

BOARD MINUTES FOR 08/26/05

AUGUST 26, 2005

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, MET ON THE ABOVE DATE AT 10:15 A.M. AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ANNEX, BOARD MEETING ROOM, 1331 SOUTH BOULEVARD, CHIPLEY, FLORIDA WITH COMMISSIONERS SAPP, STRICKLAND, FINCH AND CORBIN PRESENT. ATTORNEY HOLLEY, ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT AND DEPUTY CLERK DIANNE CARTER WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

THE PURPOSE OF THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING WAS TO DECLARE A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO HURRICANE KATRINA. THE BOARD LISTENED TO THE 10:15 CONFERENCE CALL ON HURRICANE KATRINA AND WAS ASKED BY ROGER HAGAN, EOC DIRECTOR, TO DECLARE A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY. DUE TO THERE BEING A 72 HOUR WINDOW TO MAKE THEIR REIMBURSEMENT, HE REQUESTED THE BOARD ALLOW THE EOC STAFF AND ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT TO DETERMINE A START TIME FOR THE DECLARATION.

HAGAN ADVISED THE NEXT CONFERENCE CALL ON HURRICANE KATRINA WOULD BE HELD AT 4:15 P.M. AND THERE WOULD BE A FULL BRIEFING AT THAT TIME ON THE WEATHER CONDITIONS. HE REQUESTED THE MAINTENANCE STAFF PROCEED WITH SHUTTERING THE COUNTY ANNEX TODAY.

HAGAN PROVIDED INFORMATION ON A PUBLIC INFORMATION LINE THAT IS NOW AVAILABLE (638-6324); PEOPLE CAN CALL THIS NUMBER AND GET A RECORDING ON PRESS RELEASES OR CHANGES IN WEATHER CONDITIONS RELATED TO HURRICANE KATRINA.

HAGAN ADDRESSED THE FOLLOWING ISSUES:

- A. THERE WAS NO WAY TO PREDICT OFFICE CLOSURES TODAY
- B. FUEL WAS A PROBLEM WITH HURRICANE DENNIS; HOWEVER, THE GOVERNOR HAS ADVISED THE TERMINALS ARE AT 95% CAPACITY
- C. THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A MANDATORY EVACUATION IN COUNTY
- D. NEED TO PUT OUT STRONG ADVISORIES ON VOLUNTARY EVACUATION PROBABLY TOMORROW AS THEY TRACK HURRICANE KATRINA CONDITIONS AND IT IS DETERMINED TO BE NECESSARY
- E. PUBLIC WORKS HAS FUEL AVAILABLE IF THEY ARE CALLED OUT DUE TO STORM CONDITIONS

HAGAN ANSWERED QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO HURRICANE KATRINA. HE THEN READ THE LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION FOR HURRICANE KATRINA. COMMISSIONER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SAPP AND CARRIED TO ADOPT THE DECLARATION WITH THE EOC STAFF AND ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT DESIGNATING THE START TIME FOR THE DECLARATION TO BEGIN.

HAGAN ADVISED THE DECLARATION ALLOWED THE EOC STAFF TO PUT THE PROVISIONS OF THE CEMP IN PLACE AND DO THE THINGS NEEDED TO BE DONE. HE QUESTIONED ATTORNEY HOLLEY IF UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CEMP AND THE STATE STATUTES, IF THE EOC STAFF HAS TO MAKE EXPENDITURES WHICH NORMALLY WOULD HAVE TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD FOR APPROVAL, ARE THEY SAFE IN SAYING THE PROVISIONS OF THE CEMP POLICY COVERS THESE EXPENDITURES IF IN FACT THE POLICY DOES ADDRESS IT. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THAT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON WASHINGTON COUNTY NO LONGER HAVING A SPECIAL NEEDS SHELTER AND THE CLOSEST PLACE FOR PERSONS TO GO WHO HAVE SPECIAL NEEDS. DAN COLLETTI ADDRESSED IT DEPENDED ON WHERE A PERSON LIVED IN THE COUNTY AS TO THE CLOSEST SPECIAL NEEDS SHELTER FOR THEM; SHELTERS ARE LOCATED AT MARIANNA, DEAN BOZEMAN OR POPULAR SPRINGS. HE REPORTED THEY ARE WORKING ON GETTING A SPECIAL NEEDS SHELTER IN WASHINGTON COUNTY.

DISCUSSION CONTINUED ON POSSIBLE EVACUATION AND IF THE WHOLE COUNTY WOULD BE EVACUATED. HAGAN ADDRESSED THE RECOMMENDATION PROBABLY WOULD BE: BASED ON THE STRENGTH AND THE PROJECTED TRACK OF THE STORM, EVERYONE IN WASHINGTON COUNTY IS ADVISED IF EVACUATION IS PART OF THEIR PERSONAL PROTECTION PLAN, THEY BEGIN EARLY. HE REPORTED ON THE LANDFALL FOR KATRINA HAVING SHIFTED AND COULD CONTINUE TO DO SO; EOC'S PREPARATION CAN ONLY BE BASED ON THE STATE EOC'S INFORMATION.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE NEED FOR SENIORS AND SENIORS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS TO BE PLACED IN CERTIFIED SHELTERS SHOULD WASHINGTON COUNTY RECEIVE A DIRECT BRUNT FROM HURRICANE KATRINA. DAN COLLETTI AGREED TO PROVIDE MARY ENFINGER, COUNCIL ON AGING DIRECTOR AND LYNN WHITE, ASSISTANT EOC DIRECTOR, TELEPHONE NUMBERS FOR CERTIFIED SHELTERS FOR THE SENIORS SO THEY COULD CALL TO SEE IF PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED OR WHEN THEY SHOULD REPORT TO THE SHELTER.

LYNN WHITE ADVISED JERRY HINSON, WASHINGTON COUNTY CONVALESCENT CENTER, HAS TEN BEDS AVAILABLE; HOWEVER, NO ONE WILL BE ADMITTED UNLESS THEY HAVE A CAREGIVER AND ALL THEIR MEDICATION AS THE CENTER WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED. \_\_\_\_\_

DEPUTY CLERK

CHAIRMAN

\*END OF MINUTES\* FOR 08/26/05