

**CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION
EMERGENCY CALLED MEETING
March 20, 2018**

The Cullman County Commission met in emergency session at 11:00 for discussion of damage the County sustained in last night's storms. In attendance was Chairman Kenneth Walker; Commissioner Kerry Watson; EMA Director Phyllis Little; Sheriff Matt Gentry; County Administrator Gary Teichmiller; County Attorney Chad Floyd and Assistant Safety Director Deliltha Marchman. Commissioner Garry Marchman was out of town.

Chairman Walker stated the Commission will consider declaring a Local State of Emergency following last night's storms that occurred throughout the County. Governor Ivey declared a State of Emergency this morning for North Alabama counties that have been effected.

Phyllis Little, EMA Director, updated the Commission on the current situation in the County. There were several storms, including tornadoes which crossed the county, causing widespread damage. However, the majority of the damage was caused by hail, some as large as grapefruits. The CARTS Office, Water Department/EMA Building, Sheriff's Office and Jail were the hardest hit. The southern section of the City of Cullman was hard hit including car dealerships and a number of retail business along Cherokee Ave from Wal-Mart to the Hwy 31 intersection.

She anticipates outside help to arrive by the afternoon. The Red Cross, the United Methodist Association and Salvation Army will be in Cullman to lend assistance with getting tarps on damaged roofs. State EMA Office has offered any assistance the County needs.

Sheriff Matt Gentry reported on the damage his department sustained. There was damage to at least 20 vehicles, as well as significant damage to the roof, nine air conditioning units which were on the roof and exterior siding and fireproofing insulation at the office. The Training Center and the Detention Center both suffered extensive damage. Monday night there were 397 inmates housed at the detention center. There were no injuries. They have begun the cleaning process and met with Frank Fagg, the architect, this morning. They have a loss of power in certain areas of the building.

Frank Fagg the architect reported the inspection at the Sheriff's Office/Detention Center this morning revealed siding and roof damage. Nine of the twelve AC units have damage and a large amount of fireproofing throughout the building has come down. The first concern is to get it weather tight to help mitigate mold and mildew. He recommended temporary repairs and suggested Eidson & Assoc., a local firm.

Delitha Marchman, Assistant Safety Director, reported Travelers Insurance has been contacted and will be evaluating the Sheriff's facilities, CARTS, Water/EMA Building and the old water department building along with numerous vehicles from various departments. Any other departments with damage need to report it to the Safety Department.

Gary Teichmiller, County Administrator, reminded the Commission that advertising requirement for repairs can be waived. However sealed bids are still required.

The Commission will contact Eidson & Assoc. about temporary repairs but will wait for the insurance adjustors to complete the work before decisions on final work.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to declare a Local State of Emergency. Chairman Walker seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to adjourn at 11:15. Chairman Walker seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

/s/
Kenneth Walker,
Chairman

/s/
Kerry Watson,
Associate Commissioner

(ABSENT)
Garry Marchman,
Associate Commissioner