



Okeechobee County Board of County Commissioners

Emergency Session

Meeting Location
304 NW 2nd Street
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~ Agenda ~

Thursday, September 7, 2017

10:00 AM

Historic Courthouse, Room 270

Call to Order

Terry Burroughs	Chairman
Bryant Culpepper	Commissioner
Kelly Owens	Commissioner
David Hazellief	Commissioner
Bradley G. Goodbread	Commissioner
Robbie Chartier	County Administrator
John Cassels	County Attorney
Jeff Shain	Deputy Clerk

I. Agenda

1. Local State of Emergency in Response to Hurricane Irma— Robbie Chartier

That the Board of County Commissioners approve and authorize the Chairman to execute Resolution 2017-39, Local State of Emergency in response to Hurricane Irma. This Resolution of a Local State of Emergency will commence at 10:01 AM EST on Thursday, September 7, 2017 for a period of 7 days unless rescinded earlier by the Board.

II. Adjournment

Any person deciding to appeal any decision by the Board of County Commissioners with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing will need to ensure that verbatim record of the proceedings is made and that the record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal will be based.



**Okeechobee County
Board of County Commissioners**

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Department: Administration
Category: Rule Making
Prepared By: Tracy Rowland
Initiator: Robbie Chartier

**SCHEDULED
RESOLUTION (ID # 4233)**

SUBJECT: Local State of Emergency in Response to Hurricane Irma

MEETING: Emergency Session September 07, 2017

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Unknown at this time.

REQUESTED ACTION:

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BACKGROUND:

In anticipation of a tropical storm watch, hurricane watch or warning being issued for Okeechobee County by the National Weather Service Office Melbourne. When issued, a tropical storm watch indicates tropical storm conditions are expected in the watch area within 48 hours.

To protect lives and property, staff requests the Board of County Commissioner's approve the Resolution of a Local State of Emergency commencing at 10:01 AM EST Thursday, September 7, 2017 for a period of 7 days unless rescinded earlier by the Board.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Resolution 2017-39 Local State of Emergency in Response to Hurricane Irma (PDF)

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

OKEECHOBEE COUNTY FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY FLORIDA DECLARING A STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY IN REFERENCE TO THE THREAT OF TROPICAL STORM/HURRICANE IRMA; DIRECTING EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TO IMPLEMENT OKEECHOBEE COUNTY'S INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM TO ADDRESS AND RESOLVE INCIDENTS THAT MAY BE CAUSED BY THIS TROPICAL SYSTEM AND TO TAKE ALL PRUDENT ACTIONS AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO PROTECT THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE COMMUNITY PURSUANT TO THIS DECLARATION; WAVING PROCEDURES AND FORMALITIES DURING THE PERIOD OF SUCH LOCAL EMERGENCY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Section 252.38 Florida Statutes, notes that safeguarding the life and property of its citizens is an innate responsibility of the governing body of each political subdivision of the state; and

WHEREAS, Section 252.38(3) (a), Florida Statutes, empowers political subdivisions to declare a state of local emergency; and

WHEREAS, Section 252.38(3)(a), Florida Statutes, empowers political subdivisions to take certain actions, including the power and authority to assign and make available for duty the officers and agencies of the political subdivision, including the employees, property, or equipment thereof relating to firefighting, engineering , rescue, health, medical and related services, police, transportation, construction, and similar items or services for emergency operations purposes, as the primary emergency management forces of the political subdivision for employment within or outside the political limits of the subdivision; and

WHEREAS, Section 252.38(3) (a), Florida Statutes, as well as Section 26-26 of the Okeechobee County Code, empowers the County to waive the procedures and formalities otherwise required of the County by law pertaining to 1: Performance of public work taking whatever prudent action is necessary to ensure health, safety, and welfare of the community; 2. Entering into contracts; 3. incurring obligations; 4. Employment of permanent and temporary worker; 5. Utilization of volunteer workers; 6. Rental of equipment; 7. Acquisition and distribution, with or without compensation, of supplies, materials and facilities; and 8. Appropriation and expenditures of public funds; and

WHEREAS, BOCC Resolution 2009-47 directs the use of the National Incident Management System as the county's system of preparing for and responding to disaster incidents, including the use of the Incident Command System to establish an Incident Management Team to address

hazards and threats facing the jurisdiction, and a delegation of authority to an Incident Commander: and,

WHEREAS, beginning **0900AM Friday September 08, 2017** Okeechobee County has been subjected to the threat of a tropical system which puts its citizens' lives, health, residences, property and businesses at significant risk and;

WHEREAS, this tropical system may therefore require expedient action to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the community

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, that:

1. Okeechobee County declares a local state of emergency for all of Okeechobee County for a period of 7 days, in connection with the oncoming tropical system.
2. The board appoints the Director of Emergency Management as the Incident Commander of the Incident Management Team to coordinate the County's response efforts and supporting resources for these threats.
3. That procedures and formalities otherwise required by law pertaining to actions enumerated as 1 thru 7 in the fourth WHEREAS clause hereinabove, are hereby waived for the duration of this declaration.
4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon execution.

RESOLVED this 07th day of SEPTEMBER 2017.

Terry W. Burroughs, Chair
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTEST:

Sharon Robertson, Clerk
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA