

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., November 1, 2018, AT 5:30 P.M.

The following were present: Mayor Patterson, Commissioners Ashbrook, Hoffman, Langston, and Lowry. City Manager Jim Anderson, City Clerk Charlotte Pierce, Chief of Police Matt Herring, and City Attorney Adam Albritton were also present.

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

Call to Order

Agenda

Hurricane Michael

Holland and Knight Engagement Letter

A Motion was made by Commissioner Hoffman, second by Commissioner Ashbrook, to accept the pro-bono officer of Holland and Knight. All in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Salvation Army

Commissioner Langston about the leaks at the Washington Gym since the tarp has been put on. Mr. Anderson stated he had called the company and they will have someone here today or tomorrow.

In the absence of a representative, Mr. Anderson noted that City Staff is working on a lease agreement for the Washington Gym Distribution Center.

FEMA Update

Documents for the public are being provided by FEMA.

Utilities

Mr. Anderson shared that the Cape San Blas Sewer is back on line, all utilities are up, and the Boil Water Notice remains for Highway 386 to Overstreet.

EOC Update Chief Herring noted there have been non major changes, ten deputies from Hendry and Martin Counties are working with the county; the curfew has been lifted, and the burn ban is still in effect. He reminded the Commission that the Police Department is temporarily housed in the State Attorney's Office at the Court House.

Brian Reilly noted he has been on septic service, has applied for an abandonment, and wanted to know how his request could be advanced. Staff will check on this and get back with Mr. Reilly.

Consensus of the Commission was to return to Regular Meetings beginning November 6, 2018, rather than continue the Emergency Meetings.

Citizens to be Heard

Bill Peevy noted the need to get the business district up and running. He also pointed out the safety issues with a burned building on Reid Avenue and asked that something be done to protect people walking near the building.

Mr. Anderson shared that the building owner has been contacted and that Code Enforcement Officer Burkett is making a list of buildings that need help.

Commissioner Hoffman requested that the City attorney write a letter to the owner of the building.

Updates were received from the following organizations:

Cathy Christo - Red Cross
Jonas Ballreich – Volunteer Coordinator for Gulf County

Josh McCulley noted the AmeriCorps kids were very hard workers and asked where the Blue Roof Program was.

Jim Muilenburg - US Army Corps of Engineers updated the Commission on the Blue Roof Program.

Alisa Wold asked for traffic help on 30A. Chief Herring will get with Sheriff Harrison on this.

Discussion Items by Commission

Commissioner Hoffman reiterated that his main focus is on the Centennial Building, it is not ready to close and will be manned by volunteers as long as there are needs of the citizens.

Neither *Commissioner Lowry* nor *Ashbrook* had anything else to discuss.

Commissioner Langston shared that on November 8, 2018, vegetables and food will be distributed from Tallahassee and there is a need for a tow motor to help unload the truck. It was noted that the County has a tow motor and to contact them concerning the availability of the equipment.

Mayor Patterson noted that he wants to get the downtown district back to where it was; the City has had some hard times, we will fight through them, and come back bigger and stronger than before.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Ashbrook, second by Commissioner Langston, to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 P.M.

Approved this 20th day of November 2018.


James "Bo" Patterson, Mayor

11/21/18
Date


Charlotte M. Pierce, City Clerk

11/26/18
Date