

REPORTS - County Manager

County Manager, Paige Dukes, stated Lowndes County had a tremendous, successful response to Tropical Storm Elsa, much in part due to EMA Director Ashley Tye's leadership and thanked Mr. Tye for his efforts. Mrs. Dukes stated every department at the work session meeting contributed to the response in some way, with the majority of them being in the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), including 911 Director Danny Weeks and his team and Planning and Zoning Director, JD Dillard, to help man the phones along with Code Enforcement Director, Mindy Bates. Mrs. Dukes stated, County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, was there taking a look at drainage due to all the water moving through Lowndes County. Mrs. Dukes further stated, Utilities Director, Steve Stalvey, had minimal issues but was able to reach out and help Moody AFB, as they had a significant situation that required some hardware that the County has and was able to loan them. Mrs. Dukes also stated, Human Resources Director, Kevin Beals, and his department processed the first payroll of the new fiscal year which involved changes from the Condrey Study. Mrs. Dukes stated, there were a lot of moving parts and they did this through the storm. Finance Director, Stephanie Black worked from home making changes that needed to be made from the back end. In addition, Mrs. Dukes stated ITS Director, Aaron Kostyu, and his staff were in the EOC ensuring that there were no issues with technology. Chief Green and his crew were out front and center. There was a limb that went through the front of a fire truck on Gil Harbin as those fire fighters were driving down the road. Thankfully, there were minimal injuries in that accident. This was Public Information Officer, Meghan Barwick's, first storm handling communications and she did a fantastic job. Lastly, Mrs. Dukes stated great team, great response, and she is proud of everyone. Chairman Slaughter thanked everyone.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Marshall second. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the work session at 8:53 a.m.