

WEWAHITCHKA, FLORIDA

APRIL 6, 2009

EMERGENCY MEETING

The Gulf County Board of County Commissioners met this date in emergency session with the following members present: Vice Chairman Carmen L. McLemore and Commissioners Billy E. Traylor, Bill Williams, and Warren Yeager. <Chairman Nathan Peters, Jr. was absent.>

Others present were: Deputy Clerk Leanna Roberts, Chief Administrator Don Butler, Emergency Management Director Marshall Nelson, Mosquito Control Director Mark Cothran, Planner David Richardson, Public Works Director Gerald Shearer, Road Department Superintendant Bobby Knee, and Sheriff Joe Nugent.

The meeting reconvened at 4:59 p.m., C.S.T.

Emergency Management Director Nelson reported that the Apalachicola River at Blountstown has crested at 23.22 feet and will remain at this level until Wednesday. He reported that the Chipola River has crested at 30.66 feet, and stated that by Wednesday it should fall to 28 ½ feet. Upon inquiry by Commissioner McLemore, Emergency Management Director Nelson reported that at Chattahoochee it is holding at 30.66 feet, and stated that at the Jim Woodruff Dam, it should be down to 66 feet by Thursday. Upon inquiry by Acting Chairman McLemore, Wewahitchka City Manager Minchew discussed the water issues at Red Bull Island and Byrd Parker Drive area. He reported that approximately 21 houses have water damage. City Manager Minchew discussed data collection and staffing issues. After discussion, the Board thanked City Manager Minchew for his support. Sheriff Nugent discussed water issues at Dalkeith and Howard Creek. Chief Administrator Butler recommended that the Board allow the County to collect preliminary numbers/assignment (Step 1) to rebuild the roads to pre-storm conditions. After discussion, Commissioner Traylor motioned to proceed with Step 1. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion for discussion. Following discussion, the motion passed 3-0, with Commissioner Yeager abstaining due to a business relationship with Preble-Rish, Inc. Upon discussion, Commissioner Williams motioned to extend (#2) the Local State of Emergency for seven more days. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion and it passed unanimously (4-0).

There being no further discussion, the meeting did then adjourn at 5:24 p.m., C.S.T.

**CARMEN L. MCLEMORE
ACTING CHAIRMAN**

ATTEST:

**REBECCA L. NORRIS
CLERK**