

MINUTES OF THE EMERGENCY MEETING FOR HURRICANE HELENE OF THE BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA, HELD AT 2775 GARRISON AVENUE SEPTEMBER 25, 2024, AT 10:30 A.M.

The following were present: Mayor Buzzett, Commissioners Hoffman, Kerigan, and Langston. City Manager Jim Anderson, City Clerk Charlotte Pierce, Deputy Clerk Ingrid Bundy, Finance Director Mike Lacour, Chief of Police Jake Richards, Surface Water Treatment Plant Manager Larry McClamma, Wastewater Treatment Plant Manager Kevin Pettis, and Wastewater Treatment Plant Chief Operator Joe Harris were also present. Commissioner Lowry was absent.

The Purpose of the meeting was to update the Commission on Hurricane Helene.

Call to Order

Agenda

Hurricane Helene

Resolution 2024-11 Local State of Emergency

A Motion was made by Commissioner Langston, second by Commissioner Kerigan, to adopt Resolution 2024-11. All in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

After adopting the Resolution, Commissioner Hoffman requested that language in the Resolution be changed.

Commissioner Langston rescinded his Motion and Commissioner Kerigan rescinded his second to the Motion. All in favor; Rescission carried 4-0

A Motion was made by Commissioner Kerigan, second by Commissioner Langston, to pay employees that are working during the hurricane overtime for the period of 6 A.M. Thursday, September 26, 2024, through Sunday, September 29, 2024. All in favor; Motion carried 4-0 to adopt Resolution 2024-11 with the following change. Employees who physically work during this period will be paid holiday pay in addition to their regular pay.

City Manager Jim Anderson shared that this morning the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners extended the evacuation area to include Cape San Blas, Oak Grove, and the nursing home. It is still anticipated that Hurricane Helene will make landfall near the areas of Carrabelle, St. Marks and Keaton Beach. Local storm surge could be a minimum of 1'-3' and there should be a falling tide during the onset of the hurricane. He asked that vehicles not be driven down Highway 98 or Monument Avenue due to the anticipated rain and flooding.

The Surface Water Treatment Plant will be the headquarters for City employees should the need arise.

Citizens to be Heard

No one from the Public attended the meeting.

Discussion Items by Commissioners

Commissioner Hoffman asked for clarification of Non-essential employees. Mr. Anderson responded that Non-essential employees would be clerical and those on standby as designated by the Department Heads.

Commissioner Kerigan encouraged residents who might need somewhere to park additional vehicles to contact the owners of the property to see about leaving their vehicles there.

Commissioner Langston asked about wellness checks on residents. Chief Richards responded that they would need to immediately let the Police Department know they plan to stay so they will know who to check on. Chief Richards also stated that the Ward Ridge Building would serve as the location for the Police Department should their building be uninhabitable.

Mayor Buzzett reminded residents of the weather conditions, encouraged everyone to be safe, and don't go sightseeing.

The meeting was recessed at 11:05 A.M.

Approved this 1st day of October 2024.



Rex Buzzett, Mayor

10/1/24

Date



Charlotte M. Pierce, City Clerk

10/1/24

Date