

MINUTES

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 31ST 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
LAURA RICHARD	COUNTY CLERK

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

1. **Call the meeting to order.**

Call to Order by Judge Hebert at 1:28 p.m.

2. **Discuss and take any action on the impact of the current disaster declaration initiated August 24, 2017 as a result of Tropical Storm (Hurricane) Harvey as allowed under Sec. 551.045**

Commissioner Meyers expressed concern about confusion on the Barker Reservoir and the mandatory and voluntary evacuation for the subdivisions in this area. He restated that the Corp of Engineers is releasing water at a rate that is slowly reducing the level of water. This process will continue unless there is a mechanical issue.

Judge Hebert stated there will be an updated map indicating the areas of mandatory and voluntary evacuation. A contingency plan is being worked on to get critical supplies to individuals in those areas. There have been two problems with sloughing in Sienna Plantation and Greatwood, which have been inspected and determined to be a cosmetic slough. Judge Hebert did announce there were two fatalities in Weston Lakes. He commended the EOC employees and volunteers from all the departments of the County who have helped with this storm. Judge Hebert stated, for the record, the County does not control the public water. He commented there are three working catastrophes, Rain, a 350 year rain fall, with a lot of evacuations, a Reservoir Emergency and a River Emergency. Judge Hebert indicated the recovery for the Rain event could begin now and the Reservoir and River recovery should wait.

Item 2 continued - Discuss and take action on the impact of the current disaster declaration:

Mark Vogler, Drainage District Chief Engineer, gave an overview of the problem with the water inside the levee accumulated from the rain.

Commissioner Patterson indicated LID 19 is in the process of installing four more pumps, which will help to decrease the water in that area.

Jeff Braun, Emergency Management Coordinator, stated there were 24 rescues today, which is very low. These rescues are by local fire fighters and Texas Task Force and other rescues by individual citizens. Currently, there are 5 Red Cross Shelters and 11 other shelters set up with a total of 1,200 individuals in shelters. The OEM is working with schools to determine the best time to relocate individuals in their shelters from Fort Bend ISD, LCISD, and Katy ISD in order for schools to open for students. OEM is now beginning to work with FEMA

3. **Adjournment.**

Commissioners Court Emergency Meeting adjourned at 2:29 p.m. on Thursday, August 31, 2017.

I attest to the accuracy of the foregoing minutes.



Laura Richard, County Clerk, Fort Bend County, Texas