

Emergency Meeting
April 29, 2014
4:15 pm
Chowan County Public Safety Center
305 West Freemason St. Edenton, NC

MINUTES

The Chowan County Board of Commissioners held an emergency meeting at 4:15pm on Tuesday, April 29, 2014.

Present Chairman Keith Nixon, Commissioners Jeff Smith, Greg Bonner, Alex Kehayes, Emmett Winborne and John Mitchener. Commissioner Ellis Lawrence came in later.

Additional staff present was Cord Palmer Emergency Management Coordinator.

Staff present County Manager Kevin Howard and Board Clerk Susanne Stallings.

Tornado Debris

Chairman Nixon stated the purpose of the meeting was to discuss removal/disposal of debris from the tornadoes in Chowan County on April 25, 2014. He stated that the County has learned that neighboring Perquimans County (also realized damage from the same tornadoes) has waived the tipping fee at the PCG Transfer Station in Belvidere.

The Board discussed the contract on file with Crowder Gulf for debris removal.

Mr. Howard stated that he and Emergency Management Coordinator Cord Palmer met with Crowder Gulf and received a rough estimate of \$25,000 for debris removal. He noted that he has confirmed Perquimans County has elected to waive the tipping fee at the transfer station to all residents who are bringing in storm related debris. He stated that the waiver will expire on May 16, 2014.

The Board discussed the fund balance of the Solid Waste Fund. They invited Finance Officer Willie Carawan to provide the Board with the current balance of the Solid Waste Fund.

Mr. Carawan reported the balance is approximately \$750,000.

Mr. Howard stated that he spoke with the director of the Solid Waste division, Ralph Hollowell prior to the meeting. He noted that Mr. Hollowell stated that if the County wished to provide dumpsters to residents of the Burnt Mill Community, there would need to be one container for vegetative debris and one for storm debris.

Commissioner Lawrence joined the meeting.

Mr. Bonner stated that residents of the Burnt Mill community are in great need of containers on site. He noted that some companies have offered hauling to one resident on the road, but others are in need of containers due to the large amount of storm debris.

Mr. Palmer noted that with additional storms approaching that day, the rain would delay some of the debris removal.

The Board discussed the Macedonia community and it was noted that clean-up of that area was done with great speed.

Commissioner Winborne moved to waive the tipping fees at the Perquimans Chowan Gates (PCG) Landfill/Transfer Station in Belvidere for residential storm debris only. Contractors hauling debris for residents will be required to pay all tipping fees, county residents who haul debris will not be charged. County and Town residents are encouraged to haul debris to the convenience sites located around the County however large amounts of vegetative and storm debris can now be hauled by residents to the PCG Landfill Transfer Station. This motion for the tipping fee waiver will expire at 5:00pm on May 16, 2014.

Chairman Nixon asked for all in favor, the motion passed unanimously (7-0).

Mr. Palmer stated that FEMA is on the way to Chowan County to determine if the damage meets the required threshold for FEMA assistance.

Soil and Water Conservation Technician Scott Alons stated that the debris in Burnt Mill Creek would need to be evaluated and monies for clear and snagging would need to be located. He stated he will seek information from FEMA and NCRS.

The Board by consensus authorized the manager to secure two containers for the residents of Burnt Mill.

Commissioner Bonner is working in the area assisting residents with clean up. He noted he will assist the County in providing information about the containers and the separation of the storm debris.

Mr. Alons will provide Mr. Palmer with estimated damages in Burnt Mill Creek.

Commissioner Winborne commended staff on their work in response to the tornadoes.

Being no further business, Commissioner Mitchener moved that the meeting be adjourned. Chairman Nixon asked for all in favor, the motion passed unanimously (7-0).

D. Keith Nixon, Chairman

Susanne Stallings, Clerk