

**TAYLOR COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**PERRY, FLORIDA**

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 13, 2021**

**9:00 A.M.**

**SPECIAL EMERGENCY MEETING**

**201 E. GREEN STREET**

**TAYLOR COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX**

**OLD POST OFFICE**

THE CHAIR CALLED THE SPECIAL EMERGENCY MEETING TO ORDER AT 9:15 A.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           | ABSENT                  |
| 2               | VICE-CHAIR    | JIM MOODY      | IN PERSON           | ALL                     |
| 3               |               | MICHAEL NEWMAN | IN PERSON           | ALL                     |
| 4               |               | PAM FEAGLE     | IN PERSON           | ALL                     |
| 5               | CHAIR         | THOMAS DEMPS   | ABSENT              | ALL                     |

A QUORUM OF THE BOARD BEING PRESENT.

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                     |
| COUNTY FIRE CHIEF | DAN CASSEL        | IN PERSON           | ALL                     |
| EMER MGT DIRECTOR | 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                     |

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.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER FEAGLE, WITH SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MOODY, 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 FOR TROPICAL STORM FRED.**

DISCUSSION:

JOHN LOUK, TAYLOR COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR, APPEARED.

MR. LOUK – AS OF 5:00 A.M. THIS MORNING, THE STORM IS A TROPICAL DEPRESSION. IT IS PROJECTED TO STRENGTHEN TO A TROPICAL STORM. THE CONE HAS IT COMING TO OUR AREA. PREDICTED RAINS SUNDAY NIGHT AND MONDAY MORNING. RAIN FORECAST 3-8 INCHES POSSIBLE, WHICH IS A BIG CONCERN DUE TO CURRENT FLOODING. STORM SURGE, 2-4 FEET. IF WE GET 7 INCHES, THE STEINHATCHEE RIVER COULD CREST AT 27 FEET. ALL ROADS TO STEINHATCHEE WOULD BE CLOSED. THERE IS A 2:00 P.M. CALL WITH STATE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND IF THINGS CONTINUE AT CURRENT PROJECTIONS THERE WILL BE A MANDATORY EVACUATION OF STEINHATCHEE.

DAN CASSEL, COUNTY FIRE CHIEF – UNLESS WINDS INCREASE, WE WILL BE PROVIDING SERVICES AND INCREASING STAFFS IN THE COASTAL AREAS.

SCOTT, CENTURY AMBULANCE – WE WILL BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE SERVICES, HOWEVER IT WILL BE A SLOWER RESPONSE.

COMMISSIONER FEAGLE – WHERE WILL THE EVACUEES GO?

MR. LOUK – A SHELTER WILL BE OPEN AND WE WILL PROVIDE COTS AND MEALS.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT (SRWMD) SENT A REPORT, STATING THAT SOUTHERN TAYLOR COUNTY HAD MORE THAN 17 INCHES OF RAIN IN JULY. THE WATER TABLE IS VERY HIGH. IF A COMMISSIONER RECEIVES A CONCERN, THEY CAN PUT IN A WORK ORDER.

SENATOR LORANNE AUSLEY HAS ADVISED THAT THE STATE STANDS READY TO HELP WITH ANY NEEDS WE HAVE. PLEASE DON'T BE SHY ABOUT ANY REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE.

MOTION: TO READ THE PROPOSED LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION BY TITLE.

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

THE MOTION CARRIED.

THE DECLARATION TITLE WAS READ BY THE CLERK.

MOTION: TO ADOPT THE DECLARATION DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO  
TROPICAL STORM FRED.

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

THE MOTION CARRIED.

ATTACHMENT: LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION

THE HOUR BEING APPROXIMATELY 10:00 A.M., AND THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, COMMISSIONER NEWMAN MADE A MOTION, WITH SECOND BY COMMISSIONER FEAGLE, TO ADJOURN. THE MOTION TO ADJOURN PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD, SUBJECT TO CALL.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
THOMAS DEMPS, Chair

ATTEST:

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
GARY KNOWLES, Clerk