

SPECIAL MEETING  
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

September 17, 2004

The Special Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on September 17, 2004, at 9:00 a.m. in the Levy County Board of County Commissioners' meeting room, with the following Commissioners present:

Chairwoman Lilly Rooks  
Comm. Danny Stevens  
Comm. Nancy Bell  
Comm. Sammy Yearty

Also present were:

County Coordinator - Fred Moody  
Clerk Of The Court - Danny J. Shipp  
County Attorney- Anne Bast Brown

**BUILDING AND ZONING**

Mr. Randy Falls requested a policy to waive building permits for storm related restoration. Mr. Falls stated Levy County will not require building permits for non-structural and non-electrical repairs to single-family homes and businesses performed by licensed contractors or the home or business owner, whereupon the damaged area does not exceed one thousand (1,000) square feet and/or the total costs of repairs do not exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00). Mr. Falls further stated this policy would be effective for ninety (90) days beginning September 17, 2004, upon Board approval. Mr. Falls concluded, a short form or affidavit signed by the home owner or contractor estimating storm damage and cost for repairs must be signed, so the County can receive possible refunds from Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Comm. Yearty moved to approve the policy to waive building permit fees as presented with authorization for the Building Department to amend the permit process in accordance with the Florida Building Code. Comm. Stevens seconded and the MOTION CARRIED.

**LANDFILL**

Mr. Benny Jerrels requested the Board to waive tipping fees for storm related debris. Mr. Jerrels also stated it has been determined to be in the best interest of the citizens and residents of Levy County for an alternate site, other than the Levy County Landfill, be available for storage or disposal of vegetative storm debris. Mr. Jerrels stated storm related debris other than non-burnable items can be deposited at the Levy County Landfill site. Mr. Jerrels further stated a receipt stub in duplicate form will be signed by the owner including the property address be kept on record for the possible FEMA reimbursement. Mr. Jerrels concluded that the effective time will be thirty (30) days beginning September 17, 2004, upon Board approval.

Comm. Yearty moved to accept the proposal to waive tipping fees for storm related debris for thirty (30) days. Comm. Stevens seconded and the MOTION CARRIED.

**ROAD DEPARTMENT**

Mr. Fred Moody requested the approval of storm debris bids. Comm. Yearty asked if the County accepts a bid from a contractor and the work is completed, is the County going to be reimbursed by FEMA or can the County manage the removal of storm debris. Comm. Yearty also asked if Ms. Kay Holcomb could contact each Municipality joint with a FEMA staff person to discuss the removal of storm related debris. Comm. Yearty

concluded that the Levy County Road Department should maintain the county roads for the removal of storm debris.

**COUNTY EMPLOYEES**

Chairwoman Rooks inquired whether County Employees, who are on salaried will receive overtime compensation for storm related labor. Comm. Stevens stated there is a policy in place for compensating salaried employees during an emergency.

Comm. Yearty moved to table the discussion until all departments determine their current situation and estimate the relative overtime.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Ms. Kiesha Brown introduced the new program of Emergency Watershed Protection Program. Ms. Brown stated this program is a federally funded program that is mandated and appropriated by Congress. Mr. Brown further stated the program will assist in the removal of debris from streams, channels, or ditches which will keep water flowing.

Comm. Bell moved for approval of a letter to request the aforementioned program. Comm. Yearty seconded and the MOTION CARRIED.

**ROAD MAINTENANCE**

Chairwoman Rooks requested road maintenance in Cedar Key Heights and Rosewood Park on a one (1) time basis due to storm related issues.

Comm. Stevens moved to approve. Comm. Bell seconded and the MOTION CARRIED.

**MOSQUITO**

Mr. Matt Weldon presented an informational update on mosquito control in the County. Mr. Weldon concluded, the staff at Mosquito Control has determined the population of mosquitos are daytime feeders, therefore they are spraying three (3) to four (4) times a day.

**CLERK**

Mr. Danny Shipp introduced Mr. Jose Estevez as the new Information Technologist.

Ms. Sheila Rees asked the Board to adopt a spending policy during emergency situations. Ms. Rees stated each Department Head should store all equipment that was purchased during the hurricanes for the next emergency. Ms. Rees further suggested to place all equipment in a shed at Emergency Management for all departments, enabling the County to have easy access and the ability to keep an accurate log of the equipment for possible reimbursement.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED.

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Lilly Rooks, Chairwoman

ATTEST:

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Danny J. Shipp, Clerk of Court