



**PUTNAM COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
EMERGENCY MEETING**

Monday, August 28, 2023
2509 Crill Avenue, Suite 100, Palatka, FL 32177

12:30 p.m. 1. CALL TO ORDER- Chairman Turner

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT** - This portion of the agenda is designed to allow citizens an opportunity to bring matters to the attention of the Board. It is not reasonable to expect that the Board will engage in debate or deliberation about matters on which the Board has received no prior information as part of the agenda. Please limit to three minutes. Public comment cards are conveniently placed at the meeting room entrance and should be submitted prior to the meeting to the Deputy Clerk who sits to the right of the podium.

3. **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

A. Tropical Storm Idalia – State of Local Emergency (*Proclamation 2023-100*)

4. **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**- Terry Suggs

5. **COUNTY ATTORNEY**

6. **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/REQUESTS**

NOTICE: APPEAL PROCESS - ANY PERSON DESIRING TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE BY THE BOARD WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT THIS MEETING WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE SAID PERSON MAY NEED TO INSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS IS MADE, WHICH INCLUDES THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED. FLORIDA STATUTES 286.0105.

PLEDGE OF CIVILITY

WE WILL BE RESPECTFUL OF ONE ANOTHER EVEN WHEN WE DISAGREE.

WE WILL DIRECT ALL COMMENTS TO THE ISSUES.

WE WILL AVOID PERSONAL ATTACKS.

RESOLUTION 2023-100
TROPICAL STORM IDALIA - LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY

A RESOLUTION DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO FORECASTED SEVERE WEATHER HAZARDS ACROSS FLORIDA, GENERATING HEAVY RAINS, THUNDERSTORMS, DANGEROUS WINDS, AND ISOLATED TORNADOS, RESULTING IN POTENTIAL WIDESPREAD POWER OUTAGES, FLASH FLOODING AND OTHER DANGERS IN PUTNAM COUNTY; AS PROVIDED FOR BY CHAPTER 252, FLORIDA STATUTES AND SECTION 16, PUTNAM COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the State of Florida and Putnam County are experiencing an imminent threat of personal injury and property damage due to Tropical Storm Idalia, which is forecast to become a major hurricane approaching Florida and the Putnam County area; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of State of Florida has issued Executive Orders Numbered 23-171 and 23-172, declaring that a State of Emergency exists throughout the State of Florida, including Putnam County as a result of the imminent threat of injury and damage from Tropical Storm Idalia; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 252, Florida Statutes and Section 16, Putnam County Code of Ordinances, the declaration of an emergency in Putnam County, Florida is hereby issued by the Chairman of Board of County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Emergency Operations and Preparedness or their Designee, shall function as the County Coordinating Officer. All Government agencies shall coordinate with the County Emergency Operations Center for all requests for assistance through the appropriate Emergency Support Function; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to be in a position to protect all individuals in the county and maximize all available resources; and

WHEREAS, all Putnam County assets and personnel are hereby ordered to be placed at the disposal of the County Coordinating Officer; and

WHEREAS, any County regulations prescribing procedures for the conduct of County business, if strict compliance would hinder necessary action in coping with emergency are hereby suspended. Suspension of such procedures shall be at the direction of the County Administrator and/or County Coordinating Officer or his / her designees: and

WHEREAS, the County desires to ensure all possible efforts are being made to protect human life and property. The Emergency Management Ordinance 96-14 and the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan are hereby activated and Putnam County Emergency Management

/ County Coordinating Officer shall have the authority to take all actions necessary to preserve the health, safety and welfare of the citizens and property of Putnam County.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PUTNAM COUNTY, FLORIDA:

Section 1. Declaration of State of Local Emergency.

The above recitals are true and correct and hereby incorporated as a material part of this resolution as if fully stated herein.

The imminent approach of Tropical Storm Idalia, along with anticipated heavy rainfall and flooding, poses a serious threat to the health, safety, and welfare of people and property of Putnam County, Florida, and that a state of local emergency is hereby declared, effective immediately, for the incorporated and unincorporated areas of Putnam County.

The County Administrator and/or County Coordinating Officer or his or her Designees are authorized to take all action necessary and appropriate to secure resources to protect human life and property and to utilize all lawful authority granted to the County under State and County laws as necessary to accomplish same.

Section 2. Direction to Clerk.

The Clerk shall record this Resolution in the Public Records of Putnam County, Florida and shall transmit a certified copy to the Putnam County Property Appraiser.

Section 3. Effective Date.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption and shall remain in effect for seven (7) days unless extended pursuant to Section 4. of this Resolution or rescinded by the Board of County Commissioners.

Section 4. Authorization to Extend.

The Board of County Commissioners recognize the circumstances and conditions which necessitate the foregoing Resolution may extend beyond seven (7) days, and therefore, the Board of County Commissioners hereby authorize Chairman Turner to extend the local State of Emergency in his sole discretion. Any subsequent extension shall be reported to the Board of County Commissioners at the following regularly scheduled Board of County Commission meeting.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED with a quorum present and voting, by the Board of County Commissioners of Putnam County, Florida, this 28th day of August 2023.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUTNAM COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By _____
Terry Turner,
Chairman

ATTEST:

Terry Suggs,
County Manager