

**SEPTEMBER 22, 2023
JASPER, FLORIDA**

SPECIAL SESSION

The Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Florida, met in special session on Friday, September 22, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. for the purpose of discussing the aftermath of Hurricane Idalia with Emergency Management in the Board Room, 207 Northeast First Street, Jasper, Florida. Present were Commissioners Robert Brown, Travis Erixton, Robbie Roberson, Jimmy Murphy and Richie McCoy, a full Board being present. Also present were County Coordinator Gary Godwin, Sheriff Harrell Reid, Emergency Management Director Henry Land and Assistant Director Pam Allen.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Brown.

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Emergency Management Director Henry Land provided the Board with a brief update for the debris clean-up being provided by the State contractors. Mr. Land advised the Board that all debris will need to be placed on the right of way by October 16th to be picked up. Mr. Land also discussed possible housing for displaced individuals with approximately eighty (80) cases being reported. The Board discussed the State Mission for a contractor to assist with the dissemination of the documentation needed for the FEMA reimbursement. After a lengthy discussion, the Board agreed to wait and see who the contractor will be and the date that they will be present to begin work. The Board also discussed the county buildings that were damaged during the Hurricane and agreed to provide the cost estimates to the insurance companies. The Board then discussed the need for FEMA assistance to assist with Cemeteries that were damaged during the Hurricane. Mr. Land announced the FEMA Recovery meeting to be held at the EOC on October 4th at 9:00 a.m. with FEMA representative Maggie McGee to be present for questions.

- Motion by Commissioner McCoy to declare an emergency and utilize the Property Appraiser's replacement cost for the gymnasium and field house properties for insurance purposes. Second was made by Commissioner Murphy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

- Motion by Commissioner Roberson to extend the State Local Declaration of Emergency due to Hurricane Dalia. Second was made by Commissioner Erixton, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

ROBERT BROWN, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

GREG GODWIN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK

