

Emergency Meeting
October 1, 2003

The Chowan County Board of Commissioners met in emergency session on Wednesday, October 1, 2003 at 3:00 pm at the EMS Building/Emergency Operations Center.

The purpose of the emergency meeting was to consider contracts for the removal of storm debris following Hurricane Isabel, and to approve documents with the State of North Carolina and the U.S. Federal Emergency Management Act.

Present: Jimmy Alligood, Louis Belfield, Ralph Cole, Jerry Downum and Wayne Goodwin.

Absent: George Jones, Harry Lee Winslow.

The meeting was held jointly with the Edenton Town Council.

Chairman Belfield called the meeting to order.

County Manager Cliff Copeland presented a brief update on the Hurricane Isabel Recovery efforts. Power and water systems are recovered and working well. Solid waste disposal is still available at the airport and all convenience sites are open. Emergency debris pickup is in place to address the public health and public safety issues. All roads and streets in the County are open to traffic. Phone service is still not available in all areas of the County and minimal cable TV service is operating. The Department of Social Services processed 2162 applications for emergency food stamps and the FEMA staff at the Disaster Recovery Center processed 1900 applications since arriving four days ago.

Mr. Copeland noted the diligent work of County and Town staffs and the overwhelming response from volunteers coming to the County. Work crews from other towns worked long hours to recover the power and law enforcement from other counties and towns also assisted.

Mr. Copeland presented an Application for Assistance to enable the County to participate in State and Federal assistance programs and a Resolution to Designate the Applicant Agent.

Commissioner Downum moved that the Application for Assistance be approved.

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Commissioner Alligood made a motion that County Manager Cliff Copeland be designated the Applicant Agent, and that Staff Attorney Peter Rascoe be designated Secondary Agent, by resolution.

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Peter Rascoe described the proposed bid specifications for debris removal, as approved by FEMA, for cleaning Town streets and secondary roads in the County. Negotiations continue about pickup for private roads. The contractor will work twelve-hour days, six days per week to pickup debris and deposit at airport. Debris will be separated and disposed of from the airport. Two passes on all roads in the County

will be made in the next thirty days, beginning probably Monday of next week.

Twelve bidders presented proposals with costs ranging from the low bid of \$6.49/cubic yard to over \$12/cubic yard. Low bidder is Carolina Landscaping and Mulch from Liberty NC. A secondary contract cost of \$12/ton was proposed to dispose of debris already deposited at the landfill and any other debris delivered by other haulers.

Mr. Rascoe explained that the bids were received under the emergency bidding Statutes and were also advertised in newspapers in Norfolk, Raleigh and Elizabeth City.

Contracts are subject to FEMA approval and will be paid on the FEMA 75%, State 25% shared costs.

Commissioner Goodwin made a motion that the County approve the contract with Carolina Landscaping and Mulch as stated above.

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Commissioner Downum made a motion that the secondary contract for debris already at the airport and that deposited by other haulers also be approved at \$12/ton.

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(These contracts were also approved by the Edenton Town Council.)

A more detailed report of storm activities will be presented at the regular monthly meeting Monday, October 6 at 6:00pm.

The meeting was adjourned.

Nancy B. Morgan, County Clerk