

**TAYLOR COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**PERRY, FLORIDA**

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 6, 2021**

**6:00 P.M.**

**201 E. GREEN STREET**

**TAYLOR COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX**

**OLD POST OFFICE**

THE CHAIR CALLED THE SPECIAL EMERGENCY MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:00 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 CO ADMIN	MARSHA DURDEN	IN PERSON	ALL
COUNTY ATTORNEY	CONRAD BISHOP	IN PERSON	ALL
COUNTY ENGINEER	KENNETH DUDLEY	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>
DEPUTY CLERK OF COURT	CINDY MOCK	IN PERSON	ALL

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

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

**THE CHAIRMAN READ INSTRUCTIONS FOR CONFERENCE CALL-IN LINE.**

**4. THE BOARD TO CONSIDER DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR THE AUGUST RAIN EVENT.**

UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER FEAGLE, WITH SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ENGLISH, AND BY UNANIMOUS VOTE, THE COUNTY ATTORNEY WAS AUTHORIZED TO READ THE PROPOSED DECLARATION BY TITLE.

MOTION: TO ADOPT LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION DUE TO EXTENSIVE FLOODING IN STEINHATCHEE.

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

THE MOTION CARRIED.

ATTACHMENT: LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION

JOHN LOUK, DIRECTOR OF TAYLOR COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, WAS PRESENT AND ADVISED THE BOARD THAT THE STEINHATCHEE RIVER HAS RISEN TO HISTORIC LEVELS (23 FEET). THAT THE RIVER WILL CREST ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, 2021, BETWEEN 3:00 AND 4:00 P.M., AT A LEVEL OF 24 FEET. MR. LOUK ADVISED THAT CURRENTLY THEY ARE TRYING TO CLEAR WATER OFF THE ROADWAYS AND HAVE OPENED A SHELTER AT FOREST CAPITAL HALL (FCH) RATHER THAN THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, DUE TO MEETINGS BEING HELD IN THAT FACILITY. MR. LOUK FURTHER ADVISED THAT FCH WAS CHOSEN, AS MOST OF THE CERT VOLUNTEERS LIVE IN PERRY. MR. LOUK ALSO STATED THAT IT HAS BEEN POSTED THAT A SHELTER IS OPEN, WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO CONTACT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT IF THERE IS A FLOODING ISSUE.

BRIAN BRADSHAW, FLORIDA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (FDEM), WAS PRESENT TO OFFER HIS SUPPORT TO LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGERS. THAT FDEM IS WORKING DIRECTLY WITH LAFAYETTE AND DIXIE COUNTIES, AND REPORTING DIRECTLY TO THE GOVERNOR. WHEN THE WATER RECEDES, FDEM WILL DETERMINE THE NUMBER OF FLOODED HOMES. AT THIS TIME THERE IS NO DECLARATION AT THE STATE LEVEL AND NO ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE FROM THE FEDERAL SIDE.

IT WAS STATED THAT A DIXIE COUNTY DRONE MISSION WILL BE CONDUCTED ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, 2021, AND THE MISSION IS TRYING TO ASSIST TAYLOR COUNTY AS WELL.

DIRECT CALL TO TAYLOR COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (850) 838-3575 (OFFICE).

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – ANY SPECIFIC BOARD EXPECTATIONS NOW THAT A LSE HAS BEEN DECLARED? PUMP PRIVATE PROPERTY? THERE IS NO PLACE FOR THE WATER TO GO.

COMMISSIONER FEAGLE – KEEP ROADS OPEN RATHER THAN PUMP PRIVATE PROPERTY.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – RESCUE MISSION CONDUCTED THIS MORNING. ANY IMMEDIATE WAY TO HELP?

MR. BRADSHAW – IT'S THE COUNTY'S DECISION TO DETERMINE IF WATER CAN BE PUMPED FROM PRIVATE PROPERTY. SHELTERS ARE AVAILABLE AND THE COUNTY CAN CONTACT THE RED CROSS.

COMMISSIONER FEAGLE – DON'T GET CAUGHT UP ON PRIVATE ROADS. IT GOT OUT OF HAND LAST TIME. HAVE THE MEANS TO GET PEOPLE OUT IF NECESSARY.

COMMISSIONER MOODY – HIGH WATER TRUCK CAN BE USED FOR RESCUE OPERATIONS.

DAN CASSEL, FIRE CHIEF – STATION ONE HAS A TRUCK FOR DEEP WATER AREAS LIKE COOEY ISLAND. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IS STAGED AND READY TO GO. CALL HIS CELL (850) 295-1141 IF NECESSARY. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IS MONITORING THE BOAT RAMPS AND CAN LAUNCH THEIR BOAT IN THE ROAD IF NECESSARY.

COMMISSIONER NEWMAN QUESTIONED IF FIRE RESCUE WAS BEING UTILIZED, AND WAS ADVISED, YES, BY CHIEF CASSEL.

THE BOARD WAS ADVISED THAT A 75% CHANCE OF RAIN IS PREDICTED FOR SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, 2021.

COMMISSIONER FEAGLE EXPRESSED HER APPRECIATION TO COUNTY STAFF FOR THEIR HELP.

THE HOUR BEING APPROXIMATELY 6:40 P.M., AND THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, COMMISSIONER FEAGLE MADE A MOTION, WITH A SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ENGLISH, 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
CYNTHIA G. MOCK, D.C.  
FOR 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, persistent heavy rainfall and degrading environmental conditions have caused extensive flooding in Steinhatchee, and

WHEREAS, this flooding continues to threaten the health and safety of the residents of Taylor County as well as inflict serious damage on its infrastructure; and,

WHEREAS, critical repairs and modifications to the storm water retention and conveyance system in the County must be made to alleviate risks to the public health, safety, and welfare; 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 6<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021.



Thomas Demps, Chairperson  
Board of County Commissioners  
Taylor County, Florida

ATTEST:

for Cynthia A. Quock, D.C.  
Gary Knowles  
Clerk of Court