hall, Orange Hill Fire Department and Sunny Hills Community Center. Voters can vote at any of the four locations.

XI. CLERK – The courthouse is open to the public as of today.

XII. COUNTY ATTORNEY – Attorney Fuqua addressed the board.

Attorney Fuqua commended the board on their work during the recent emergency.

Attorney Fuqua advised that the public hearings will be re-advertised.

XIII. ADJOURN – **Commissioner Bush offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kent and carried to adjourn.**

Deputy Clerk Brantley

Date Board Approved