



Agenda Report

2725 Judge Fran Jamieson
Way
Viera, FL 32940

Consent

F.30.

5/18/2021

Subject:

Delegation of Authority for 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 2021 season, Emergency Management is seeking specific delegation of authority as described below beginning immediately and ending on December 31, 2021. 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 2021 season after obtaining input from the County Manager, Emergency Management Director and/or the Policy 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 Policy 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 2021 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 Policy 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 2021 hurricane season only (through December 31, 2021) and can be revoked by the BoCC at any time with a majority vote.

Clerk to the Board Instructions:



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MEMORANDUM

TO: John Scott, Emergency Management Director

RE: Item F.30., Delegation of Authority for Hurricane Season

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on May 18, 2021,

- approved the current Chair or Vice-Chair to have authority to declare a Local State of Emergency for any tropical cyclone event during the 2021 season after obtaining input from you, the County Manager, and/or the Policy Group;
- authorized the County Manager, and/or his designee, to sign extensions to any Local State of Emergency;
- authorized the Chair or Vice-Chair 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 you and the Policy Group, including, but not limited to, Evacuation Orders and Shelter Operations decisions;
- and authorized the County Manager to delegate the same authority if the Chair or Vice-Chair are not available.

Your continued cooperation is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RACHEL M. SADOFF, CLERK

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Kimberly Powell, Clerk to the Board

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cc: County Manager
Chair Pritchett
Vice-Chair Zonka
Public Safety