

AUGUST 26, 2012 – EMERGENCY MEETING

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, held an Emergency Meeting on August 26, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. at the Walton County Courthouse in DeFuniak Springs, Florida.

The following Board members were present: Commissioner Scott Brannon, Chairman; Commissioner Larry Jones; Commissioner Kenneth Pridgen; and Commissioner Sara Comander. Mr. Gerry Demers, Interim County Administrator; Mrs. Dede Hinote, Interim Assistant County Administrator; and Ms. Martha Ingle, Clerk of Courts; were also present. Commissioner Cecilia Jones was absent.

Chairman Brannon called the meeting to order.

Motion by Commissioner Larry Jones, second by Commissioner Comander, to approve Resolution **2012-44** declaring a local state of emergency in Walton County due to Tropical Storm Isaac. Superintendent of Schools, Carlene Anderson, asked the Board to wait on making that decision until after a webinar at 1:30 p.m. from the National Weather Center. Based on Mrs. Anderson's request, Commissioner L. Jones withdrew his motion and Commissioner Comander withdrew her second.

Motion by Commissioner L. Jones, second by Commissioner Comander, to authorize the Chairman to declare a local state of emergency by Resolution **2012-44** based on information received at the 1:30 p.m. webinar from the National Weather Center and based on Major Joe Preston's recommendation at that time. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Brannon Aye, L. Jones Aye, Pridgen Aye, Comander Aye.

Mr. Gerry Demers requested the Board reschedule their Regular Meeting from Tuesday, August 28, 2012 to Thursday, August 30, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. at the Walton County Courthouse

located in DeFuniak Springs, FL. Motion by Commissioner Comander, second by Commissioner Pridgen, to reschedule the Regular Meeting from Tuesday, August 28, 2012 to Thursday, August 30, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. as recommended. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Brannon Aye, L. Jones Aye, Pridgen Aye, Comander Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Pridgen, second by Commissioner Comander, to reschedule the advertised Executive Session from Tuesday, August 28, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. to Thursday, August 30, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. for Kenneth W. Cox, Jr. v. Walton County, Case No. 08-CA-529 and Walton County Board of County Commissioners v. Thomas Hicks, Case No. 09-CA-887. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Brannon Aye, L. Jones Aye, Pridgen Aye, Comander Aye.

Motion by Commissioner L. Jones, second by Commissioner Comander, to reschedule all Agenda Items from Tuesday, August 28, 2012 Regular Meeting Agenda to Thursday, August 30, 2012 beginning at 9:00 a.m. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Brannon Aye, L. Jones Aye, Pridgen Aye, Comander Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Pridgen, second by Commissioner L. Jones, to continue the advertised Public Hearing to be held Tuesday, August 28, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. to Thursday, August 30, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. to consider the Four Mile Annual Rate Resolution. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Brannon Aye, L. Jones Aye, Pridgen Aye, Comander Aye.

Motion by Commissioner L. Jones, second by Commissioner Comander, to continue the advertised Public Hearing to be held Tuesday, August 28, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. to Thursday, August 30, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. to consider the Imperial Lakes Annual Rate Resolution. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Brannon Aye, L. Jones Aye, Pridgen Aye, Comander Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Pridgen, second by Commissioner Comander, to continue the advertised Public Hearing to be held Tuesday, August 28, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. to Thursday, August

30, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. to consider the Daughette Canal Capital Improvements and Maintenance Services Annual Rate Resolution. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Brannon Aye, L. Jones Aye, Pridgen Aye, Comander Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Comander, second by Commissioner Pridgen, to continue the advertised Public Hearing to be held Tuesday, August 28, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. to Thursday, August 30, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. to consider the Leisure Lake Annual Rate Resolution. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Brannon Aye, L. Jones Aye, Pridgen Aye, Comander Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Pridgen, second by Commissioner Comander, to continue the advertised Public Hearing to be held Tuesday, August 28, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. to Thursday, August 30, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. to consider the Fire Rescue Assessments and Annual Rate Resolution. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Brannon Aye, L. Jones Aye, Pridgen Aye, Comander Aye.

Major Joe Preston stated that he would give the Board an update after the 1:30 p.m. webinar regarding the decision of Walton County schools closing, a mandatory evacuation and shelters to be opened.

The Board agreed to recess until 5:00 p.m.

Chairman Brannon convened the Emergency Meeting.

County Attorney Toni Craig joined the meeting.

Major Joe Preston gave an update on the weather from the last briefing at 4:15 p.m. from the National Weather Service. Certain storm tracking models show a more easterly path; heading toward Pensacola. Proposed landfall of the storm is early Wednesday morning with more than 18 ½ inches of rainfall and high winds causing many tornados. Since Walton County has declared a local state of emergency, emergency storm shelters have been opened; therefore causing schools to close Monday and Tuesday. Heavy winds should be noticed around 6:00 p.m.

Monday evening. The Clyde Wells Bridge (US 331) will close when winds reach 40 mph. A mandatory evacuation will be reported for areas in Flood Plan A and B, low-lying areas, trailer parks and RV parks located south of Highway 20, by 6:00 a.m. Monday morning.

Motion by Commissioner L. Jones, second by Commissioner Pridgen, to renew the Interlocal Agreement with the Sheriff's Office to operate the Emergency Operations Center. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Brannon Aye, L. Jones Aye, Pridgen Aye, Comander Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Comander, second by Commissioner Pridgen, to close County Offices on Monday, August 27, 2012 and Tuesday, August 28, 2012, but allow the Courthouse located in DeFuniak Springs remain open on Monday for the Constitutional Officers to determine what personnel should report to work to perform the necessary duties of their offices. Directors shall notify their employees as to whom shall report to work on County staff. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Brannon Aye, L. Jones Aye, Pridgen Aye, Comander Aye.

There being no further business, Chairman Brannon adjourned the meeting.

ATTEST Martha Ingle
Martha Ingle, Clerk of Courts

APPROVED Scott C. Brannon
Scott Brannon, Chairman