

Bryan County Board of Commissioners – Special Called Meeting - October 1, 2024

The Special Called Meeting of the Bryan County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, October 1, 2024, in Richmond Hill. The following members were present: Chairman Carter Infinger, Commissioner Noah Covington, Commissioner Wade Price, Commissioner Patrick Kisgen and Commissioner Gene Wallace. Also present: County Administrator Ben Taylor, Assistant County Administrator Kathryn Downs, County Clerk Lori Tyson and County Attorney Aaron Kappler.

Chairman Infinger called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m.

Ben Taylor, County Administrator, met with the board on the following issues.

*** Agreement for Emergency Debris Monitoring** – The County requires immediate assistance in monitoring debris in the aftermath of Hurricane Helene. To effectively manage and coordinate debris removal efforts, the County has negotiated a contract with Goodwyn, Mills & Cawood, LLC (GMC) for the provision of disaster debris monitoring services. GMC's expertise will be instrumental in ensuring efficient and compliant debris removal operations, which are crucial for public safety and recovery efforts. The County will pay GMC on an hourly basis in monthly installments. A motion was made by Patrick Kisgen and seconded by Gene Wallace to approve the Agreement with Goodwyn, Mills & Cawood for Emergency Debris Monitoring. Vote 4:0; Motion carried unanimously.

*** Agreement for Emergency Disaster Recovery & FEMA Public Assistance** – The County requires immediate assistance for disaster recovery services, to manage and coordinate disaster recovery efforts in the aftermath of Hurricane Helene. To effectively manage and coordinate disaster recovery efforts, the County will need to enter into a contract with Goodwyn, Mills & Cawood, LLC (GMC) for the provision of comprehensive disaster recovery services. GMC's expertise will be instrumental in managing, administering, and supporting the recovery of costs and benefits under the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Recovery Programs. The County will pay GMC on an hourly basis in monthly installments. A motion was made by Patrick Kisgen and seconded by Gene Wallace to approve the Agreement with Goodwyn, Mills & Cawood for Emergency Disaster Recovery & FEMA Public Assistance. Vote 4:0, motion carried unanimously.

*** Approve Contract Extension – Ceres Environmental Svs., Inc.** – The county did an RFQ and awarded a 3-year contract for disaster debris removal services to Ceres Environmental Services, Inc in September 2021. This contract was set to expire on 9/30/2024. Under the emergency purchasing protocol created by the execution of the State of Emergency for Bryan County on 9/24/2024 for tropical storm Helene, the county executed a six-month extension with Ceres Environmental Services, Inc to ensure services would be available through the remainder of the 2024 hurricane season. Staff is requesting formal BOC approval for the six-month extension to the Ceres Environmental Services, Inc contract for disaster debris removal services. This six-month extension to the contract will end March 31, 2025. A motion was made by Patrick Kisgen and seconded by Gene Wallace to extend the Ceres Environmental Svs. contract for disaster debris removal until March 31, 2025. Vote 3:0, motion carried unanimously.

The Chairman gave special thanks to staff and all volunteers for the work done during Hurricane Helene.

A motion was made by Gene Wallace and seconded by Noah Covington to adjourn. Vote 4:0, motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 3:37 p.m.