

MEETING OPENED

There being a quorum, the County Chairman called an emergency meeting of the Orange County Board of County Commissioners to order at 1:45 p.m. in Commission Chambers on the First Floor, Orange County Administration Center, on Thursday, September 2, 2004. The following were present:

- County Chairman Richard Crotty
- Commissioners Teresa Jacobs, Mary I. Johnson, Linda Stewart, and Homer Hartage
- County Comptroller as Clerk Martha Haynie
- County Administrator Ajit Lalchandani
- County Attorney Tom Drage
- Deputy Clerk Rosilyn Stapleton

Commissioners Bob Sindler and Ted Edwards were absent.

The County Chairman presented a report regarding the County's readiness in the wake of Hurricane Frances. He stated he will declare a state of emergency and the only mandatory evacuations expected are for citizens living in low-lying areas and in manufactured homes. The County Chairman added there are no plans for a mandatory curfew at this time.

Public Safety Director Jerry Demings and Fire Chief Carl Plaughter presented a report regarding the path of Hurricane Frances, Emergency Operation Center (EOC) activation, regular and special-needs shelter locations, and securing debris from Hurricane Charley.

John H. Land, mayor of Apopka, William G. Brooks, mayor of Belle Isle, Kathy Stark, Mayor of Oakland, Buddy Dyer, Mayor of Orlando, and Jack Quesinberry, mayor of Winter Garden presented reports and discussed issues related to the citizens within their respective municipalities.

Superintendent of Orange County Public Schools Ronald Blocker announced the public schools that are being used as shelters and explained how to obtain school district information. School Board Member Jodi Cadle requested citizens to beware of students walking in the right-of-way to avoid debris once classes resume.

Sheriff Kevin Beary reported that extra law enforcement officers have been deployed and discussed instructions for handling traffic accidents and intersections with nonworking traffic signals.

The following persons addressed the Board and presented information regarding their respective agencies:

- Mike Snyder, Orlando/Orange County Expressway Authority
- Linda Watson, executive director of LYNX
- Chief Judge Belvin Perry, Orange County Courts
- Representative of the Greater Orlando Aviation Authority

Commissioners Jacobs, Johnson, Stewart, and Hartage addressed issues that concern citizens in their respective districts.

Florida State Representatives Jim Kallinger (District 35) and Andy Gardiner (District 40) announced information from the State's Emergency Operations Center.

Public Defender Robert Wesley reported an increase in domestic violence cases after Hurricane Charley and requested that citizens exercise patience in the wake of Hurricane Frances.

There being no further business, the County Chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

Martha O. Haynie
County Comptroller as Clerk

County Chairman

Deputy Clerk

Minutes Coordinator