

An emergency special meeting of the City Commission of the City of Apalachicola was held on Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at 11:00 AM at the Apalachicola Police/Fire Station, 127 Avenue E, Apalachicola, Florida.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Van Johnson  
Commissioner Jimmy Elliott  
Commissioner Brenda Ash  
Commissioner Anita Grove  
City Manager Ron Nalley  
Director of Administrative Services Lee Mathes  
Chief of Police Bobby Varnes

City Planner Cindy Clark  
Librarian Jill Rourke

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Mitchell Bartley

<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>
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Emergency special meeting called to order by Mayor Johnson.

Mayor Johnson stated meeting was called to discuss and make decisions on various storm related issues.

Ron Nalley stated the City is still operating under a state of emergency. Mr. Nalley updated Commission on City activities regarding storm and stated City Hall has been relocated to the Johnson Complex and is open for business. Mr. Nalley stated that Jill Rourke has been the City's liaison at the Emergency Management Center since November 11<sup>th</sup> which involves logging employee work hours, relaying information regarding FEMA and debris removal assistance.

Mr. Nalley explained the City of Apalachicola did not have a debris removal contract or a debris monitoring contract in place prior to Hurricane Michael, but because this is a state of emergency, the City is allowed to piggyback off of Franklin County's contract. The debris removal contract is with Crowder Gulf and the debris monitoring contract is with Tetra Tech.

Mayor Johnson stated if the City did not piggyback off the County, then the City would have to follow the FEMA bid process.

Commissioner Jimmy Elliott made a motion to authorize the City of Apalachicola to piggyback off of Franklin County for debris removal services, award contract to Crowder Gulf for debris removal services, and authorize Mayor and City Attorney to execute contract. Commissioner Brenda Ash seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Ash questioned why a debris monitoring company is needed.

Mayor Johnson stated the debris monitoring company must inspect all debris prior to removal to make sure all debris is FEMA eligible.

George Mahr stated there are local contractors that will not be able to work with the debris removal process.

Mayor Johnson stated FEMA guidelines regarding companies are strict. All contractors and companies can apply to FEMA and become a FEMA certified contractor but it is a process. Franklin County advertised for a debris removal company and a debris monitoring company, and local contractors could have went through the process, got certified, and bid.

Commissioner Jimmy Elliott made a motion to authorize the City of Apalachicola to piggyback off of Franklin County for debris monitoring services, award contract to Tetra Tech for debris monitoring services, and authorize Mayor and City Attorney to execute contract. Commissioner Brenda Ash seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Cindy Clark stated there is some state and federal disaster funding that is available for the City to apply. Ms. Clark stated she would like authorization to pursue state and federal disaster assistance funding.

Commissioner Brenda Ash made a motion to authorize City Staff to pursue federal and state funding for all disaster recovery monies. Commissioner Anita Grove seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Nalley stated individuals will be applying for building permits to repair damages and after discussions with building department it is recommended waiving permit fee and inspection fee for 30 days for residential individuals; waive site plan review fees only if repairing back to original state; contractors and commercial individuals will not be waived the fees; and Staff will review all permits.

Commissioner Anita Grove made a motion to waive permit fee and inspection fee for 30 days for residential individuals; waive site plan review fees only if repairing back to original state; contractors and commercial individuals will not be waived the fees; and Staff will review all permits. Commissioner Jimmy Elliott seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Discussion held concerning Public Information Officer for disaster and emergency events and City wide activities before, during, and after storm.

With no further business, Commissioner Brenda Ash made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Anita Grove seconded and the motion carried with a 4-0.

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Van W. Johnson, Sr., Mayor

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Lee Mathes, Director of Administrative Services