

# **Pinellas County**

*10750 Ulmerton Road  
Largo, FL 33778*



## **Minutes - Final**

**Monday, August 28, 2023**

**10:00 A.M.**

**Emergency Board of County Commissioners (BCC) Meeting**

**Emergency Operations Center**

## **Board of County Commissioners**

*Janet C. Long, Chair*

*Kathleen Peters, Vice-Chair*

*Dave Eggers*

*René Flowers*

*Charlie Justice*

*Chris Latvala*

*Brian Scott*

**ROLL CALL - 10:00 A.M.**

**Present:** 6 - Chair Janet C. Long, Commissioner Dave Eggers, Commissioner René Flowers, Commissioner Charlie Justice, Commissioner Chris Latvala, and Commissioner Brian Scott

**Absent:** 1 - Vice-Chair Kathleen Peters

**Others Present:** Barry A. Burton, County Administrator; Donald Crowell, Chief Assistant County Attorney; and Teresa Ribble, Board Records Supervisor, Deputy Clerk

**1. Emergency BCC Meeting**

Mr. Burton provided introductory comments regarding Tropical Storm Idalia, including its current path related to the potential storm surge for our area; whereupon, Director of Emergency Management Catherine Perkins referred to a PowerPoint presentation and provided additional information regarding the storm, indicating that the storm is anticipated to intensify to a Category 3 hurricane; that current storm surge approximations provided by the National Hurricane Center are from four to seven feet; and that wind probabilities have increased tremendously over the last few days. She noted that Pinellas County is currently under hurricane and storm surge watches; and that vigilance needs to be observed at this point; whereupon, she summarized that there is currently a 96% probability of tropical storm force winds, a 72% chance of strong tropical storm force winds, and a 25% chance for hurricane force winds for the Tampa Bay area; and that the rainfall projection is 6 to 10 inches of rain.

Ms. Perkins provided information regarding the various preparative measures being implemented by the County, noting that staff is continuously monitoring the storm; and that staff has been in contact with the Florida Division of Emergency Management regarding additional resources should the storm continue moving in our direction.

In response to queries by the members, Ms. Perkins discussed potential storm surge impacts, coordination with other municipalities in Pinellas County, and evacuation alerts and notifications; whereupon, Mr. Burton requested that the Board declare a Local State of Emergency and explained that it would authorize him and the Pinellas County Sheriff to take necessary public safety actions and waive purchasing requirements if the need arises.

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

**Aye:** 6 - Chair Long, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Scott

**Absent:** 1 - Vice-Chair Peters

Mr. Burton indicated that staff will continue to monitor the storm and provided information regarding the evacuation process.

Resolution No. 23-68 adopted, declaring a Local State of Emergency as of 10:14 A.M. on August 28, 2023, as provided in Section 252.38(3)(a)5, Florida Statutes.

**ADJOURNMENT - 10:16 A.M.**