

**Nassau County Board of County Commissioners
Special Session, August 30, 2019, 3:00 p.m.
Commission Chambers, 96135 Nassau Place, Yulee, Florida**

Call to Order

Commissioners:

Present: Chairman Justin Taylor, Commissioners Daniel B. Leeper, Aaron C. Bell, Pat Edwards, and Thomas R. Ford.

Other Officials Present: Michael S. Mullin, County Attorney/County Manager; and Taco Pope, Assistant County Manager.

Staff Present: Megan Diehl, Office of Management and Budget Director; and representing the Clerk's office Brenda Linville, Deputy Clerk.

Audience Input:

None.

SPECIAL MEETING:

SS190830 - 3:01:03 (Tab A) Update on Hurricane Dorian, consideration of a Resolution declaring a Local State of Emergency; and discussion of possible evacuation orders.

Discussion: Mr. Mullin advised that emergency meetings regarding Hurricane Dorian have been held the past several days at the Emergency Operations Center attended by Mr. Pope; Ms. Diehl; Doug Podiak, Public Works Director; Fire Chief Brady Rigdon; Greg Foster, Emergency Management Director, various Department Heads; and himself. There have been numerous telephone calls with the National Weather Service, National Hurricane Center, and the State of Florida Emergency Management Department as well.

Director Foster explained that the track of Hurricane Dorian has changed numerous times over the past few days. Currently, the track shows a landfall into Jupiter Inlet, Florida, which would affect Nassau County. He pointed out the four potential path scenarios the storm could take and the ensuing impacts to Nassau County. Based upon the

current forecast, Nassau County would receive 10 to 20 inches of rain over a day and a half time period with extreme high tides expected and Nor'easter conditions. The intensity and tract of the storm could change.

Mr. Mullin advised that a State of Emergency would likely be required by tomorrow; therefore, he requested that another special meeting be scheduled tomorrow at 3:00 p.m. Next, he discussed Flood Zones A, C, D, and F that would be subject to mandatory evacuation by the morning of September 2, 2019. Mr. Mullin had spoken with Chief Judge Daniel at the Robert M. Foster Justice Center who will likely be closing both courthouses on Tuesday, September 3, 2019, in anticipation of this storm. Under the current emergency management plan, two shelters will open September 2, 2019 at 6:00 a.m. Once the State of Emergency is declared, procedures shift on how the County operates including emergency funding.

In order to have one point of contact, Director Foster explained that the official messages will be released from the Emergency Management Office. The General Managers of the Amelia Island resorts will be contacted and kept abreast of the storm. Regarding upcoming meetings, Mr. Mullin advised that a determination will be made at the special meeting tomorrow.

Mr. Pope advised that he has been working with Mr. Podiak who will staff the Public Works and Road Departments over the weekend from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in order to receive public telephone calls related to the effect of the storm on local roadways. Cameron Hansen, Road Department Director, will have two road crews working this weekend to do preemptive ditch cleanings and inspections. The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will be staging water pumps between Chester Road and Lofton Creek Bridge to help with any flooding in the SR200/A1A area. FDOT will suspend the road construction project on SR200/A1A until the storm passes.

There being no further business, the special session of the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners adjourned at 2:27 p.m.

Justin Taylor, Chairman

Attest:

John A. Crawford, Ex-Officio Clerk