

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS - EMERGENCY MEETING

AUGUST 18, 2008

A meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was held at the Murdock Administration Complex in Room 119, Port Charlotte, Florida. The following members were present: None. Also in attendance were Deputy County Attorney Gallagher, County Administrator Baltz, Minutes Supervisor Nice, Commissioner Duffy, Commissioner Loftus, Commissioner Cummings, Chairman D'Aprile, and Commissioner Moore. The following members were absent: None. The emergency meeting was called to order at **9:00 AM** followed by the pledge of allegiance.

1. Declaration of Emergency

Chairman D'Aprile explained the purpose for the emergency meeting being conducted by video conferencing regarding Tropical Storm Fay, a Declaration of Emergency is in place, and turned the meeting over to Emergency Management Director Wayne Sallade.

Mr. Sallade gave a slide presentation on the location of Tropical Storm Fay as of the latest advisory, 5:00 AM this morning, reflecting a shift eastward closer along the Gulf Coast of Florida and a projected path over the Cape Haze Peninsula between 12:00 Noon and 6:00 PM tomorrow. Mr. Sallade indicated forecasts later today will provide more data on landfall, possibly further south of Charlotte County; stated anticipated wind gusts of approximately 80 mph can significantly damage older manufactured homes; there are still many older manufactured homes on the Cape Haze Peninsula in Mobile Gardens, Lemon Bay Estates, Holiday Mobile Estates, and other small communities that could result in flying debris from these homes as well as sheds, carports, and roof overs; there will be a strong recommendation that manufactured homes, barrier islands, and areas of seven feet or less elevation be evacuated, although residents of Ventura Lakes would probably elect to remain in their homes; recalled 70 mph winds from Gabrielle that made landfall in Osprey, in Sarasota County, caused a four-foot storm surge added to the two feet high tide flooded over 300 homes along the Peace River in East Punta Gorda; the projected surge with Fay is a maximum water at seven feet that would impact the El Jobean area including the fire station and homes less than seven feet and this would only be in

the extreme; Fay could move a little further to the south and east but that has not been determined; the next update will be at 11:00 AM; the eye is projected to go over his house in Rotonda with hurricane force winds at 2:00 PM approaching the mouth of Charlotte Harbor with hurricane force winds over Cape Coral and south Charlotte County and 75 mph at Burnt Store Marina; the eye at 4:00 PM would be centered over the entire Cape Haze Peninsula with winds in the 60s; and at 9:00 PM Fay would still have winds out of the west thereby pushing water into Charlotte Harbor with the greatest storm surge impact to the Myakka River e.g. parts of Gulf Cove and Riverwood. **Chairman D'Aprile** requested the tide timetable at landfall. Mr. Sallade stated high tide is anticipated at 5:26 PM tomorrow and a two feet high tide plus the five feet projected may cause a seven feet storm surge. **Chairman D'Aprile** suggested a motion declaring a state of local emergency.

COMMISSIONER LOFTUS MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2008-105 OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLOTTE COUNTY, FLORIDA, DECLARING A STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING FOR EMERGENCY GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS RELATED TO TROPICAL STORM FAY, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MOORE.

Motion Carried 5:0.

Chairman D'Aprile cautioned everyone about the importance of preparations and staying safe since hurricanes can cause tornadoes and flooding and pointed out Charlotte County has been through worse storms than projections for Fay.

Commissioner Duffy asked if Mr. Sallade's presentation was done. Mr. Sallade requested questions and comments from Board Members. There were none. Mr. Sallade expressed concern about the thousands and thousands of flying missiles, known as campaign signs, and suggested campaign groups take care of these projectiles. Mr. Sallade stated the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) has limited staffing as of this time but will gear up to 100% by the time Fay makes landfall and the EOC will be activated throughout the event. **Chairman D'Aprile** asked Mr. Sallade to contact each Commissioner by cell phone with any changes and updates. Mr. Sallade stated pertinent information will be passed along to Commissioners and reiterated the next update is scheduled for 11:00 AM. **Commissioner Cummings** requested voluntary evacuation zones. Mr. Sallade advised downtown Punta

Gorda, manufactured homes, El Jobean, and people living seven feet or below sea level because of potential flooding.

2. Postponement of the August 19, 2008 Land Use Public Hearings

Mr. Baltz commented on notice requirements and suggested rescheduling the land use hearings until the afternoon of September 9, 2009 following the regular meeting.

COMMISSIONER MOORE MOVED TO APPROVE CANCELLATION AND RESCHEDULE OF THE LAND USE PUBLIC HEARINGS TO THE AFTERNOON OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2008, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LOFTUS.
Motion Carried 5:0.

ADJOURNED: 9:15 AM

Signature on file in Commission Minutes
Chairman

ATTEST:

BARBARA T. SCOTT, CLERK
OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND
EX-OFFICIO TO THE BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

By: Signature on file in Commission Minutes
Deputy Clerk

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