

FEBRUARY 25, 2013

PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLANNING WORKSHOP

Emergency Management Director Nelson called an Emergency Management Planning workshop with the following people present: Commissioner Warren J. Yeager, Jr., Commissioner Ward McDaniel, County Attorney Jeremy Novak, Deputy Clerk Tracy Tharpe, Chief Administrator Don Butler, Assistant Administrator Michael Hammond, Deputy Administrator Brett Lowry, Building Official Lee Collinsworth, Emergency Management Director Marshall Nelson, E9-1-1 Coordinator Ben Guthrie, Extension Agent Roy Lee Carter, Fire Coordinator Brad Price, G.I.S. Director Scott Warner, Mosquito Control Director, Planner David Richardson, Public Works Director Joe Danford, Assistant Public Works Director Jake Lewis, Sheriff Mike Harrison, Sheriff's Office Lieutenant Chris Buchanan, Sheriff's Office Lieutenant Paul Beasley, Sheriff's Office Lieutenant Tim Wood, T.D.C. Executive Director Jennifer Jenkins, Dewayne McFarland, Greg Layfield, Bryce Thomas, and Zachary Hodges.

FLOODING

Emergency Management Director Nelson held a conference call with The National Weather Service. He reported the County has the two rivers and they will have to monitor and balance out what is coming in at Wewahitchka, stating Apalachicola River at Blountstown is forecasted to crest at 25', and normally it takes two days to reach the Cut-off area (Gaskin Park). Emergency Management Director Nelson reported the County will start having road closures on Wednesday. Don Minchew of Wewahitchka Search and Rescue reported they will place caution signs up in the affected areas as needed. Emergency Management Director Nelson discussed need to start planning for the possible road blocks, possible evacuations, and sandbags. Public Works Director Danford reported they already have sandbags, barricades, and signage ready if needed. Don Minchew reported they will stage sandbags at the City yard in Wewahitchka for the affected areas. Emergency Management Director Nelson discussed the different check point areas, and the possibility of using as many volunteers as possible, stating check points are normally set up at Howard Creek, Willis Landing and Lake Grove Road. E9-1-1 Coordinator Guthrie reported that bottled water has been donated to the County. Emergency Management Director Nelson recommended for everyone to identify their cost for equipment, materials, labor, and take before and after pictures.

There being no further business, the workshop did then adjourn at 2:00 p.m., E.T.