

HAYWOOD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

EMERGENCY MEETING – October 2, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

Emergency Management Director, Greg Shuping recognized BOCC Chairman, Mark Swanger.

Chairman Swanger explained that per NCGS 153A-40, this emergency meeting was properly notified and requires a call to order of the Board of Commissioners with a quorum of himself, Commissioner Bill Upton present and Commissioner L. Kevin Ensley present by phone.

Chairman Mark S. Swanger convened the emergency meeting of the Haywood County Board of Commissioners at 11:00 a.m. in the Emergency Operations Center at the Historic Haywood County Courthouse Waynesville, North Carolina, with Chairman Mark S. Swanger, Commissioner Bill Upton present, and Commissioner L. Kevin Ensley present by phone. Staff members present were County Manager Ira Dove, Finance Director Julie Davis and Deputy Clerk Candace Way.

Members Absent: Vice-Chairman J.W. “Kirk” Kirkpatrick III, Commissioner Michael Sorrells

NEW BUSINESS

Conference call on potential issues from inclement weather conditions

Chairman Swanger recognized Emergency Management Director, Greg Shuping.

Mr. Shuping welcomed everyone present and conducted a roll call of attendees. He provided a weather update pertinent to Haywood County due to inclement weather from the hurricane along the coast, provided recommendations and distributed the same. He answered questions from attendees. He advised that Governor McCrory had declared a State of Emergency for all 100 counties, which allows the Governor to move resources to all State agencies on an as needed basis.

He concluded by saying that he will send out weather updates periodically as they are received. He turned the meeting back over to Chairman Swanger.

With no further business, Chairman Swanger thanked everyone in attendance.

Rainfall Event Hurricane Joaquin 2 October 2015 Conference Call

Weather Hazard

An Upper Low moving across our WNC Mountains, coupled with Hurricane Joaquin will produce heavy rain and wind gusts in Haywood County. From now through Monday morning communities south of Maggie Valley, Waynesville, Clyde and Canton can expect about 10" of rain, while the municipalities and northern communities can expect about 7" of rain. Wind gusts of 20-30mph are possible, with the highest gusts over our mountain tops.

Expected Vulnerabilities

- Trees down
- Power Outages
- Intermittent Flash Flooding in low lying areas along rivers and streams
- Possible debris flows in drainages and particularly in areas with disturbed and exposed soils where rainfall may accumulate.

Recommended Actions

- Everyone should maintain close contact with ever changing weather conditions.
- Be aware of potential hazards around your home, work place and travel paths.
- Stay away from flooding water and wear a personal flotation device when operating nearby.
- Be prepared for extended periods of power outages. Do not call 911 for power outages, call the appropriate power company.
- The majority of fatalities associated with flash flooding are due to attempting to drive through standing water. Even shallow moving water can make tires a flotation device! 2 feet of water can float a 3000lb car.
- Rapidly moving water and debris can lead to trauma.
- Broken electrical, water, gas and sewer lines can result in severe injuries.
- Look for tilted trees, poles, fences, walls and holes on hillsides.
- Be extra cautious at night when it is harder to see flood dangers.
- Emergency Agencies: Travel around your communities, make a list of potentially hazardous areas and/or vulnerable citizens. Provide them with good preparedness advice.
- Extra staffing of all agencies will be helpful.
- All swift-water rescue teams on standby, once the team leaders have an inventory and roster, share your numbers with the 911 Communications Center.
- Emergency Management staff will be on duty throughout the weekend. Call the non-emergency line to 911 Communications to speak with them.
- Ensure shelter teams are on standby and prepared. If activated, the location is our HHS facility (Old Walmart) on Paragon Parkway.
- NCOOT and municipalities should continue ensuring all culverts, ditches and storm water systems are clear of debris and open. Maintain emergency access of all highways, streets and roads for emergency egress and ingress.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Upton made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Ensley seconded and the motion carried unanimously by quorum.

The time of adjournment was 11:12 a.m.

CLERK

CHAIRMAN