

AT AN EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD IN AND FOR GADSDEN
COUNTY, FLORIDA ON AUGUST 13, 2021 AT 10:00AM
THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDING WAS HAD, VIZ:

Present: Brenda Holt, Chair, District 4
Dr. Anthony “Dr. V” Viegbesie, Vice Chair, District 2
Eric Hinson, District 1
Kimblin NeSmith, District 3
Ronterious “Ron” Green, District 5
Edward J. Dixon, County Administrator
Clayton Knowles, County Attorney
Marcella Blocker, Deputy Clerk
Sara Green, Clerk’s Office

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Viegbesie called the Emergency Meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. He asked everyone to bow their heads for a moment of silence and then led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U. S. Flag.

Chair Holt appeared at 10:05 a.m. and Vice Chair Viegbesie informed her of where they were at on the Agenda.

Amendments and Approval of Agenda

CITIZENS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD (3-Minute Limit)

Due to COVID-19 and the efforts of the Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners to continue the practice of social distancing, Commissioners want to continue to hear from citizens under the Citizens Requesting to be Heard section of the agenda.

If citizens have any questions, comments, or concerns, please email

CitizensToBeHeard@gadsdencountyfl.gov and anticipate receiving a response within 48 hours.

The Board of County Commissioners would like to thank everyone for their patience and flexibility during this time.

Commissioner Green read the above statement aloud.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Approval Resolution 2021-029

Mr. Dixon introduced the above item and said they were aware that (Hurricane) Fred was upon them and was the reason for this emergency meeting. He said Ms. Tashonda Whaley, Interim Director of Emergency Management was present.

Ms. Whaley appeared before the board and stated as mentioned by the Administrator, there was a system, Tropical Depression Fred that was upon the County and was expected to affect the County Sunday night into Monday morning. She explained it was a depression but once was back into the gulf, it was expected to strengthen back to a Tropical Storm. She explained with the roads and leaning trees from (Hurricane) Michael, there was a concern. She did say at this

time the State had not executed an Executive Order regarding this system but was looking to see what the counties in the area were doing.

Chair Holt asked what type of PR was being put out.

Ms. Whaley said they were preparing to use their “Alert Gadsden” and did encourage citizens to register for that to receive text notifications and was using social media.

Chair Holt mentioned to consider using the grocery stores to posts signs. Ms. Whaley said they had been pushing the 2021 Disaster Guide they had published in May and have been pushing that out.

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2021-029 AND COMMISSIONER GREEN MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE.

2. Approval of Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement

Mr. Dixon stated there was no need to approve this item as it would remain in effect.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 10:12 A.M.

GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA

**BRENDA A. HOLT, Chair
Board of County Commissioners**

ATTEST:

NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk