

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
EMERGENCY SESSION
September 2, 2008

The Board met this date in Regular Session. Present were Chairman Felix “Skeet” Joyner, Commissioners Gene C. Hall, Danny Monroe III, J.N. Tuten Jr and Jerry Sutphin. Also present were County Coordinator Roy Schleicher, Deputy Clerk Nick Flynt from the Clerk’s Office, and County Attorney T. Buckingham Bird.

1. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher gave update on Tropical Storm Fay and said that Road Superintendent David Harvey had some private contractors come in to do things that the Road Department was unable to handle.
2. Mr. Schleicher asked the Board to extend the emergency declaration seven days (from the 4th of September to the 10th of September, 2008). Per County Attorney, these extensions can only be done seven days at a time. On motion by Commissioner Sutphin, seconded by Commissioner Hall and unanimously carried, the resolution to extend the declaration was approved.
3. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher presented document from FEMA showing that Jefferson County had been added as county eligible for public assistance due to disaster situation effective back to August 24th, 2008.
4. Chairman Joyner requested that County Coordinator Roy Schleicher write a letter to the Secretary of State requesting the 12.5% of costs affiliated with Tropical Storm Fay be waived due to Jefferson County’s status as a fiscally constrained county.
5. On motion by Commissioner Sutphin, seconded by Commissioner Monroe, and unanimously carried, it was decided that letter would be written to Secretary of State and also Governor Crist.
6. County Coordinator said there were four potential project managers that have expertise to be managers of projects to work with Road Superintendent David Harvey.
7. Road Superintendent David Harvey stated that approximately 50% of the county roads needed attention. He said there are 64 roads that are on list to be repaired with FEMA money, but there are roads that have not yet been assessed. Chairman Joyner stated that FEMA money would be used to rehabilitate both paved and dirt roads.
8. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher stated that the county—through hired project manager—would try to hire local small contractors to fix the smaller items. He further stated that since we do not have any large contractors, we would likely have to hire company from out of town for larger projects/items.
9. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher stated that FEMA designation coupled with local declaration by Commissioners gave county the ability to waive normal bidding procedures because it is an emergency.
10. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher stated that FEMA reviewed maintenance records kept at the Road Department. If records had not been kept or road had not been properly maintained, that road would not be eligible for repair with FEMA money.
11. Citizen Michael Ashworth from Oak Lands Plantation Road asked for some assistance for his private road. He asked if Public Assistance Declaration made his road eligible for some rock and the use of a grader. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher stated he and Mr. Harvey would assess the road and bring it back to the Board on Thursday.

12. On motion by Commissioner Tuten, seconded by Commissioner Sutphin, and
unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Chairman

Attest: _____
Clerk