

**FCBCC SPECIAL MEETING SEPTEMBER 30, 2004**

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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**OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:** Cheryl Sander, Chairman, Commissioner Williams and Putnal present, Commissioners Creamer and Mosconis, absent, Kendall Wade, Clerk, Amelia Varnes, Deputy Clerk.

**1:00 P.M.:** Chairman Sanders called the special meeting to order.

This meeting was called concerning debris removal and the FEMA meeting yesterday, September 29, 2004.

(Tape 1-19) Alan Pierce appeared before the Board and said there were four items that need to be covered today. First he gave the Board copies of the application given to him by FEMA concerning debris removal. The county is eligible for overtime work associated with debris removal and the 72 hours before the storms reached the county. He explained that if this work takes place in the normal work day, there is no reimbursement made by FEMA. He went on to say the county is eligible for Category A which is debris removal and Category B, which is protective action.

In order to receive FEMA funds, it is necessary that the County pay overtime. He wanted this clear in the record. He went on to say that the County will not necessarily receive the overtime pay right away. It may take as much as 120 days for the county to recoup this money from FEMA.

Chairman Sanders stated that, in the past, the county has offered the option of comp time in lieu of payment. She asked if this is an option in this case. Mr. Pierce said this is an option but the county will not be reimbursed for comp time.

Mr. Wade told the Board that there is no overtime money in the budget; the county will have to wait until the money is received from FEMA before paying these employees. He went on to say that at the last meeting he presented time that has already been submitted in overtime time. The Department heads need to keep clear records as to any overtime worked concerning debris removal. Once this time has been submitted to the County, it can be submitted to FEMA and when these funds are received from FEMA, the employees can be paid.

(Tape 1-180) Van Johnson said the employees have already been compensated in the form of comp time for Hurricane Ivan and other previous storms. The Road Department at time and ½ will work on Friday and Saturday which are their normal days off to collect debris. He estimates it will take about 30 days. This would not include normal working hours. FEMA will also reimburse for equipment used on the overtime. The Department heads will be responsible for keeping up with this overtime.

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(Tape 1-290) Progress Energy contacted Chairman Sanders and said since the county is going to be reimbursed for the debris clean up, they would like for the county to pick up their share.

(Tape 1-297) Chairman Sanders said that for seafood workers unable to work because of the storms, FEMA would have to review each case individually to see what help is available.

For clarification, the Board agreed that time already submitted will be compensated as comp time. From today, forward, the Departments will submit for overtime from FEMA, to be paid when FEMA reimburses for this time.

Commissioner Putnal made a **motion to pay the Road Department and Landfill overtime and for equipment use.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-368) Dewitt Polous with Mosquito Control appeared before the Board said that the amount of pesticides has doubled in the past two months because of the rainfall. Commissioner Putnal said that now is the time to ask FEMA for help with paying for the additional pesticide. It was agreed the County will pursue getting additional pesticides. It was also agreed that the County will ask if the Mosquito Control can work overtime and also be reimbursed.

Mr. Johnson asked the Board to do a press release asking citizens to remove debris from the roads and pile it up on the side for pick up. It was noted that the Road Department can not go onto private property to pick up storm debris.

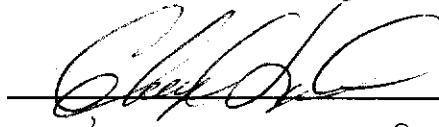
(Tape 1-521) Mr. Wade said that he spoke with Mike Fisher of the Governor's office. They were asking if there is anything they could do to help the County. Mr. Wade said that the County needs generators. He asked if there was anything else the county needed. Mr. Pierce said that Alligator Point Road needs an addition 12,000 feet of revetment to stabilize this road. It is going to take another million dollars to stabilize this road.

Chairman Sanders instructed the Department heads to look for damage to any roads etc; as this can be claimed as storm damage. This includes any roads that may have been undermined by these storms.

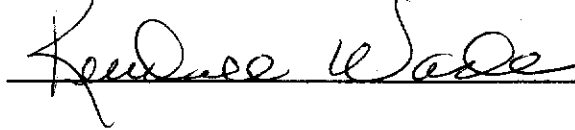
Mr. Pierce said the Salvation Army will be giving additional food allocations at the American Legion tomorrow at 10:00 a.m., for the seafood industry. They need help unloading boxes. It was suggested that an inmate crew could help to unload these boxes.

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THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD IT  
WAS AGREED TO ADJOURN.



CHERYL SANDER, CHAIRMAN



KENDALL WADE, CLERK