

TAYLOR COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

PERRY, FLORIDA

SUNDAY, JULY 4, 2021

3:00 P.M.

201 E. GREEN STREET

TAYLOR COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX

OLD POST OFFICE

THE CHAIR CALLED THE SPECIAL EMERGENCY MEETING TO ORDER AT 3:00 P.M. THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ATTENDED THE MEETING AS FOLLOWS:

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>HOW ATTENDED</u>	<u>PORTION ATTENDED</u>
1		JAMIE ENGLISH	IN PERSON	ALL
2	VICE-CHAIR	JIM MOODY	IN PERSON	ALL
3		MICHAEL NEWMAN	IN PERSON	ALL
4		PAM FEAGLE	IN PERSON	ALL
5	CHAIR	THOMAS DEMPS	IN PERSON	ALL

COUNTY STAFF ATTENDED THE MEETING AS FOLLOWS:

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>HOW ATTENDED</u>	<u>PORTION ATTENDED</u>
COUNTY ADMIN.	LAWANDA PEMBERTON	IN PERSON	ALL
ASST COUNTY ADMN	MARSHA DURDEN	IN PERSON	ALL
PUBLIC WORKS DIR	HANK EVANS	IN PERSON	ALL
FIRE CHIEF	DAN CASSEL	IN PERSON	ALL
EMERGENCY MGT	KRISTY ANDERSON	IN PERSON	ALL

COUNTY CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS ATTENDED THE MEETING AS FOLLOWS:

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>HOW ATTENDED</u>	<u>PORTION ATTENDED</u>
CLERK OF COURT	GARY KNOWLES	IN PERSON	ALL

THOMAS DEMPS LED THE BOARD IN PRAYER, FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG. BUSINESS WAS TRANSACTED AS FOLLOWS:

THE CHAIRMAN READ INSTRUCTIONS FOR CONFERENCE CALL-IN LINE.

AGENDA APPROVAL:

UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER MOODY, WITH SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ENGLISH, AND BY UNANIMOUS VOTE, THE BOARD APPROVED THE AGENDA FOR THIS DATE, AS SUBMITTED.

4. THE BOARD TO CONSIDER DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY IN CONNECTION WITH TROPICAL STORM (TS) ELSA.

DISCUSSION:

MS. ANDERSON – WE HAVE A GREAT STAFF THAT HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THIS STORM FOR SEVERAL DAYS.

STORM SURGE THREE (3) TO FIVE (5) FEET PREDICTED, UNLESS THE TRACK OF TS ELSA SHIFTS MORE WEST. WE ARE ASKING FOR A DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY JUST IN CASE. WE HAVE HAD FOUR (4) TO FIVE (5) INCHES OF RAIN IN THE LAST SEVERAL DAYS. RIVER LEVELS ARE GOOD AT THIS TIME, NO RIVER FLOODING CURRENTLY.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – IF THE STORM STAYS ON ITS' CURRENT TRACK, HOW MUCH RAIN IS PREDICTED?

MS. ANDERSON – UP TO SEVEN (7) INCHES WITH THE CURRENT TRACK.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – IF THE STORM SHIFTS, WILL THERE BE EVACUATIONS?

MS. ANDERSON – CURRENT PROJECTION IS FOR THE STORM TO REMAIN A TROPICAL STORM. WE WILL ACTIVATE THE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER (EOC).

UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER FEAGLE, WITH SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ENGLISH, AND BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE, THE BOARD DECLARED A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY IN CONNECTION WITH TS ELSA.

UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER NEWMAN, WITH SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ENGLISH, AND BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE, THE CLERK WAS AUTHORIZED TO READ THE DECLARATION BY TITLE ONLY.

MOTION: TO ADOPT THE LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION IN CONNECTION WITH TS ELSA.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner	Motion	Second	Yea	Nay	Absent	Abstain
English		X	X			
Moody			X			
Newman			X			
Feagle	X		X			
Demps			X			

ATTACHMENT: LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION

THE HOUR BEING APPROXIMATELY 3:30 P.M., AND THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, COMMISSIONER MOODY MADE A MOTION, WITH A SECOND BY COMMISSIONER FEAGLE, TO ADJOURN. THE MOTION TO ADJOURN PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____

THOMAS DEMPS, Chair

ATTEST:

BY: _____

GARY KNOWLES, Clerk

LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION

TAYLOR COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA DECLARING A STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY; WAIVING PROCEDURES AND FORMALITIES DURING THE PERIOD OF SUCH EMERGENCY; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE TAYLOR COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR TO TAKE WHATEVER PRUDENT ACTIONS AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO PROTECT THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE COMMUNITY PURSUANT TO THIS DECLARATION.

WHEREAS, Tropical Storm Elsa is expected to make landfall on the east coast of Florida possibly producing storm surge and heavy rain to already saturated grounds, thereby threatening the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Taylor County, and may require expedient actions to be taken to implement emergency protective measures, and

WHEREAS, Section 252.38(3) (a), Florida Statutes empowers political subdivisions to declare a State of Local Emergency for a period of up to seven (7) days, but may be extended, as necessary, in 7 day increments and

WHEREAS, Section 252.38(3) (a), Florida Statutes empowers political subdivisions to waive the procedures and formalities otherwise required by law pertaining to;

1. Performance of public work and taking whatever action is necessary to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the Community.
2. Entering into contracts
3. Incurring obligations
4. Employment of permanent and temporary workers
5. Utilization of voluntary workers
6. Rental of equipment
7. Acquisition and distribution with or without compensation of supplies, materials and facilities.
8. Appropriation and expenditure of public funds.

WHEREAS, Section 501.106, Florida Statutes prohibits price gouging in a declared State of Emergency.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Taylor County, Florida as follows:

SECTION I

A State of Local Emergency is hereby declared for all of Taylor County, for a period of seven (7) days, but may be extended as necessary, in 7 day increments.

SECTION II

Procedures and formalities otherwise required by law pertaining to actions enumerated by items one through eight herein is hereby waived for the duration of this declaration.

SECTION III

The Taylor County Emergency Management Director is hereby authorized and directed to take whatever prudent actions as may be necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of the community pursuant to this declaration.

SECTION IV

This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption. resolved this 4th day of July, 2021.



THOMAS DEMPS, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTEST:

GARY KNOWLES
Clerk of Court