Official Minutes

October 2, 2024

Emergency Board of Commissioners Meeting

In Attendance:

Randy Church, Chairman
Mike LaBrose, Vice Chairman
Jeff Branch, Commissioner
Robbie Wilkie, Commissioner
Donald Duncan, County Manager
David Lackey, County Attorney
Abigail Rich, County Clerk

Call to Order:

Chairman Church called the October 2, 2024, Emergency Meeting to order at 5:30 PM. The time was delayed due to a meal provided.

Items of Discussion:

1. Approval of Warehouse Space

   The Board was informed of the need for warehouse space for donations in relation to Hurricane Helene. The property is the old HSM warehouse in Lenoir with 90,000 square feet of space. The term of the lease is for 3 months with a 30 day notice to vacate that can be extended a month at a time up to 3 months. The lease rate is $3.53 per square foot, this does not include utilities. The request is to lease the building for $25,000 a month for 3 three months. This cost is FEMA reimbursable as well as the cost of the utilities.

   Vice Chairman LaBrose made the motion to enter this contract for the warehouse for donation distribution.

   Chairman Church asked if the County Attorney had reviewed the contract. Mr. Lackey said that he has reviewed the contract and everything looked good.

   The motion carried unanimously.

2. Budget Revision- Hurricane Helene Needs

   The budget revision request is for $2,300,000. The request will fund repairs for water line breaks, contractual expenses for debris removal, warehouse costs, emergency purchases of equipment including UTV's, and contractual expenses for waived fees.

   Chairman Church made the motion to approve the budget revision in the amount of $2,300,000 for this project and ongoing projects.

   Commissioner Wilkie made the motion to adjourn at 6:03 PM.

   The motion carried unanimously.