Board of County Commissioners Meeting August 26, 2012

The Board of County Commissioners met in Emergency Session at 1:00 PM on the above date with Commissioners Carter, Pate, and Strickland present. The County Administrator was also present. The meeting was called at the request of Roger Hagan, Public Safety Director, for the purpose of declaring a Local State of Emergency (LSE) due to the impending landfall of Tropical Storm Isaac.

After a briefing of the forecast impacts of Tropical Storm Isaac on Washington County and after participation in a webinar/conference with the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) and the National Hurricane Center, Commissioner Pate made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Strickland to declare a Local State of Emergency exists in Washington County. With the LSE in place Mr. Hagan and the Emergency Management staff can implement the provisions of the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP). In the event of a future Presidential Disaster Declaration the LSE also puts Washington County in a place to apply for recovery assistance funding.

There being no other business at this time the meeting adjourned.

DECLARATION LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of County Commissioners recognizes the urgency of providing for the safety and welfare of its citizens, and;

WHEREAS, Tropical Storm Isaac is forecast to move into the Northern Gulf of Mexico and strengthen into a Hurricane before making landfall along the Northern Gulf Coast.

WHEREAS, strong winds could cause damage to structures and large amounts of rain could impact road ways and bridges jeopardizing safe travel and hindering rescue and response efforts to citizens, and;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners desires to provide the quickest response to any threat posed by Tropical Storm Isaac;

BE IT THEREFORE DECLARED in light of the foregoing premises, a State of Emergency exists in Washington County. Said State of Emergency begins at 1PM Sunday August 26, 2012, and shall remain until all threats and effects are passed.

DONE IN SPECIAL SESSION, this 26th of August, 2012.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTEST:

Linda Cook, Clerk of Court

Hulan Carter ROCC Chairman