

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
EMERGENCY SESSION
August 28, 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 stated that Jefferson County received approximately 20 inches of rain from Tropical Storm Fay.
2. FEMA informed Road Superintendent David Harvey to make emergency repairs as soon as possible. Mr. Harvey met with outside contractors to work on repairs.
3. Chairman Joyner asked County Coordinator Roy Schleicher how many people were stranded and could not leave with their own vehicle. Mr. Schleicher said that, to his knowledge, no one was stranded at this time.
4. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher stated that Emergency Management Director Carol Ellerbe had submitted the application and necessary documentation to FEMA.
5. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher recommended bidding out for a project manager to coordinate contractors to do the work.
6. Chairman Joyner asked if Jefferson County was declared a disaster area, how FEMA would determine how much money we would receive to rehabilitate our roads. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher advised we would get reimbursed for anything documented. He further explained that 75% would be paid for by FEMA, 12.5% would be paid by state and county could potentially be responsible for 12.5%.
7. Chairman Joyner asked how we would determine which roads we would receive aid for. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher said the roads that needed work would be determined by the Road Department in concert with FEMA. He further added that roads would be prioritized according to usage.
8. Chairman Joyner stated he knew several residences where people could not get in and out without the use of a four-wheel drive vehicle. He expressed his desire that those be made a priority. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher said those would be considered a priority second only to the highly traveled roads that many people depend on.
9. Commissioner Sutphin asked if any of the work performed so far would be considered in kind towards the 12.5% of the county’s responsibility. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher said if not in kind, it could likely be reimbursed.
10. Emergency Management Director Carol Ellerbe presented a preliminary assessment of damages caused by Tropical Storm Fay throughout the county. The rough estimate at this point is \$177,000. Chairman Joyner wanted to know how much of this number was fire/ambulance and emergency management expenses.
11. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher set next emergency meeting for Board of County Commissioners for September 2nd, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. It will be followed by Emergency Operations Center meeting.
12. Commissioner Sutphin asked if contractors approved to work for the county would need some sort of identification so citizens would know they are working on behalf of the county. County Coordinator Roy Schleicher stated that it would

be up to the project manager to assess the abilities of the local workers and how much assistance was needed from outside contractors.

- 13. Emergency Management Director Carol Ellerbe read declaration that she needed approval from the Board to request emergency disaster assistance. On motion by Commissioner Tuten, seconded by Commissioner Hall and unanimously carried, the approval to request emergency disaster assistance was approved.

- 14. County Attorney Buck Bird addressed the Board regarding the county spending public money on private roads. He stated the Attorney General’s opinion that the county can make a decision to spend public funds on private roads under circumstances, mainly to provide for the health and safety of the persons and property of Jefferson County. In order to do this, the county would need to make a declaration. This is only temporary to make roads passable. Chairman Joyner said for the record he did not want to spend too much on the private roads, but that people did need to be able to get in and out of their houses for emergency reasons.

- 15. On motion by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Sutphin and unanimously carried, the decision to allow emergency repairs be performed on private road Murmuring Creek Road was approved.

- 16. On motion by Commissioner Monroe, seconded by Commissioner Tuten, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Chairman

Attest: _____
Clerk