

MINUTES

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 29TH DAY of AUGUST, 2017, Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County, Texas, met at a special meeting with the following present:

ROBERT E. HEBERT	COUNTY JUDGE
VINCENT MORALES	COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 1
GRADY PRESTAGE	COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 2
ANDY MEYERS	COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 3
JAMES PATTERSON	COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 4
LINDA WILLIS FOR LAURA RICHARD	COUNTY CLERK

When the following were heard and the following orders were passed:

1. **Call to Order.**

Call to Order by Judge Hebert at 1:00 p.m.

2. **Discuss and take all appropriate action regarding extension of the Local State of Disaster Declaration ordered by County Judge on August 24, 2017, in anticipation of the threat of damages by Hurricane Harvey in the area of Fort Bend County.**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Patterson
Duly put and unanimously carried (5-0), it is ordered to approve the extension of the Local State of Disaster ordered by County Judge on August 24, 2017, in anticipation of the threat of damages by Hurricane Harvey in the area of Fort Bend County for two weeks from today's date, August 29, 2017.

Judge Hebert	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Yes
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner Patterson	Yes

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Jeff Braun, Management Coordinator, Office of Emergency Management, gave a brief overview of the status of the storm. Mr. Braun indicated the Brazos River will not get as high as originally anticipated. The San Bernard River and the Barker Reservoir will reach a record level. All are causing the need for evacuation and sheltering at an unprecedented level in our County. The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) has been in operation for multiple days, 24/7. There are resources at the Fairgrounds from out of state for urban search and rescue teams with over 500 individuals ready to respond for water rescue. Yesterday, August 28, there were about 4,500 water rescues through fire departments and through game wardens. Today, so far, the game wardens have done another 200+ and Texas Task Force have done another 400 rescues. Currently, there are 5 Red Cross shelters opened and 3 more will open today, plus, 12 independent shelters and 2 more pending with a total of 22 shelters in Fort Bend County. There are about 7,000 people in shelters. More shelters are being looked at to be opened.

Commissioner Morales stated there are people calling in for the task force for the rescue who have boats and would like to help.

Mr. Braun, mentioned the local fire departments may manage the local rescue events. He stated the OEM is keeping track of the resources they control.

Commissioner Meyers indicated, when individuals call, the OEM numbers are given. Also, a white flag has been put in front of homes where rescue is needed.

Mr. Braun stated the solution when schools are a rescue center and the school starts up, the individuals whose homes have had water receded will go back to their homes. Currently, the OEM is working to find a long term housing recovery option plan.

Judge Hebert stated an emergency agenda will be posted each morning until the emergency is passed, calling a Special Meeting for the purpose of discussing the current emergency in which public will be able to listen.

3. **Adjournment.**

Commissioners Court Special Meeting adjourned at 1:27 p.m. on Tuesday, August 29, 2017.

I attest to the accuracy of the foregoing minutes.





Laura Richard, County Clerk, Fort Bend County, Texas