

The Sampson County Board of Commissioners convened for their regular meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, October 1, 2018 in the County Auditorium, 435 Rowan Road in Clinton, North Carolina. Members present: Vice Chairperson Sue Lee, and Commissioners Thaddeus Godwin, Jerol Kivett, and Harry Parker. Absent: Chairman Clark Wooten.

Vice Chairperson Lee convened the meeting. She called upon Deputy Clerk Richard Carr for the invocation. Commissioner Kivett then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Upon a motion made by Vice Chairperson Lee and seconded by Commissioner Kivett, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda with the following changes: Division of Public Health Agreement Addendum FY 18-19 (for mosquito abatement) was added as Item 1 (e).

Reports and Presentations

Hurricane Florence Response and Recovery Update NCDOT District/Residential Engineer Keith Jackson provided the Board with a Hurricane Florence response and recovery update. Mr. Jackson noted that NCDOT began working on the more than 90 road closures on Saturday 15, 2018, just one day after Florence made landfall, and as of Monday, October 1, there were only four road closures remaining, each having repair plans in place. He also noted that one of the remaining closures was Ivanhoe Road and that NCDOT would begin reconstruction on Tuesday, October 2, 2018, to repair the critical section near the county line which would prevent certain residents from having to detour into Pender County. He then made mention of the other closures on Garland Airport Road, Ezzell Road, and Moltonville Road, which were currently having studies conducted and would be serviced shortly afterwards. Mr. Jackson stated that NCDOT conducted 25 temporary repairs in effort to quickly reopen the roads so that the school systems could reopen as soon as possible, and that NCDOT would continue to monitor the repairs until permanent repairs were made. He then noted that according to FEMA there were more than 200 damaged site locations needing repair. There were 5 local repair crews working on the response and recovery projects immediately following the storm, with 3 crews focused on placing and monitoring barricades at damaged sites for the first 3 days; one crew was currently monitoring the barricades that remained. Mr. Jackson informed the Board that he received assistance from multiple NCDOT divisions and organizations throughout the state, including Asheville, Buncombe

County, and Raleigh, totaling nine construction crews. There were 20 cut and shove crews involved. He mentioned the support received from Holland Paving, Barnhill Construction and particularly American Materials of Harrells for materials, and the five consulting firms that assisted with assessment and paperwork. He then noted that the Governor had issued an executive order permitting NCDOT to provide debris removal assistance for debris placed on the right-a-way of state roads, including debris such as vegetative, household, destruction, and white goods.

The Board lauded the progress and effort of NCDOT. Commissioner Parker then asked what percentage of the roads had been repaired. Mr. Jackson stated that there were more than 200 site locations with damage of some nature and that there were only 4 road closures remaining. He continued by noting that NCDOT staff were currently in the second phase of road system analysis which would include detailed study of all the site locations in attempt to locate and repair repairs that may cause future issues. Commissioner Parker then shared his concerns regarding non-storm-related littering on White Woods Road in Salemburg and asked Mr. Jackson for assistance in having the debris removed. Mr. Jackson noted that in conjunction with the Sheriff's Offices, there were cameras placed along the road to catch the litterers. He informed the Board that NCDOT had acquired funding which would fund monthly visits to certain sites to remove debris and that White Woods Road would continue to be monitored and cleaned. Mr. Jackson then reiterated that NCDOT would began servicing Ivanhoe Road on October 2, and that it would take approximately two weeks to complete. Commissioner Parker asked if the road failures were in the same locations as the failures that occurred during Hurricane Matthew. Mr. West stated that Hurricane Florence caused similar bridge failures; however, the areas that were repaired from Hurricane Matthew only suffered partial failures due to Hurricane Florence. He stated that the pipes at those sites were still in good shape and only needed refilling and repaving. He continued by providing details on how the pipes are constructed, noting that they are made specifically for each site and are designed to remain in place during flooding. He stated that because the pipes are remaining in place NCDOT was able to repair a road in one day when it would have taken 2-3 weeks had the pipe repair was needed. Commissioner Godwin then asked if the Ivanhoe Road repair would be bridge constructed and Mr. Jackson replied it would be pipe constructed. Commissioner Parker shared that constituents are voicing complaints regarding the issues. Mr. Jackson acknowledged the concerns and noted that he would relay the concerns to NCDOT officials and the interest in having the Ivanhoe Road repair being a bridge structure.

Vice Chairperson Lee opened the floor for comment and the following were received:

Donna Sykes: Our community of Ivanhoe has always been extremely self-sufficient because we are so far from towns and help, and we have always come together as a

community and helped each other. But during this Florence storm we found that we need some outside help. And there are some things that really need to change. The citizens that live down toward the end of McKoy Loop Road need another route out. Right now, they either have to go all the way to Atkinson and turn back and come back into Ivanhoe, or either risk going through an old woods row to get stuck. And it's just not good. I mean if something happens, you can't get to them. They need another road out. And Juniper Springs Lane needs to be extended out to Jumping Run Road. That's what needs to happen. My house during the storm had three feet of water in it. We have torn out everything and thank God we have great family and friends, and we're just waiting on it to dry, but we need dumpsters and something to put this drywall and insulation in. Other counties I hear of people that have dumpsters, and they are wondering why we don't; I'm wondering why we don't. Mosquitoes, please get rid of the mosquitoes. I worked outside, and I literally feel like I gave up a pint of blood this morning. I mean, it's horrible. You're completely fogged. Bug spray does not deter these things at all. So, we desperately need spraying for mosquitoes because that is a health issue for us. That is the number two cause of death during a flood, diseases transmitted by mosquitoes. So, these are the things that we need, and I feel like Ivanhoe gets forgotten about. This is the time that we really need outside help. Thank you.

Lorraine Moore: This road that we're talking about has been a road for a long, long time that goes from Beatty's Bridge up to Wildcat Bridge, which goes to Harrells and the other road goes down to Atkinson. And this pond that you're talking about has been a mill pond since 1887. My children's great-grandfather owned the land on each side. They had a mill there when I first married my husband, and they've had trouble ever since the hurricane we had when my oldest son was 3 years old. We had a hurricane that blew the mill pond out for the first time and ever since then the thing has been getting weaker and weaker. And as they come and reinforce, the next time we have a bad storm/hurricane, the thing goes out again. Now, they're talking about where people are located. This road that we're living on down there divides the community. There were some that were 4 to 5 days without communications of any kind. We were on the other side without communications of any kind. I apologize, Mr. McGill (Chief of Harrells Fire Department) did carry a firetruck to one side of the road but it wasn't for everybody. If children were sick or people gotten sick and needed to go to the hospital they would have had no way out. We couldn't go out to 421, we couldn't go the Harrells, we couldn't go to Atkinson. The only way we could go out was through this woods row that my sons and the others helped build. Enough so that we could get across. Well, that fell through. And now we're having a time now. We're alright as far as getting around now. They finally fixed the one going out to 421 and finally got together the one that's between where I live in the corner of Ivanhoe to where there is a curve in the road where the road washed out. My brother-in-law fell in with his pickup, and it stayed there 2-3 days because people couldn't get to him. I'm not saying they were the blame because they couldn't get to him because

it seemed like every access to us was washed out. They could not get to us. And we need some kind of communications. And two, whenever I read in the paper that Ivanhoe had received supplies; well not all of Ivanhoe received supplies. They were about 50-60 of us that didn't receive anything and didn't know that there were supplies being carried to Ivanhoe at all. So, I just wanted to bring that to your attention. I used to be on the Board of Education in Sampson County and when we had problems, we stuck to it until we solved them, I thought. I'm asking you to please look at these. We have some serious problems besides just the roads, such as communications if tragedy happens we need to be able to look after it while a storm is going on. We never know when they are going to happen.

Frankie Imes: I want to just reiterate what has just been said. First of all, I want to thank the County and staff that did the survey, and also the Department of Transportation, I want to thank those guys as well for coming down to the north end of Ivanhoe. I really appreciate that. If I am not mistaken here, there were three sections of Ivanhoe that were totally isolated. The Department of Transportation was at this section here within 30 hours, and I thank the Department of Transportation. The next area that was flooded was Dr. Kerr Road. Dr. Kerr Road is 1105 (State Road). The community was divided there as well and the recommendation for that road is the old railroad tracks to Newkirk Road. We need for DOT to extend that road. The next thing that we want to speak about is Ivanhoe Road. The bottom of Ivanhoe Road and Beatty's Bridge. Like we said, once it is flooded, everybody is isolated. Southeastern Ivanhoe was totally isolated, and what we would like to do is recommend the same as Ms. Moore and Ms. Sykes have said, that Spring Lane be extended to Jumping Run Road. God knows they need to be fixed before the next event. All these sections here, the people of Ivanhoe would love for something to be done before the next event occurs. It's just that critical. If you don't do something, you watch, there'll be a chance of loss of life because we failed to do something. So, Spring Lane Extension Road need to be fixed. I'm going to take two more minutes. I was going down there on Saturday afternoon visiting and Red Cross was down there, and first of all, I have spent 34 years in service and spent 26 years defending this beautiful country. I've been all over the world and in third-world countries. When I went down there last Saturday and saw people eat and get food in trucks and buses in that branch where she was staying. I'm telling you something. The only thing that has changed in Ivanhoe is that we have a tractor. Other than that, it was an ox. The only difference is we have a tractor. So, we need to fix Ivanhoe quickly. Or it is going to be on your own watch when the next event comes. I won't take up your time, but it is serious business. Thanks for your time.

Harold Corbett: I was born and raised in Ivanhoe. The Corbetts are probably the oldest family from Ivanhoe. I own about 600 acres on the river. And the last time you all did the appraisal, I came up here and told you that it was all swamp, 44 percent swamp land. We've had 4-5 floods in the last several years. How come it hasn't been

declared a flood zone? If it was known that it was a flood zone people couldn't have built a house, and they would have a house now. If it was a flood zone you couldn't have built chicken houses and then the chickens wouldn't have died. One chicken house was inside of the river. And this is the same river that you all want to make a state park out of. The very same river. Like I said, that don't make a lot of sense. Rivers flood. That's twice in two years. It's going to happen again. I said the last time it was going to happen again. Asphalt and cement does not absorb water. It's going to run off. And all the dams are not holding. But I've got some beavers on my property that have built some dams, and they haven't broke yet. If you'd hire them to do it for you, they'd build some for you. You need to declare it a flood zone so people won't build these new houses. And if it is a flood zone, if they've got a house they can get insurance. As of right now they can't get insurance. That is all I've got to say.

Audrey Taylor: I just want to say to you guys that I am one of them guys on the other side of the bridge. I was just listening to what he (Harold Corbett) was just saying about that bridge. It's going to be the same fix up as on 1100 McKoy Loop Road. According to what I can recollect, that same pipe is going to go in there, the same thing is going to keep happening. But I tell you what, I might not live to see the next storm, but there is one thing I know and I'm going to tell you all this right here, if you all would have been down there in those woods when I had to load all those people on that tractor to get them out, and I was praying Lord please don't let something happen because we can't get out of here. Finally, it did. About 9 o'clock this young girl broke her leg, and we had a time getting her out of there. Alright, what if it was something more serious than that? I just want to ask something. It seems like, and I would hate to feel like this because we live in what we call great America, but some people don't feel like that. And you all are up here as leadership, but I'm going to tell you all something, God is sick and tired of all us even in the churches and community that is supposed to be leading, sitting up here blowing somebody off. Let me tell you something when this next storm come through here it might not be like none of us think. But I'm just saying, that little path down there that they are talking about, it will help get emergency vehicles to where you can save lives and if you all ignore that, guess what, it's on you all. That's an emergency route. We understand that all the roads are messed up, God knows we understand that, and that it is a big fix. But this has been happening every time a storm comes. This isn't like it is something brand new. And I didn't come down here to fuss at you all. You all have a job to do just like all of us, but please hear what I said. We can get everything done together. It isn't about you all and it isn't about us, but it's about working together. And it's still about every now and then looking down there in that corner. There's something down there to see. If you don't think it's much, guess what, the same thing can come around your neighborhood. Because none of us out here exempt from what God is trying to show us and what we need to be doing. I didn't come get up here to preach but I'm going to tell you something, back down there in the woods, if you would have had to put them people on the front end of that tractor and get them out it would give

you a different look from what we all trying to see. And I just pray to God. And I thank you all for being the leaders of this great nation and county, and whatever you want to call it. Just do what you can for us and God bless you and may heaven smile upon you.

Brenda Corbett: We are on the other side of the bridge from where they are, and we couldn't get to that end of Ivanhoe at all. And the other end was completely washed out. We had no way to get out at all. I fell and broke my arm during the storm. I couldn't get to the doctors until Sunday. I fell on Monday and I couldn't get to the doctor since Monday. So, something really needs to be done about these roads. And every time there's a storm it washes out on Dr. Kerr Road and the other end. The bridge is that way and it will always wash it out on the other end. So, something really needs to be done on Dr. Kerr Road also. Thank you for your time.

After hearing the comments, Mr. Keith Jackson reiterated that he would relay the concerns and ideas to NCDOT, including the ideas regarding connecting the various roads as means of alternate exit routes. Mr. Jackson noted that property owners would need to engage with NCDOT leadership regarding right-a-ways and property usage. Commissioner Godwin asked Mr. Jackson to note that the bridges that were cement constructed withstood the storm better and Mr. Jackson noted that those repairs were long-term repairs that would require closures and detours, and he agreed to note it when reporting to NCDOT officials. Commissioner Kivett enquired of how the property owners would best get in touch with NCDOT officials. Mr. Jackson provided the Board with information regarding the process for having a road project added to the list, noting that there were more than 600 roads currently on the list, and that he would connect the property owners in that area to appropriate personnel in the NCDOT Rights-of-Way Unit to have the suggested projects added to the list. Commissioner Kivett noted that it is disappointing that it takes as long as it does to get critical projects such as this one completed, and then asked if the proposed projects had the criteria for NCDOT to consider them priority. Mr. Jackson answered that he could not answer that but would work to make the projects a priority. Commissioner Kivett noted that he understood that NCDOT had many roads needing repairing and that there are financial burdens that hinder the process and noted that this caused him concern. He then asked who the Board would need to speak with regarding prioritizing the road repair projects mentioned. Mr. Jackson stated that he would have the appropriate NCDOT officials contact the Board and left business cards for the citizens.

Hurricane Florence Response and Recovery Update - EMS Emergency Management Director Ronald Bass provided the Board with an update on the response and recovery efforts, noting that the Emergency Operations Center was opened on Wednesday, September 12th, along with several general population shelters, a special needs shelter, and a pet shelter, for a total of 11 shelters opened

throughout the storm event, which was the highest number of shelters opened in Sampson County. The 11 general population shelters had approximately 3,200 evacuees, the special needs shelter had approximately 30 evacuees, and the pet shelter had 125 pets. The EOC went into monitoring phase on Saturday, September 21. The last shelter closed on Sunday, September 23rd. There was a total of 77 persons rescued from the southern end of Sampson County either by swift water rescue boats or National Guard helicopter evacuations. There were two confirmed deaths indirectly associated with Hurricane Florence, one being due to COPD complications and the other was reportedly a heart attack victim. He then noted the vast number of federal and state resources that assisted during the response and recovery phase of the storm event, including: 3 helicopters; 2 ambulance strike teams, which totaled 10 additional ambulance vehicles; 9 National Guard High Clearance Vehicles accompanied with National Guard crews; 5 swift water rescue teams; 8 telecommunicators from Georgia; 3 wildlife units; 3 forestry units; and an Emergency Operations Center Overhead Team from Santa Clara County, California to assist with managing the EOC. There was assistance received from 7 states. There were 19,292 Meals Ready-To-Eat distributed throughout the County. Mr. Bass noted that recovery efforts were ongoing and that the County had established a Donation Distribution Center in the former Southern States Building, located at 200 Westover Road, Clinton, and that donated goods and supplies were being stored and distributed from there as needed. Mr. Bass informed the Board that FEMA has assigned two Disaster Survival Assistance Crews, an Intergovernmental Affairs Specialist, and a Volunteer Liaison crew to Sampson County, and that a Disaster Recovery Center would open shortly to house FEMA and Small Business Administration (SBA) agents who will provide disaster assistance from one location. He noted that the American Red Cross continued support in delivering supplies and aid throughout the county. Mr. Bass informed the Board that the primary goal was to continue delivering supplies to those in need. Mr. Bass noted that he would provide the Board with an update in the upcoming weeks. He also noted that the EMS staff would review the processes for managing emergency events to find ways to improve the way emergency response is provided. While concluding, Mr. Bass commended the overall efforts of all parties involved in providing response and recovery assistance, including county employees, support agencies, volunteers, and citizens. The Board commended the efforts of the county employees, support agencies, volunteers, and citizens as well.

Item 1: Action Items

Public Hearing – FY20 Community Transportation Program Grants Vice Chairperson Lee opened the public hearing and acknowledged Aging Director Lorie Sutton who explained that Sampson Area Transportation was requesting permission to submit grant requests for FY20 CTP 5311 Administrative/Capital grants (federal allocation to non-urbanized areas), which included an Administrative Grant Request for \$229,736 (Fed/State 85%, local match 15% \$34,460) and a Capital Grant request for

\$62,500 (Fed/State 90%, local match 10% \$6,250), which will be used to purchase a lift van; and a FY20 CTP 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors/Individuals with Disability Program (competitive grant) grant request for \$50,000 (local match 50% \$25,000, with ROAP funding used as match). Vice Chairperson Lee opened the floor for public comment, and none were received. The hearing was closed. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Kivett and seconded by Commissioner Godwin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the resolutions authorizing submission of grant and making the assurances and certifications regarding compliance with federal and state requirements. (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book ____ Page ____.)

Rescheduling Water Work Session County Manager Ed Causey informed the Board of the need to reschedule the September 17, 2018, water work session which was canceled due to Hurricane Florence. The Board rescheduled the water work session to October 9, 2018, at 5 p.m. in the Administration Office Board Room.

Sampson County Schools - Request for Funding for Start-Up Costs for School Resource Officer (SRO) Grant Project Ed Causey reminded the Board of the Sampson County Schools fund request in the amount of \$187,615.00 which will be used to assist with the startup costs for three additional school resource officers. He proposed that the funding request be approved and that the officers be funded with lapsed salaries currently in the approved budget. He then noted that the plan will not cause an increase in the employee base and informed the Board that the plan could be reconsidered in February during the budget work sessions. He also noted that the proposed plan would not adversely affect the Sheriff's Office budget and could allow for some savings. Commissioner Parker asked for clarification on how the positions will be funded. Mr. Causey stated that the three positions will be funded with the salaries of unfilled positions in the current budget, could be evaluated and readjusted at the February planning session as needed and that the Board could elect to continue or discontinue funding the positions in the FY 19-20 budget if needed. He also noted that in addition to the \$187,615.00 funded by the County, Sampson County Schools will contribute \$100,000.00 in grant monies and \$50,000.00 of their own monies in the required match. Upon a motion made by Vice Chairperson Lee and seconded by Commissioner Parker, the Board voted unanimously to consider the funding allocation as recommended.

Appointment - Social Services Advisory Committee Upon a motion made by Vice Chairperson Lee and seconded by Commissioner Godwin, the Board voted unanimously to reappoint Pam McGuirt to the DSS Advisory Committee.

Division of Public Health Agreement Addendum FY 18-19 Health Director Wanda Robinson presented a request for approval of the addendum, informing the Board that on September 27, 2018, the Governor announced that mosquito control funding would be provided for Sampson and other counties under major disaster

declaration due to Hurricane Florence. She stated that Sampson County had been allotted \$95,660.00 and that the Health Department and County Administration staff were developing a plan to immediately address the increase in the mosquito population. She noted that the funds could be used to provide or subcontract aerial or ground mosquito application services, establish or enhance an existing local mosquito management program, provide education on mosquito bite avoidance, or purchase mosquito control materials and supplies, such as pellets, permethrin treated clothing, BTI mosquito dunks, and other educational materials. The funding could also be used by health officials in collecting mosquito related data and information such as increase in phone calls or reported diseases or illnesses, though at the time there have not been any confirmed cases of the West Nile Virus related to the storm. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Kivett and seconded by Commissioner Godwin, the Board voted unanimously to approve that the appropriate County officials be authorized to execute the Agreement Addendum between the Sampson County Health Department and the Division of Public Health which provides funding for mosquito abatement, and any and all documents necessary to accomplish the intended purposes of the addendum, provided all federal, state and local procurement policies are followed. (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book ____ Page ____.)

Item 2: Consent Agenda

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Kivett and seconded by Commissioner Parker, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- a. Approved the revised Drug and Alcohol Policy for Sampson Area Transportation (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book ____ Page ____.)
- b. Approved a delinquent disabled veteran exclusion application for Janie T. Holmes (surviving spouse of Colonel Holmes).
- c. Approved tax refunds and releases as submitted:

#8711	Angel Ortiz	\$202.02
#8720	Nicolas Espinoza	\$365.68
#8721	Kristina Sullivan	\$154.08
#8667	Canal Wood LLC	\$141.26
#8708	William and Barbara Furmidge	\$406.87
#8736	Lucy Burnette	\$115.48
#8697	Steven Burnham	\$130.71
Tax Release	Donna Strickland	\$2,272.41

- d. Approved budget amendments as submitted:

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		<u>Convention and Visitors Bureau</u>	
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u> <u>Decrease</u>
84761800	529900	Misc Expense	\$2,295.00
<u>REVENUE</u>			
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u> <u>Decrease</u>
84036180	408900	Misc Revenue	\$2,295.00

(Board of Health Items)

- e. Approved the Operating Procedures of the Board of Commissioners sitting as Board of Health (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book ____ Page ____.)

Item 3: Board Information Items

Invitation to Clinton Garden Club Ribbon Cutting, Adult Day Care Center Gardens Vice Chairperson Lee invited everyone to attend the event on Tuesday, October 2, 2018 at 2 p.m. at the Adult Day Care Center Gardens (210 Fisher Drive, Clinton, NC).

County Manager’s Reports

County Manager Ed Causey commended the efforts or the people in the Ivanhoe community for their resilience and their professionalism in relaying their concerns to the Board after undergoing the devastation they experienced during the storm event. In addition to the comments previously made regarding the joint efforts of county employees, support agencies, and volunteers, Mr. Causey noted the great efforts and support provided by the Clinton City and Sampson County Schools systems during the storm and their willingness and ability to meet the constantly changing needs. He concluded by reiterating that the County fully understands the urgency of the mosquito ordeal and assured everyone that County staff is working as diligent and expeditiously as possible.

Commissioners Parker and Godwin commented on their visits to the Ivanhoe community following the storm and lauded the citizens of the Ivanhoe community for their cohesiveness, sense of pride, and their remarkable efforts throughout the storm event.

Public Comments

The Vice Chairperson opened the floor for comments and the following were received:

Nathan Freeman: I’m not native to North Carolina but from Missouri. I lived through the flood of 1993. One of the things that Missouri has that helps with the Mississippi

River is they have levees that also double as highways. When you talk about having access roads against the river it makes sense to have access roads on top of a levee. That way it will serve its general purpose and save you money and you won't have two projects going on.

Russell Devane: I'd like to thank the commissioners, and especially the County Manager for his remarks. He said he is trying to get to Ivanhoe. By all means, if you can get there again we'd love to have you. And to our commissioner, Commissioner Parker and Commissioner Godwin, we appreciate you guys coming down and looking after us. If you guys don't recognize me I am the first face you saw on Channel 5. That was me, down on Hoover Road. And great job to our DOT. The next morning, they were right down there, and I was right down there with them. They were filling in that hole and doing what they needed to do to get us a route to get out. We appreciate everything that you are doing for Ivanhoe. We ask that you continue to do it for us and we'll be forever grateful. Thank you.

Janet Hosey: We just got our water today. And we don't have AC yet. We can't receive phone calls, but we can call out. We do have internet now as of last Thursday. That man that just spoke, Russell Devane, is a hero. He saved some people during swift water rescue. He commanded the Hoover Road that was washed out and helped get those supplies that we needed in Ivanhoe. He's a miracle worker. He provided at his Royal Chapel Church with supplies for the community. My two questions are; somebody mentioned about the dumpsters, but I am trying to find out who do we talk to about this? I understand that DOT is taking care of the road situation, but I have tried to call different people and have not gotten return calls, and that may be due to the phone service. But, who do we talk to about the dumpsters? This all fits together with the public health and mosquito thing. We're all piling up our debris and insulation that we've had to pull out from under our houses because they were flooded. Our post office was flooded completely. And our fire house was flooded. What do we do with that debris. My husband took some thing to our local landfill today and now we're being told that there are certain things that we are not allowed to put in there like the insulation. Who is in charge of this debris that we need to get rid of, and if it sits wet it's just breeding grounds for the mosquitoes and you're still working with the public health issue as well. My second question is. We all know that it was declared a federal disaster and that Sampson County was part of that declared disaster area. What is that money being used for and are you getting it here in Sampson County? How is it being used to help the people that are still struggling? Are there any answers? Like the dumpsters, we're not asking people to come down and help us pick up the debris. We've got tractors and we've got bulldozers and scoops. As long as we've got a dumpster at the firehouse or post office we can gather it up and put it in. We had people come from Raleigh because they have decided that Ivanhoe is their mission work. From the Raleigh Presbyterian Church and they came Saturday, and they helped us. And I don't know if you know it but we're on world news, the New York Times, a

video of Ivanhoe. That little community that was established in 1704. How do I get an answer?

Commissioner Parker asked Assistant County Manager Susan Holder if she could provide information on acceptable items at the landfill and do some research on getting some dumpsters placed in the Ivanhoe community. Ms. Holder reiterated that the NCDOT will pick up debris from the right-of-way of state roads. Ms. Holder noted that the beginning dates will be publicized once determined. She then noted that the rules of the landfill are state rules, not local rules. She then clarified that the declaration means that the federal government has set aside monies to provide individual and business assistance programs, and that the monies did not go to the local government agencies. She then provided the public the FEMA Disaster Assistance phone number (1-800-621-3362) and directed the public to the county website where more assistance information is housed, such as SBA, USDA, and houses of worship assistance programs and noted that individuals could apply for any of those assistance programs. She stated that the NCDOT will publicize more information on the debris pickup and that the county's social media platforms and website, and local major news media outlets will be used to help publicize.

Recess to Reconvene

Upon a motion made by Vice Chairperson Lee and seconded by Commissioner Godwin, the Board voted unanimously to recess to reconvene on October 9, 2018, at 5 p.m. in the Administration Board Room for the rescheduled Water Work Session.