

**MINUTES OF THE EMERGENCY MEETING FOR HURRICANE MICHAEL OF THE BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA, HELD AT 305 CECIL G. COSTIN, SR., BLVD., OCTOBER 24, 2018, AT 2 P.M.**

The following were present: Mayor Patterson, Commissioners Ashbrook, Hoffman, and Langston. City Manager Jim Anderson, City Clerk Charlotte Pierce, and Chief of Police Matt Herring were also present. Commissioner Lowry was absent. Attorney Albritton joined the meeting at 2:15 P.M.

The Purpose of the meeting was to update the Commission on Hurricane Michael recovery efforts.

**Call to Order**

**Agenda**

**Hurricane Michael**

*Resolution 2018-12 Local State of Emergency*

A Motion was made by Commissioner Ashbrook, second by Commissioner Hoffman, to adopt Resolution 2018-12. All in favor; Motion carried 3-0.

*Utilities Update*

Mr. Anderson shared that FL DEP has given their approval to start the pumps on the Chipola River; testing samples are being taken, and they are waiting on the test results to lift the Boil Water Notice.

John Grantland is working on a FEMA Mission for lift station assessment and grinder pumps will be checked when electricity is restored.

*EOC Update* – Chief Herring noted there had been no changes; law enforcement numbers remain the same, and the curfew is still in effect from 9 P.M. – 5 A.M.

Dannie Bolden asked if an exception could be made for those working on the roof to the Washington Gym for the curfew restriction. Arrangements will be made to work with the contractors on this should it become necessary.

Brenda Gustafson of FEMA encouraged everyone to appeal any denial they receive from FEMA.

Commissioner Hoffman questioned the status of the direct deposit of emergency funds for residents and Ms. Gustafson stated the program had not been turned on as of today. He asked that Ms. Gustafson work to resolve the miss information being given our on this program be corrected.

It was noted that Mosquito spraying would begin tonight; and Krazy Fish would like to feed residents at Frank Pate Park rather than at their business for safety reasons.

*City Insurance Update* – Mr. Anderson noted that the assessment should arrive any day.

*Trash Pickup Update* – Residential pickup is back on normal schedule and Commercial customers will be covered on the weekends as well.

*Attorney Albritton* shared that a contract with Ashbritten for debris pickup and monitoring should be reimbursable by FEMA.

He noted that Ms. Ford with FEMA has shared that the difference between the cost and RFP on the Washington Gym roof should be reimbursable.

Mr. Albritton shared that a request for a termination of the lease on the Ward Ridge building had been received.

Commissioner Hoffman noted that 3 new leaks were discovered today at the Centennial Building. Consensus was to tarp and hold off for a short time on repairs.

Kalen Collins of the Red Cross updated statistics on residents using the shelters.

John Heeken of the governor's office noted that other needs assessments are being done; the TSA Assistance Program has been turned on, and contracts with Ashbrite and Medicom are being worked on.

**Citizens to be Heard**

No one from the Public wished to speak.

**Discussion Items by Commissioners**

Commissioner Hoffman recommended that the Emergency Meetings be reduced to two meetings per week for the time being. Consensus was to meet each Tuesday and Thursday at 5:30 P.M. in the Ward Ridge Building until further notice.

There was no further discussion by Mayor Patterson or Commissioners Ashbrook and Langston.

The meeting was recessed at 2:37 P.M.

Approved this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November 2018.

  
James "Bo" Patterson, Mayor

11/7/18  
Date

  
Charlotte M. Pierce, City Clerk

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