

**Barbie Higginbotham**  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
DIXIE COUNTY  
CROSS CITY, FLORIDA 32628

# Emergency Meeting

**September 23, 2024, at 4:00 PM**

**Held at Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in Cross City for Hurricane Helene**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Storey.

**2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG**

The invocation and the pledge were led by Commissioner Storey.

**3. Storm Update from Chief Garner**

Emergency Operations Chief Garner gave an update on the Tropical Depression Helene.

He stated that the storm is projected to be making landfall somewhere on the Taylor/Jefferson County line all the way to the west side of Apalachicola.

Chief Garner said his biggest concern for the County is storm surge.

He also stated the storm is projected to be a CAT 3-4 at landfall.



Chief Garner asked the Board to go into a local State of Emergency for Tropical Cyclone Number Nine (9). He added that the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) has already submitted three requests for generators. He said this includes one for the Suwannee Water and Sewer District, the fire station, and one at the EOC for the State Liaison.

***Motion to go into State of Emergency made by Commissioner Hatch. Seconded by Commissioner Wood. Board approved.***

Chief Garner stated the EOC will start battle rhythms including State update calls at 11:15 AM and 5:15 PM daily.

Commissioner Hatch asked for the Suwannee River water levels update.

Chief Garner said they are at 5.6 feet at Wilcox.

Commissioner Stephenson asked when to expect the next meeting.

Attorney Chana Watson said the County has the State of Emergency approved and that will be good until September 30, 2024.

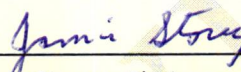
Director of Emergency Operations stated that they would keep the Board informed and contact them if another meeting is needed.



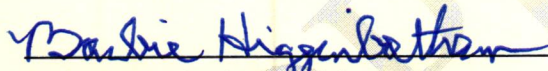
25. **ADJOURN**

*Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Hatch. Seconded by Commissioner Wood. Board approved.*

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
DIXIE COUNTY, FLORIDA

  
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Jamie Storey, Chairman



  
Barbie Higginbotham, Clerk-Auditor

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