

**BALDWIN COUNTY  
HAZARD MITIGATION PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES  
MARCH 18, 2021  
BALDWIN COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER UPSTAIRS TRAINING  
ROOM  
ROBERTSDALE, ALABAMA  
(Hybrid Meeting with Physical and Telepresence Options)**

**ATTENDANCE**

Members/Guests present on site were: Danon Smith (BCEMA), Amanda Thweatt (BCEMA), Lannie Smith (City of Orange Beach), Brandan Franklin (City of Gulf Shores), Richard Rider (City of Foley), Erik Cortinas (City of Fairhope), Eddie Harper (BCC Building Inspections), Rachel Keith (City of Foley), Tonya Shannon (Hagerty Consulting), Bailey-Anne Kaytar (Hagerty Consulting), Joby Smith (Baldwin Co. E-911), Ryan Frolik (East Central Baldwin County Water Authority), Jessica Walker (City of Fairhope), Rachel Keith (City of Foley), Michael Thompson (City of Foley), Ralph Hellmich (Mayor - City of Foley), Joey Darby (Foley Fire Department), Thurston Bullock (Foley Police Department), Kevin Carnley (Foley Police Department), Troy Strunk (City of Daphne)

Members/Guests present virtually: Jenni Guerry (BCEMA), Michelle Pennington (BCEMA), Anthony Sampson (BCBOE), Jason Riggs (City of Spanish Fort), Marinda Turner (City of Daphne Utilities), Anthony Sampson, Baldwin County Board of Education

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Brandan Franklin called the meeting to order at 09:00am

**OPENING COMMENTS**

Brandan Franklin called the meeting to order and gave opening remarks.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Brandan Franklin advised that the minutes from the February meeting be approved.  
Motion by Lannie Smith, seconded by Erik Cortinas.  
Ayes: 19  
No: 0

Abstain:

0

Motion Passed

Brandan Franklin reported that the (as is) Plan Draft had been presented to his Jurisdiction during their Council meeting and questioned progress on the completed Plan Draft and meeting the May 3<sup>rd</sup> deadline for Baldwin County.

Danon Smith reported that she had been in communication with Leslie Johnston (SARPC), and they are waiting on two counties (Baldwin not among these) to complete the Plan Draft.

Leslie Johnston advised she is confident that this will not interfere with Baldwin County meeting the May 3<sup>rd</sup> deadline. Danon also stated that Lisa (FEMA) will review the Baldwin County plan independently if the other two counties do not submit in time to meet our deadline, and she would continue to coordinate with Leslie all documentation to see the process through.

Danon encouraged all members to utilize the Important Mitigation Resource – EMA Mitigation Website – that is being updated weekly <https://www.baldwincountyal.gov/departments/EMA/ema-hazard-mitigation>.

Danon encouraged all municipalities to send their Plan Draft Review and Public Dissemination/comment information, documentation, and feedback directly to her and she would coordinate with Leslie Johnston to get these in for AEMA Review. Several Municipalities reported that they had upcoming Council meetings to present or had recently presented to their Municipalities.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Danon Smith discussed the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Letter of Intent. Danon discussed the ranking of projects, and that Ranking Sheets are due by 5:00 P.M. on Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup> and gave a walk-through demonstration of Ranking Forms found on the EMA – Hazard Mitigation Website. Danon stated that these must be entered by each Jurisdiction and once entered, she will input the projects and submit the Baldwin County Master LOI (Due to AEMA 3/26/2021). Each eligible sub-applicant will follow up in the AEMA Grants portal with their respective applications and individual letters of intent.

Each Municipality that submitted an LOI Form was given the opportunity to present their projects for discussion during the meeting and they were prioritized by the HMPC Committee.

The following are to be included on DR-4563 (Hurricane Sally):

- **City of Foley:** Safe Room for First Responders to accommodate up to 200 people.
- **Baldwin County E-911:** Replace Current Communication Shelters that house Public Safety Radio Equipment with hardened structures.

- **Baldwin County Board of Education:** Inclusion of Mandatory Safe Rooms for all new school construction projects due to new requirements.
- **Baldwin County Coroner's Office:** Mobile Morgue System to be used for decedents who exceed storage capacity in current facility.
- **Baldwin County Commission:** Residential Safe Room Construction for individuals due to threat of storms/tornadoes/tropical weather.
- **Baldwin County Commission:** River Road Project – Realign portions of River Road out of Floodway.
- **City of Gulf Shores:** Residential Structure Elevations, Gulf Shores Police Department Generator, Traffic Signal Upgrades, Traffic Signal Renovation, Gulf Shores Annex Wind Retrofit, Gulf Shores 4<sup>th</sup> Street Flood Reduction.
- **Bayshore Christian School:** Safe Room for the new construction of school.
- **City of Daphne:** Underground power lines in Old Towne Daphne (in partnership with Riviera Utilities).
- **Daphne Search & Rescue:** Property acquisition and relocation due to current facility being damaged beyond repair.
- **Daphne Utilities:** Vac Truck, 5 mobile bypass pumps and 5 fixed bypass pumps, installation of generators in 4 locations.
- **East Central Baldwin Sewer & Fire:** Replace Generator
- **Elsanor Fire Department:** Replace Generator
- **Fairhope Airport Authority:** Fortified Safe House for First Responders & Critical Aircraft for Search & Rescue,
- **City of Fairhope:** Lift Station Generator, Magnolia Beach Restoration Project, Fortified Safe Room for First Responders.
- **City of Foley:** Safe Room for First Responders to accommodate up to 200 people.
- **Habitat for Humanity Baldwin County:** Wind Retrofit for damaged housing units.
- **City of Orange Beach:** Safe Room to accommodate 150 First Responders, Elevation of Jubilee Point Road, Five Individual Residential Structure Elevations.
- **Perdido Beach Fire Department:** Replacement of Generator.
- **Town of Silverhill:** Town Hall Generator.
- **City of Spanish Fort:** Patrician Drive Bluff Erosion Project.

It was reiterated that the Rankings are due by 5:00 p.m. Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup> so that Danon has time to get signatures and disseminate information. Those submitting projects are responsible for uploading projects to the AEMA site/portal. Discussion was held to encourage all to apply for projects regardless of allocation.

It was agreed by all to hold a special meeting on Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup> via WebEx with the Executive Committee to include Leslie Johnston prior to the Master LOI being submitted. The next HMPC Full Body meeting was agreed by all to be held at the Baldwin County EMA/EOC Upstairs Training Room on April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in a Hybrid format.

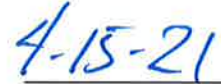
## **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 10:45am.

Minutes for this meeting approved during the April 15, 2021 meeting of the Baldwin County Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee.



Brandan Franklin, Chairperson Baldwin County HMPC



Date