



Agenda Report

2725 Judge Fran Jamieson
Way
Viera, FL 32940

Consent

F.18.

5/17/2022

Subject:

Delegation of Authority for 2022 Hurricane Season

Fiscal Impact:

None

Dept/Office:

Emergency Management

Requested Action:

In order to facilitate prompt preparation and response to an impending tropical cyclone during the 2022 season, Emergency Management is seeking specific delegation of authority as described below beginning immediately and ending on December 31, 2022. This action is similar to the procedure approved by the Board last year. Specifically,

- Allow the current chair or vice-chair of the BoCC to have authority to declare a Local State of Emergency for any tropical cyclone event during the 2022 season after obtaining input from the County Manager, Emergency Management Director and/or the Emergency Coordination Group; and
- Allow the County Manager and/or his designee to sign extensions to any Local State of Emergency; and
- Allow the current chair or vice-chair of the BoCC to have the authority to order Emergency Protective Actions, including implementing any restrictions necessary to protect life and property as a direct result of storm impacts after obtaining input from the Emergency Management Director and the Emergency Coordination Group. This would include but is not limited to issuing Evacuation orders (area included, timing, effective date and termination) and Shelter Operations decisions (which shelters to open and timing). If the current chair or vice-chair is not available, this authority would then be delegated to the County Manager.

Summary Explanation and Background:

Under the adopted CEMP, Emergency Management has to call a special meeting in order to request that the BoCC issue a Local State of Emergency if there is a threat of a tropical cyclone for Brevard County. This step requires at least 24 hours' notice. Given the complexities of planning during the 2022 hurricane season in conjunction with managing the current pandemic and the forecast of another active hurricane season in the Atlantic, Emergency Management is seeking specific delegations of authority to streamline the normal process. The intent is to be able to obtain critical input from both the Emergency Management Director and other key stakeholders from the Emergency Coordination Group such as representatives of the municipalities, Department of Health, the Sheriff's office and School Board and implement necessary actions in a coordinated

and timely fashion. The CEMP specifically authorizes this type of limited delegation of authority.

The delegation of authority is sought for the 2022 hurricane season only (through December 31, 2022) and can be revoked by the BoCC at any time with a majority vote.

Clerk to the Board Instructions:



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May 18, 2022

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: John Scott, Emergency Management Director

RE: Item F.18., Delegation of Authority for 2022 Hurricane Season

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on May 17, 2022, in order to facilitate prompt preparation and response to an impending tropical cyclone during the 2022 season, delegated the authority to Emergency Management, beginning immediately and ending on December 31, 2022, the following:

- Authorized allowing the current Chair or Vice-Chair of the Board to have authority to declare a Local State of Emergency for any tropical cyclone event during the 2022 season after obtaining input from the County Manager, Emergency Management Director, and/or the Emergency Coordination Group;
- Authorized allowing the County Manager, and/or his designee, to sign extension to any Local State of Emergency;
- Authorized allowing the current Chair or Vice-Chair of the Board to have the authority to order Emergency Protective Actions, including implementing any restrictions necessary to protect life and property as a direct result of storm impacts after obtaining input from the Emergency Management Director and the Emergency Coordination Group, including, but not limited to, issuing Evacuation Orders (area included, timing, effective date, and termination) and Shelter Operations decision (which shelters to open and timing); and if the current Chair or Vice-Chair is not available, this authority would then be delegated to the County Manager.

Your continued cooperation is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RACHEL M. SADOFF, CLERK

for Donna Scott
Kimberly Powell, Clerk to the Board

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cc: Each Commissioner
County Manager