

Pinellas County

*333 Chestnut Street
Clearwater, FL 33756*



Minutes - Final

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

10:00 A.M.

Emergency Board of County Commissioners (BCC) Meeting

Palm Room

Board of County Commissioners

Kathleen Peters, Chair

Brian Scott, Vice-Chair

Dave Eggers

René Flowers

Charlie Justice

Chris Latvala

Janet C. Long

ROLL CALL - 10:04 A.M.

Present: 7 - Chair Kathleen Peters, Vice-Chair Brian Scott, Commissioner Dave Eggers, Commissioner René Flowers, Commissioner Charlie Justice, Commissioner Janet C. Long, and Commissioner Chris Latvala

Others Present: Barry A. Burton, County Administrator; Jewel White, County Attorney; and Katie Poviones, Senior Board Records Specialist, Deputy Clerk

1. Emergency BCC Meeting

Resolution No. 24-68 adopted, declaring a State of Local Emergency as of 10:22 A.M. on September 24, 2024, as provided in Section 252.38(3)(a)5, Florida Statutes.

Mr. Burton provided introductory comments regarding Potential Tropical Cyclone Nine, including its current path and possible unprecedented storm surge; whereupon, Emergency Management Director Cathie Perkins referred to a PowerPoint presentation and provided additional information regarding the storm, indicating that it is anticipated to intensify to a Category 3 hurricane; and that current storm surge approximations provided by the National Hurricane Center are from five to eight feet. She noted that Pinellas County is currently under hurricane, storm surge, and flood watches; that the watches are likely to be updated to warnings later today; and that three to six inches of rainfall is projected, with the possibility for up to ten inches.

Mr. Burton requested that the Board declare a State of Local Emergency and explained that it would authorize him and the Pinellas County Sheriff to take protective measures, such as purchasing and other actions; whereupon, in response to Chair Peters' call for a motion, Commissioner Latvala made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Flowers.

In response to comments and queries by the members, Ms. Perkins, with input by Mr. Burton, provided information regarding resources available to residents and their families, evacuation alerts and notifications, coordination with municipalities and agencies in Pinellas County, and the preparative measures being implemented by the County.

Responding to a query by Commissioner Scott, Ms. Perkins indicated that staff has been in contact with the Florida Division of Emergency Management regarding acquiring additional resources; whereupon, at the request of Commissioner Justice, Pinellas County Sheriff Bob Gualtieri, with input by Mr. Burton, provided details regarding the Barrier Island Re-Entry Program.

A motion was made by Commissioner Latvala, seconded by Commissioner Flowers, that the proposed resolution declaring a State of Local Emergency be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Long

Mr. Burton indicated that staff will continue to monitor the storm and provide updates as the situation develops.

ADJOURNMENT - 10:22 A.M.