

JUNE 3, 1982

The Board of County Commissioners, Manatee County, Florida, met in EMERGENCY SESSION in the Courthouse, Bradenton, Florida, Thursday, June 3, 1982 at 10:53 p.m.

Present were Commissioners:

Vernon E. Vickers, Chairman
Edward W. Chance, Vice-Chairman
Claude E. McGavic
Westwood H. Fletcher, Jr.
Patricia M. Glass

Also present were:

Robert F. Fernandez, Acting County Administrator
Richard H. Ashley, Chief Deputy Clerk, representing
R. B. Shore, Clerk of Circuit Court
Jimmie Hamrick, Civil Defense Director
Tom Burton, Sheriff

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Vickers.

HURRICANE ALBERTO

The Chairman stated that since the last weather report extended hurricane warnings to include Manatee County, the purpose of the meeting was to make a decision on authorizing appropriate officials to take any action necessary under emergency conditions.

Mr McGavic moved to authorize Sheriff Burton to utilize any and all County personnel and equipment and other measures be made available for use at his disposal; to handle the situation as he sees fit; that he advise the Board from time to time on actions being taken. Motion was seconded by Mr Fletcher for discussion.

The Chairman pointed out that Jimmie Hamrick, as Civil Defense Director, would also need authority to get his operation going in this same mode.

Mr Fletcher stated his understanding of the motion was that they are assigning this responsibility to the Sheriff with the whole system still in operation.

Following statement by Mr Hamrick that he needed direction from the Board for the Civil Defense operation, Mr Fernandez explained that Mr Hamrick is looking for a declaration by the Board that there is an emergency situation, thereby empowering him to perform in the capacity that is spelled out in his job description as Civil Defense Director.

Mr Hamrick said his responsibility under State Law is to report to the Commission in an emergency and as a separate agent; that the Civil Defense Operations need to be included in the motion for that authority under State law because it is a separate entity.

Motion and second were withdrawn.

Mr Hamrick reported the status of Hurricane "Alberto" as moving North Northeast at ten miles an hour and classed as a minimal hurricane, with maximum sustained winds of 80 MPH. Expected tides of five to seven feet may be normal around the eye of the hurricane as it comes through. Tornado warnings and heavy rains are forecast (10:30 p.m. advisory) over parts of extreme south Florida in addition to accumulations likely to be five to ten inches. The next advisory will be at 3:00 a.m.

Mrs Glass suggested declaration of an emergency situation and granting the authority to move ahead to do whatever is necessary to be prepared, with the Sheriff as the agent and Civil Defense in its full capacity.

Mr Chance concurred with that arrangement, stating the Commission will be available to make decisions in the event evacuation is necessary.

Mr McGavic moved, based on information provided by the National Hurricane Center at 10:30 p.m. on June 3rd, to declare an emergency and authorize the County Emergency Services and Civil Defense Personnel to take necessary emergency action. Motion was seconded by Mrs Glass and carried unanimously.

Mr McGavic moved to authorize the Sheriff of Manatee County to take the necessary action to coordinate all phases of emergency operations. Motion was seconded by Mr Fletcher and carried unanimously.

RECESS

Mr Vickers recessed the meeting until such time as they are informed by Sheriff Burton and Mr Hamrick.

JUNE 8, 1982

The Board of County Commissioners reconvened at 9:08 a.m., Tuesday, June 8, 1982, with all members present.

Also present were:

- Mary Greenwood, County Attorney
- Robert F. Fernandez, Acting County Administrator
- Richard H. Ashley, Chief Deputy Clerk, representing
- R. B. Shore, Clerk of Circuit Court

Representing the various news media were Greg Spears, The Bradenton Herald; Jud Magrin, Sarasota Herald-Tribune; and others who entered during the meeting.

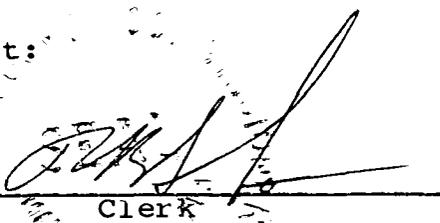
HURRICANE ALBERTO

Motion was made by Mrs. Glass, and seconded by Mr. McGavic, to rescind action taken on Thursday, June 3, 1982, regarding the emergency due to Hurricane Alberto since the emergency no longer pertains. Motion carried unanimously.

MEETING ADJOURNED

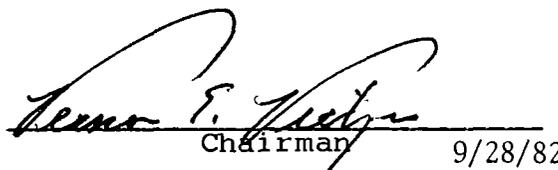
There being no further business, the meeting was declared adjourned.

Attest:



Clerk

APPROVED:



Chairman 9/28/82

Adj: 9:09 a.m.