

**Minutes of the 23 August 2021
Special Meeting of the Yancey County Board of Commissioners
Held at 5:30 o'clock p.m. in the Commissioners Board Room
Yancey County Courthouse, Burnsville, North Carolina**

Present at the 23 of August 2021 special meeting of the Yancey County Board of Commissioners were Vice-Chairman David Grindstaff, Commissioner Mark Ledford, and Commissioner Jill Austin. Chairman Jeff Whitson listened by phone. Commissioner Johnny Riddle recently resigned from the Board leaving a vacancy.

The following County staff was also present: County Manager and Assistant Clerk to the Board Lynn Austin, Emergency Management Director Jeff Howell and County Attorney Donny Laws.

Call to Order and Approval of Agenda

Vice -Chairman Grindstaff called the meeting to order. Commissioner Ledford made the motioned to approve the agenda and Commissioner Austin seconded it and the vote to approve was unanimous. (Attachment A).

Updates on damage from Tropical Storm Fred

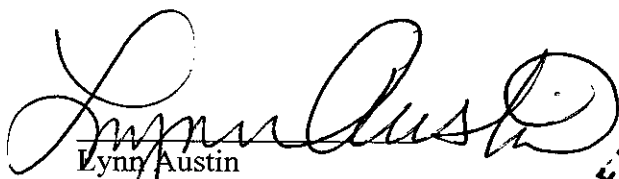
Yancey County Emergency Management Director, Jeff Howell along with April Riddle from NC Dept. of Insurance and Russell Greene with NCEM updated the Commissioners on the damage sustained from Tropical Storm Fred and what criteria would have to be met to be eligible for funding from the state and federal level. Russell Greene gave an update on the state emergency funding and the areas hardest hit. He stated that twenty five homes in Yancey County had to have significant structural damage to kick in state funding. April Riddle offered to help assess the damages to homes through the Dept. of Insurance. She also answered questions regarding different kinds of flood insurance and which policies might cover certain damages. The damages were to be assessed within the County on Wednesday, August 25th by Jeff Walker. Jeff Howell updated the Commissioners on damages sustained to the NCDOT bridge up Pensacola and the timeframe of getting access to those 92 homes that are unable to cross the bridge. Also, he set up a reporting system for Yancey County citizens to report water damage to their property. Currently, there are two ways to report damage (yanceyem@yanceycountync.gov and 828-682-1885), and everyone is encouraged to report the damage whether big or small.

Adjournment

Having no further business Commissioner Ledford made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Commissioner Austin. The vote to adjourn was unanimous.

Approved and authenticated on this the 13th day of September 2021.

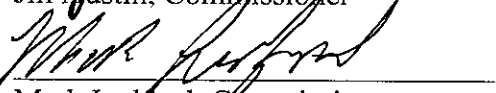
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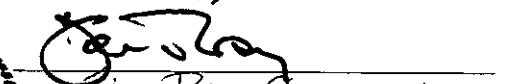

Lynn Austin
Assistant Clerk to the Board


Jeff Whitson, Chairman


David Grindstaff, Vice Chairman


Jill Austin, Commissioner


Mark Ledford, Commissioner


John Ray, Commissioner





AGENDA
YANCEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
August 23, 2021
5:30 PM

- I. Call to Order – Vice-Chairman David Grindstaff**
- II. Approval of the Agenda**
- III. Updates on damage sustained during Tropical Storm Fred**
 - a. Accessing the Damage – DOI/Red Cross/FEMA**
 - b. FEMA Relief Assistance**
 - c. NCDOT-197 S Bridge Update**
- IV. Adjourn**