

AT AN EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF JAMES CITY, VIRGINIA, HELD ON THE 30TH DAY OF AUGUST 2011, AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER, 4600 OPPORTUNITY WAY, JAMES CITY COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

Mary K. Jones, Chairman, Berkeley District
Bruce C. Goodson, Vice Chair, Roberts District
James G. Kennedy, Stonehouse District
James O. Icenhour, Jr., Powhatan District
John J. McGlennon, Jamestown District

Robert C. Middaugh, County Administrator
Leo P. Rogers, County Attorney

C. BOARD CONSIDERATIONS

1. Declaration of Local Emergency

Mr. Middaugh explained that he declared a local emergency on Friday, August 26, 2011, due to Hurricane Irene. The declaration was necessary to coordinate local government response for the public safety of citizens. The Code of Virginia requires that the Board of Supervisors confirm the declaration of emergency.

Mr. Goodson made a motion to adopt the resolution declaring a local emergency.

On a roll call vote, the vote was: AYE: Kennedy, Goodson, McGlennon, Icenhour, Jones (5). NAY: (0).

RESOLUTION

DECLARATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY - HURRICANE IRENE

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the County of James City, Virginia, does hereby find as follows:

1. That due to the imminent threat of Hurricane Irene, the County of James City is facing a condition of extreme peril to the lives, safety, and property of the residents of James City County; and
2. That as a result of this extreme peril, the proclamation of the existence of an emergency is necessary to permit the full powers of government to deal effectively with this condition of peril.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of James City County, Virginia, that a local emergency now exists throughout the County of James City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that during the existence of this emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the Director of Emergency Management and the Emergency Management organization, and functions of the County of James City shall be those prescribed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the ordinances, resolutions, and approved plans of the County of James City in order to mitigate the effects of said emergency.

2. Resolution to Waive Building Permit Fees for Repairing Damage Caused by Hurricane Irene in James City County

Mr. Middaugh presented a resolution to waive building permit fees for repairing damage caused by Hurricane Irene to assist citizens with recovery efforts.

Mr. McGlennon made a motion to adopt the resolution.

On a roll call vote, the vote was: AYE: Kennedy, Goodson, McGlennon, Icenhour, Jones (5). NAY: (0).

RESOLUTION

TO WAIVE BUILDING PERMIT FEES FOR REPAIRING DAMAGE CAUSED

BY HURRICANE IRENE IN JAMES CITY COUNTY

WHEREAS, Hurricane Irene affected James City County; and

WHEREAS, the hurricane caused damage to residential and commercial structures; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia declared a State of Emergency due to the hurricane; and

WHEREAS, the James City County Board of Supervisors declared a local emergency and desires to assist property owners with repairing damage to their structures caused by the hurricane.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of James City County, Virginia, hereby waives any building permit fees directly related to repairing damage caused by Hurricane Irene.

3. Resolution to Waive Tipping Fees for Woody Debris from Hurricane Irene

Mr. Middaugh presented a resolution to waive tipping fees at the Jolly Pond Convenience Center for woody debris caused by Hurricane Irene.

Mr. McGlennon made a motion to adopt the resolution.

Mr. Middaugh provided an update of the County's response to the hurricane. The Federal Emergency Management Agency has not yet included debris removal in its disaster declaration, and the County will monitor this very closely.

Mr. Goodson asked if the County was reimbursed for debris removal on private streets after Hurricane Isabel.

Mr. Middaugh provided an overview of the damage caused by the hurricane. The most recent assessment indicated that seven houses were destroyed, 130 received significant damage, 109 houses received minor damage, and 191 houses were affected. The value of the estimated damage is \$18 million, but is expected to climb to as much as \$25 million. Mr. Middaugh stated that County employees had been providing outreach to owners of homes that were damaged.

In terms of public damage, the James City Service Authority (JCSA) had a sewer bridge destroyed and a lift station destroyed. There was minor damage to several schools.

The James City/Williamsburg Community Center was opened as an emergency shelter and had a peak of 63 citizens. The shelter is closed but a few citizens with special needs have been placed in hotels. The James City/Williamsburg Community Center remains open for showers and as a cooling center. Child care is also being provided.

Some of the mobile home parks were significantly affected by the hurricane and staff is monitoring them closely.

The County has activated its contract with Crowder Gulf to remove debris. They will begin collection on September 6. The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is clearing primary and secondary roads, and the County cleared some subdivision roads where necessary.

There are currently 16,000 residents without electricity. Board members expressed frustration with Dominion Virginia Power's response to the hurricane and the lack of system maintenance prior to the hurricane.

Ms. Jones thanked the staff and stated that they provided a tremendous public service.

Mr. Kennedy noted that the JCSA was one of the few utilities that did not fail during the storm.

Mr. Icenhour asked for a report on flooding of roads, specifically News Road.

On a roll call vote, the vote was: AYE: Kennedy, Goodson, McGlennon, Icenhour, Jones (5). NAY: (0).

RESOLUTION

TO WAIVE TIPPING FEES FOR WOODY DEBRIS FROM HURRICANE IRENE

WHEREAS, on August 26 and 27, Hurricane Irene affected James City County; and

WHEREAS, Hurricane Irene caused significant damage to residential and commercial structures; and

WHEREAS, the James City County Board of Supervisors, Governor to the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the President of the United States of America declared a State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, the James City County Board of Supervisors desires to assist citizens with removal of debris caused by Hurricane Irene.

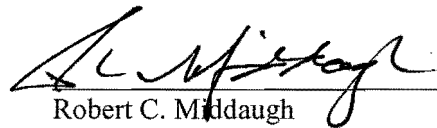
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of James City County, Virginia, hereby waives fees at the Jolly Pond Convenience Center for woody debris caused by Hurricane Irene for citizens of James City County until September 11, 2011.

D. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. McGlennon made a motion to adjourn.

On a roll call vote, the vote was: AYE: Kennedy, Goodson, McGlennon, Icenhour, Jones (5). NAY: (0).

At 6:45 p.m., Ms. Jones adjourned the Board until 7 p.m. on September 13, 2011.



Robert C. Milledaugh
Clerk to the Board