

TAYLOR COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

PERRY, FLORIDA

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2023

12:00 P.M.

201 E. GREEN STREET

TAYLOR COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX

OLD POST OFFICE

THE CHAIR CALLED THE **SPECIAL EMERGENCY** MEETING TO ORDER AT 12:11 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	CHAIR	JAMIE ENGLISH	IN PERSON	ALL
2		JIM MOODY	IN PERSON	ALL
3	V-CHAIR	MICHAEL NEWMAN	IN PERSON	ALL
4		PAM FEAGLE	IN PERSON	ALL
5		THOMAS DEMPS	IN PERSON	ALL

A FULL BOARD BEING PRESENT.

COUNTY STAFF ATTENDED THE MEETING AS FOLLOWS:

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>HOW ATTENDED</u>	<u>PORTION ATTENDED</u>
CO ADMINISTRATOR	LAWANDA PEMBERTON	IN PERSON	ALL
ASST CO ADMIN	MARSHA DURDEN	IN PERSON	ALL
COUNTY ATTORNEY	CONRAD BISHOP	IN PERSON	ALL
EMERGENCY MGMT	JOHN LOUK	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
DEPUTY CLERK	SALINA GRUBBS	NOT PRESENT	ALL
SUPERVISOR OF ELECT	DANA SOUTHERLAND	IN PERSON	ALL
TAX COLLECTOR	MARK WIGGINS	IN PERSON	ALL

COMMISSIONER 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.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER DEMPS, WITH SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MOODY, AND BY UNANIMOUS VOTE, THE BOARD APPROVED THE AGENDA FOR THIS DATE, AS FOLLOWS:

4. THE BOARD TO EXTEND THE LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR HURRICANE IDALIA.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DEMPS, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER FEAGLE, TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO READ THE RESOLUTION.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

COUNTY ATTORNEY READ RESOLUTION.

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION TO EXTEND THE LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR HURRICANE IDALIA.

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

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ATTACHMENTS: EXECUTIVE ORDER-RESOLUTION

5. HURRICANE IDALIA RECOVERY UPDATE BY JOHN LOUK, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

- INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM WAS CALLED IN AFTER HURRICANE IDALIA TO ASSIST THE COUNTY. THEY HAVE BEEN A BIG HELP LOGISTICALLY AND FINANCIALLY.
- THE POINT OF DISTRIBUTION WAS SET UP THE DAY AFTER THE STORM AT THE PERRY PRIMARY BUS LOOP.
- 500-MAN BASE CAMP WAS SET UP IN THE FIELD THAT'S LEASED BY EVANGEL CHURCH ON HWY 19 TO SUPPORT THE HELPERS COMING INTO TAYLOR COUNTY.
- THE EYE WALL WENT THROUGH PINE RIDGE WITH NO TORNADOS.
- DISASTER RECOVERY CENTERS FROM FEMA AND THE STATE ARE BEING ESTABLISHED.

COMMISSIONER FEAGLE-WHAT WILL FEMA DO?

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR- FEMA'S ROLE IS TO TRACK EXPENSES AND COST OF DISASTER. THEIR TEAMS ASSESS DAMAGE TO DETERMINE WHAT TYPE OF ASSISTANCE WILL BE PROVIDED.

COMMISSIONER FEAGLE- DO THEY HELP WITH HOME REPAIRS AND DEBRIS CLEAN UP?

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR-AS FAR AS THE MONETARY SIDE OF IT, IT ALL DEPENDS ON THE PERSON'S FINANCIAL SITUATION. THERE'S A LOT OF FACTORS THAT GO INTO IT AND HOW FEMA CAN HELP THAT PERSON. SOME OF IT CAN BE INCOME BASED.

WE WILL BE DEMOBILIZING RESOURCES AS WE DO NOT NEED THEM.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR- WHAT IS THE BURN RATE?

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR- CURRENTLY \$7.8 MILLION. THERE ARE COSTS THAT THE STATE OF FLORIDA WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR, NOT TAYLOR COUNTY.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR- FMIT (INSURANCE CARRIER) SENT A COMPANY, SYNERGY, TO ASSESS COUNTY PROPERTY. RIGHT NOW, IT IS \$1.4 MILLION FOR COUNTY-OWNED PROPERTY. THEY HAVE MADE TEMPORARY REPAIRS. THERE IS MAJOR DAMAGE TO THE SUPERVISOR OF ELECTION'S BUILDING. I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE FORWARD WITH GETTING A SINGLE WIDE MOBILE HOME WITH UTILITIES SETUP FOR SIX MONTHS FOR THE OFFICE. WE HAVE A MILLION DOLLAR INSURANCE COVERAGE POLICY WITH ZERO DEDUCTIBLE AND WE ARE NOWHERE NEAR THAT AMOUNT.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR-WE DID BIDS AND SELECTED COMPANIES FOR DEBRIS MONITORING AND DEBRIS MANAGEMENT AND GRANT MANAGEMENT. WE APPROVED THE CONTRACTS THE MONDAY BEFORE THE DISASTER.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR-FDOT AGREED TO MANAGE DEBRIS FOR THE COUNTY. FDOT DOES NOT MANAGE WATERWAYS AND CANALS. WE WILL RETAIN CERES FOR WATERWAYS AND CANAL CLEANUPS. WE WILL RETAIN THE DEBRIS MONITORING PART OF THE CONTRACT AND GRANT MANAGEMENT PART OF THE CONTRACT ALSO.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR-WE DO NOT HAVE A START DATE FOR DEBRIS PICKUP. CERES AND FDOT ARE NEGOTIATING CONTRACTS AND WE WILL NOT KNOW OUR DIRECTION UNTIL THEY NEGOTIATE.

ALL COUNTY OFFICES ARE PLANNING TO REOPEN TOMORROW SEPTEMBER 5TH.

Commissioner	Motion	Second	Yea	Nay	Absent	Abstain
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Moody						
Newman						
Feagle						
Demps						

6. THE BOARD TO AUTHORIZE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR AND CLERK TO APPROVE INVOICES DURING LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR AND CLERK TO APPROVE INVOICES DURING LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY.

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Moody			X			
Newman			X			
Feagle	X		X			
Demps		X	X			

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

7. THE BOARD TO DISCUSS UPCOMING MEETINGS AND SCHEDULE.

MOTION TO MOVE SEPTEMBER 5, 2023 BOARD MEETING TO SEPTEMBER 12, 2023 AFTER THE BUDGET MEETING.

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

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

8. THE BOARD TO DISCUSS COUNTY OPERATIONS.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR- ALL COUNTY OFFICES ARE PLANNING TO REOPEN TOMORROW SEPTEMBER 5TH.

CHAIR ENGLISH- SCHOOLS ARE PLANNING TO START BACK ON THURSDAY.

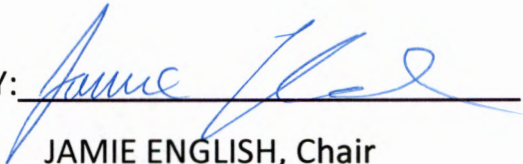
TAX COLLECTOR- HALF OF MY STAFF DOES NOT HAVE POWER. ALL SERVICES MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE.

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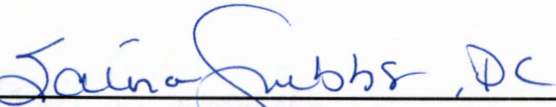
MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

THE HOUR BEING APPROXIMATELY 1:43 P.M., AND THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE BOARD ADJOURNED WITH PRAYER, SUBJECT TO CALL.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: 
JAMIE ENGLISH, Chair

ATTEST:

BY: 
SALINA GRUBBS, D.C. for
GARY KNOWLES, Clerk

TAYLOR COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS EXECUTIVE ORDER

EXTENDING THE DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Section 252.38(3)(a), Florida Statutes, gives authority to political subdivisions to declare and enact a State of Local Emergency for a period , thereby waiving the procedures and formalities otherwise required of the political subdivision by law; and

WHEREAS, Section 252.38(4)(a), Florida Statutes, allows an unlimited period for Local State of Emergency issued in response to hurricanes or other weather related emergencies.

WHEREAS, on August 26, 2023, Governor of Florida issued Executive Order Number 23-171 declaring a state of emergency and directing the State's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and other response, recovery, and mitigation plans necessary to cope with the emergency to be implemented; and

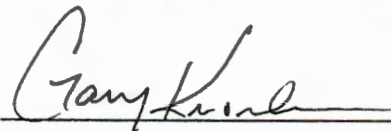
WHEREAS, on August 28, 2023, the Governor of Florida issued Executive Order Number 23-172, amending Executive Order Number 23-171, expanding the number of counties under a state of emergency in preparation for Tropical Storm Idalia from 33 counties to 46 counties; and

WHEREAS, on August 29, 2023, the Governor of Florida issued Executive Order Number 23-175, amending Section 1 of Executive Order 23-171, declaring an existing state of emergency due to the foregoing conditions, projected to constitute a major disaster; and

WHEREAS, on August 29, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners declared a Local State of 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; and

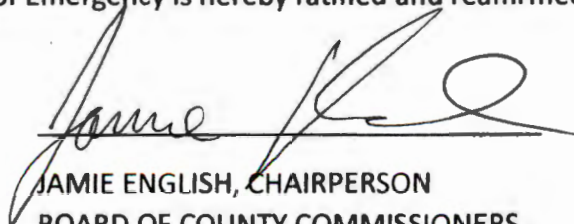
WHEREAS, the results of Hurricane Idalia continues to pose a threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the community, the Taylor County Board of County Commissioners hereby extends the Local State of Emergency for an additional period commencing on September 4, 2023, and will continue in effect through September 30, 2023, if not cancelled before that period; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Taylor County, Florida, except herein amended, the Local State of Emergency is hereby ratified and reaffirmed.



GARY KNOWLES, CLERK OF COURT





JAMIE ENGLISH, CHAIRPERSON
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA