

WEWAHITCHKA, FLORIDA

APRIL 3, 2009

EMERGENCY MEETING

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

Others present were: Clerk Becky Norris, Chief Administrator Don Butler, Building Inspector George Knight, Emergency Management Marshall Nelson, Grant Writer Towan Kopinsky, Maintenance Superintendent Steve Mork, Planner David Richardson, T.D.C. Coordinator Paula Pickett, Major Bobby Plair, and Sheriff Joe Nugent.

The meeting reconvened at 10:05 a.m., C.S.T.

Emergency Management Director Nelson reported that last night's rainfall was less than expected, and stated that more rain is in the forecast. He discussed the water levels at the Chipola River and the Apalachicola River at the Jim Woodruff Dam. Emergency Management Director Nelson discussed the bottled water and transportation issues. He reported that the Fish and Wildlife Commission is supplying support for security on the river. Upon inquiry by Assistant School Superintendent Bill Carr, Emergency Management Director Nelson discussed road closers in the lower Red Bull Island, Lake Grove Road, and Howard Creek area. After discussion, Emergency Management Director Nelson stated that once the volunteers see homes that have been flooded, to write down their addresses and submit them to the E.O.C. Upon inquiry by Dalkeith Fire Department Chief Bill Davis, Emergency Management Director Nelson discussed handing out two cases of bottled water per household to the residents of Howard Creek. Sheriff Nugent discussed road blocks due to river flooding. Wewahitchka City Manger Minchew recommended closing the river from Virginia Cut to River Sticks North to residents, due to boat wake problems. The Board discussed their concerns regarding enforcing this recommendation. Commissioner Traylor recommended that Wewahitchka City Manager Minchew work with the Fish and Wildlife Commission regarding this issue. Chairman Peters stated that this meeting will reconvene on Monday (April 6, 2009) at 5:00 p.m., C.S.T. at the Old Gulf County Courthouse in Wewahitchka. Upon discussion by the Board, Commissioner Yeager motioned to extend the Local State of Emergency for seven more days. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The meeting recessed at 10:25 a.m., C.S.T.