

# 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 23, 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.

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

## Call to Order

## Agenda

### Hurricane Michael

*Building Department Update* – *Bo Creel* shared they are working 7 days a week and have additional staff. He cautioned that homeowners should have a permit before making repairs to their homes. Mortgage companies may not accept a mortgage if a permit was not obtained. Kelly is issuing permits at no cost to the residents. All subcontractors must be licensed, no roofing may be done by out of state unlicensed contractors. The Building Department is doing all they can to help but give them a call at 229-1093 if anything is needed.

### *Utilities Update*

Mr. Anderson noted there are questions about the percentage of damage and rebuilding. Mr. Creel shared that all structures must meet the FL Building Code.

Bill Kennedy stated he is doing remediation to the cottages on Highway 98 and asked about the remediation requirements. Mr. Creel responded that any electrical outlets that were under water must be rewired.

Clare Morris asked if flyers and posters with information could be provided for residents.

Matt Terry reiterated what Mr. Creel had stated about permits. He noted that when doing an appraisal, if a permit was not obtained for repairs, he would have to note that in his report.

Mr. Anderson noted that sampling of the Chipola has been completed. FL DEP is waiting on the results of the sampling.

*EOC Update* – *Chief Herring* shared that officers are patrolling and the City officers are back to their normal shifts, Orange County officers are also patrolling with the County, and the curfew is still in effect. The Gulfport, Mississippi Fire Chief has been here and offered assistance to our local fire department.

*City Insurance Update* – Mr. Anderson shared that Mike Lacour has been working with the insurance adjuster and anticipates having his report shortly.

*Trash Pickup Update* – Mr. Anderson noted that Residential garbage was picked up last Sunday, the Commercial side is being worked on, a roll off is needed at the Centennial Building, and the focus will be on cleaning Reid Avenue up.

*Kalen Collins* gave an update from the Red Cross.

Mr. Anderson noted that the State of Emergency needs to be extended tomorrow, and the frequency of Emergency Meetings determined.

Clerk Pierce asked about Ghost on the Coast. A Motion was made by Commissioner Hoffman, second by Commissioner Langston, that the City will not host Ghost on the Coast this year. All in favor; Motion carried 4-0. Matt Terry shared the elementary school will be having an event. All candy received for the City will be shared with the school.

Bill Peevy noted the need for cleaning up the downtown area, and complimented the City of the work that has been accomplished since Hurricane Michael.

### Citizens to be Heard

Chris Brumbaugh noted his concerns about communications after Hurricane Michael. He also asked for help with a generator at 103 Monica Drive.

Chester Davis asked for help with the Washington Gym roof and storing of supplies there.

Dannie Bolden noted that approximately 450 residents have been served at the Washington Gym.

Jim Muilenburg, Corps of Engineers, shared about the Blue Roof program and encouraged people to sign up at First Baptist Church from 8 A.M., to 6 P.M. for program assistance.

### Discussion Items by Commission

Commissioner Langston asked if there was assistance available for residents with trees down on private property. Mr. Anderson responded that the City could not help but he recommended contacting some of the churches as they were covering these needs with volunteers.

Bill Peevy noted a problem they were having on Reid Avenue with parking and asked for assistance with the issue.

Commissioner Ashbrook shared that the Eco Lab truck would be here Friday with cleaning supplies and help would be needed for offloading at the Centennial Building.

He also asked for clarification on the vote pertaining to water bills. Mr. Anderson reminded the Commission that the vote was that water bills must still be paid but to waive the late fees and that water would not be cut off for the months of October and November.

Commissioner Ashbrook asked if the City's website was back up and if all the storm resources could be placed under a Storm Resources Tab.

Commissioner Hoffman gave an update on the Centennial Building; clothing donations have been moved to the STAC House and volunteers are needed there; state and federal deliveries will be discontinued, and noted a need to share the supplies being received.

Mayor Patterson provided a County damage report from the EOC Meeting earlier: 1,146 homes totally destroyed; 1,826 severely destroyed, and 3,524 have some damage for a total of 6,496 homes impacted. He noted the need to help people and to thank those that have been helping.

The meeting was recessed at 3:02 P.M., until 2:00 P.M., tomorrow.

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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Date