

**EMERGENCY MEETING
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA
SEPTEMBER 13, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER

10:00 AM

PRAYER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

RESOLUTION

1. Resolution/Local State of Emergency

Request to Adopt the Resolution extending a Local State of Emergency as a result of Hurricane Irma.

ADJOURNMENT

NOTE: For quasi-judicial matters, any party desiring a verbatim record of the proceeding of this hearing for the purpose of an appeal is advised to make private arrangements for the production of a record and anyone wishing to present documents or other written evidence to the Board must provide eight (8) copies of the written material. If special accommodations are required in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals should contact the County Administrator's Office by calling 863-993-4800 at least forty-eight hours prior to the hearing.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA
DATE: September 13, 2017**

DEPARTMENT: Board of County Commissioners
SUBMITTED BY: Lauri Benson, Administration Office Manager
PRESENTED BY: Thomas Moran, Emergency Management Director

TITLE & DESCRIPTION: Resolution/Local State of Emergency

REQUESTED MOTION: Request to adopt the Resolution Extending a Local State of Emergency as a result of Hurricane Irma.

SUMMARY:

BACKGROUND: The DeSoto County Board of County Commissioners adopted a Resolution declaring a State of Local Emergency on Wednesday, September 5, 2017. DeSoto County was impacted as a result of Hurricane Irma which is a serious threat to public health and caused severe property damage and serious flooding, especially in low lying areas in Desoto County. This Resolution is to extend a Local State of Emergency as a result of hurricane Irma.

FUNDS: Budget Amount N/A
 Actual Agenda Item N/A
 Cost:
 Account Number: N/A
 Explanation: N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

REVIEW APPROVAL: Department Director

Finance Director

Budget Department

Purchasing Department

County Attorney


 Donald Conn, County Attorney 9/12/2017

County Administrator

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-_____
A RESOLUTION EXTENDING A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY AS A RESULT OF HURRICANE IRMA IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE STATUTE AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the DeSoto County Board of County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. _____ declaring a State of Local Emergency on Wednesday, September 6, 2017, and

WHEREAS, DeSoto County was impacted as a result of Hurricane Irma which is a serious threat to public health and safety and caused severe property damage and serious flooding, especially in low lying areas in DeSoto County, to include Horse Creek and Peace River areas, and

WHEREAS, the County continues to be engaged in disaster emergency response activities, and

WHEREAS, Chapter 252.38 (3) (a), Florida Statutes, provides authority for a political subdivision such as DeSoto County to declare a State of Local Emergency and to waive the procedures and formalities otherwise required of political sub-divisions and by law pertaining to:

1. Performance of public work and taking whatever actions is necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the community;
2. Entering into contracts;
3. Incurring obligations;
4. Employment of permanent and temporary workers;
5. Utilization of volunteer workers;
6. Rental of equipment;
7. Acquisition and distribution, with or without compensation, of supplies, materials and facilities;
8. Appropriate and expenditure of public funds.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That the foregoing “WHEREAS” clause are ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby incorporated by reference as part of this Resolution.

SECTION 2. That Hurricane Irma’s high winds and flooding was and still is a serious threat to the lives and property of residents of Desoto County and that a State of Local Emergency shall be extended, effective immediately for all territory within the legal boundaries of Desoto County, including all of the unincorporated and incorporated areas.

SECTION 3. That the Board of County Commissioners hereby exercise its authority and waives the procedures and formalities required by law of a political sub-division, as provided in Chapter 252.38 (3)(a)5 Florida Statutes.

SECTION 4. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of September, 2017.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA

Mandy Hines, County Administrator

By: _____
Elton Langford, Chairman