

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Washington County, Florida
Washington County Emergency Operations Center, Chipley, FL 32428

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Alan Bush	Charles Kent	Tray Hawkins Chairman	Todd Abbott Vice-Chairman	Steve Joyner

The Washington County Board of County Commissioners called a special emergency meeting on Tuesday, October 16, 2018, which was held at the Washington County Emergency Operations Center.

In attendance were Chairman Hawkins, Commissioners Bush, Kent, Abbott, and Joyner. Also attending were Attorney Matthew Fuqua, County Administrator Massey, and Clerk Bell.

Pledge/Prayer – County Administrator Massey

Agenda Addition

- Timber Companies – Attorney Fuqua advised the board that he received a call from Rex’s Lumber Company suggesting that the timber crews are being hindered by the curfew.

The board held discussion deciding that Chairman Hawkins would advise the sheriff of the situation.

- Payroll – Clerk Bell

Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bush and carried to approve the agenda.

Chairman Hawkins added debris removal to the agenda.

Commissioner Abbott amended his previous motion to include the addition of debris removal.

- I. SHIP LHAP – Karen Shaw suggested included the following amendments in the local housing assistance plan:
- Raise the disaster strategy limit from \$5,000.00 to \$15,000.00 per client
 - Raise the rehabilitation strategy limit from \$25,000.00 to \$35,000.00
 - Raise the replacement housing strategy from \$60,000.00 to \$85,000.00

Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bush and carried to approve the amendments to the local housing assistance plan (LHAP).

- II. Contract Review – Marla Hayes, Human Resource advised the board the current contract with Crowder Gulf needs to be amended referencing item 5.

Chairman Hawkins advised the board that they would have to approve of the municipalities piggy backing off of the county's contract, which does not commit the municipalities to using them.

Brad Baker, Santa Rosa County Emergency Director serving as Incident Commander advised the board the state will take the full debris, monitoring, and pick-up.

The request that has been submitted to the state is to work out an agreement with the current contractor for the financial side and it will be managed with their contract.

Brad Baker clarified with the board that they would like him to ask if Crowder Gulf, Whit O'Brian, and Wheeler Emergency who are already contracted with Washington County can go over the entire county without tracking things separately, allowing the county to absorb the entire county and process that through the state.

Commissioner Bush offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Abbott and carried to give municipalities permission to piggy back off the county's debris management contracts, including but not limited to Whit O' Brian in the even a secondary contractor is used. Wheeler Emergency Management is the PA for Washington County.

Marla Hayes advised the board the current contract with Crowder Gulf needs to be amended. Due to the limitation with communication the amended contract will be sent to Jason Wheeler and routed to the county.

Commissioner Bush offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Abbott and carried to approve the amended contract with Crowder Gulf with Wheeler Emergency reviewing it to ensure that the rates that are given match the averages of the surrounding counties.

The board held discussion on pits with the direction being per Chairman Hawkins to give County Administrator Massey direction on how to proceed, allowing him to handle it.

- III. Payroll – Clerk Bell advised the board the courthouse currently has internet that has been routed through Tallahassee’s FCC internet and the accounting program has run a separate access, in which both run a slower speed than normal. The Clerk’s Office was advised that it may take additional time to process the payroll due to the connection. Timesheets have not been turned in. The Clerk’s Office will be able to process a payroll run with normal hours and when the timesheets are received, an additional payroll process will be done for the overtime pay as soon as possible, prior to the next payroll date.

Chairman Hawkins as well as other commissioners agreed.

Kevan Parker updated the board on debris pickup.

Chairman Hawkins advised the board the debris trucks are to be used in order of highest priority areas.

Kevan Parker advised that the trucks have to stay on the county right-of-way.

Marla Hayes updated the board on the internet; limited access will be available once it is fixed.

- IV. **Adjourn – Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bush and carried to adjourn.**

Deputy Clerk Brantley

Date Board Approved