

Nassau County of County Commissioners
Special Session, September 13, 2017, 9:00 a.m.
Commission Chambers, 96135 Nassau Place, Yulee, Florida

Call to Order.

Commissioners:

Present: Chairman Daniel B. Leeper, Commissioners George Spicer, Justin Taylor, and Pat Edwards.

Absent: Commissioner Steve W. Kelley.

Other Official Present: Michael S. Mullin, County Attorney; and Shanea Jones, County Manager.

Staff Present: Justin Stankiewicz, Office of Management and Budget; Scott Herring, Public Works Director; and representing the Clerk's office Brenda Linville, Deputy Clerk.

Purpose: Discuss extending the State of Emergency for Nassau County, Florida, due to Hurricane Irma and any other business that may come before the Board.

Discussion

SS170913 - 9:03:34 Mr. Mullin reviewed the Resolution to extend the State of Emergency in Nassau County, Florida due to Hurricane Irma.

Motion: Approve the resolution for the Declaration of a State of Local Emergency from September 13, 2017 through September 19, 2017 and authorize the Chairman to sign Resolution 2017-129 regarding same.

Maker: Commissioner Edwards

Second: Commissioner Taylor

Action: Aye: Commissioners Kelley, Spicer, Taylor, Edwards, and Chairman Leeper

Follow up: County Attorney, County Manager, EOC Director, Public Works Director, OMB, Finance

Discussion: Billy Estep, Emergency Management Director, acknowledged that there are county citizens that have been significantly impacted by the hurricane and are truly hurting and that everything possible is going to be done for those impacted. He provided a synopsis of the events that took place over the past week. Mr. Estep commented that they have completed their windshield assessments and public officials and the Property Appraiser are jointly working together to move forward on getting the detailed information needed in order to pursue federal assistance. Public assistance has already been awarded to all sixty-seven counties in the state. SBA has already awarded certain portions of the SBA Declared Disaster Funding to Nassau County and the individual assistance declaration will be dependent on the results of the detailed damage assessments.

The group discussed electrical service restoration timeline, sustained winds, placement of signs at the Nassau Sound Bridge, and flooding impact.

Noted: Mr. Estep to devise a methodology update regarding locations of the power companies that are restoring power. Mr. Stankiewicz provided a brief update from Florida Power and Light.

The group addressed debris pickup, social media, and possible scams.

Upon an inquiry, Mr. Herring provided an update on Nassau-Amelia Utilities (NAU) and Road and Bridge operations. Mr. Herring provided an update on FPU and debris pick up. He advised that there will be a household hazardous waste roundup in the fall of 2017.

Request: Mr. Herring to provide a debris pick up schedule and coordinate with the State of Florida's cleanup efforts on state highways.

Mr. Estep commented that it is a reasonable expectation that debris collection may have some issues, because all sixty-seven counties have contracts with debris contractors and debris monitoring firms as required by FEMA. He stated that the County can leverage the fact that there are some incentives that are built into the Stafford Act that does

provide the County an accelerated payment for accomplishing debris removal as quickly as possible. Mr. Estep explained the reason the county has not received any funds from Hurricane Matthew. Discussion followed.

Mr. Stankiewicz responded to an inquiry regarding funding for Hurricane Irma.

Sheriff Bill Leeper came forward to comment on the agencies that are working together at the EOC and their efforts in trying to keep the citizens updated. Commissioner Spicer suggested inviting a representative from the Westside Journal to attend the meeting at the EOC to help provide updates to the west side of the County.

There being no further business, the special session of the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners adjourned at 10:11 a.m.

Daniel B. Leeper, Chairman

Attest:

John A. Crawford, Ex-Officio Clerk