



Marion County

Board of County Commissioners

Walk-on Agenda

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Tuesday, July 6, 2021

9:00 AM

**McPherson Governmental
Campus Auditorium**

- 1.5.** Request Approval of Resolution Declaring a State of **2021-3713**
Emergency Related to Tropical Storm Elsa and Delegating to
the Chair the Authority to Extend the Declaration of
Emergency Every Seven (7) Days as Necessary



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Agenda Item

File No.: 2021-3713

Agenda Date: 7/6/2021

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SUBJECT:

Request Approval of Resolution Declaring a State of Emergency Related to Tropical Storm Elsa and Delegating to the Chair the Authority to Extend the Declaration of Emergency Every Seven (7) Days as Necessary

INITIATOR:

**Mounir Bouyounes, P.E. County
Administrator**

DEPARTMENT:

Administration

DESCRIPTION/BACKGROUND:

The National Hurricane Center is tracking the path of Tropical Storm Elsa and current models project the storm tracking northward up and off the west coast of Florida, moving closest to Marion County on Wednesday, July 7, 2021. There is the potential that the storm may bring high winds, isolated tornadic activity, and significant rain resulting in flooding at least in western Marion County. The Board is committed to being prepared in advance for whatever impacts this storm may bring to Marion County.

BUDGET/IMPACT:

None

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Motion to approve and authorize Chair to execute resolution declaring a state of emergency related to Tropical Storm Elsa and delegating to the Chair the authority to extend the declaration of emergency every seven (7) days as necessary.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-R-

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA, DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY RELATED TO TROPICAL STORM ELSA, AND DELEGATING TO THE CHAIR THE AUTHORITY TO EXTEND THE DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY EVERY SEVEN DAYS, AS NECESSARY AS PROVIDED HEREIN.

WHEREAS, the National Hurricane Center is tracking the path of Tropical Storm Elsa, and current models project the storm tracking northward up and off the west coast of Florida -- moving closest to Marion County on Wednesday, July 7, 2021. There is the potential that the storm may bring high winds, isolated tornadic activity, and significant rain resulting in flooding at least in western Marion County; and

WHEREAS, Floridians have historically witnessed occasions where a tropical storm has abruptly changed course, or significantly increased in intensity to a hurricane status, and the Board of County Commissioners are committed to being prepared in advance for whatever impacts this storm may bring to Marion County; and

WHEREAS, on Saturday, July 3, 2021, Governor Ron Desantis issued Executive Order Number 21-150 declaring a state of emergency related to Tropical Storm Elsa, with respect to fifteen Florida counties, including neighboring Citrus and Levy Counties, and Marion County was added to that list by Executive Order Number 21-151 on July 5, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Florida Statute subsection 252.38(3), enumerating the emergency management powers of political subdivisions, provides at subparagraph (a)5, in part, “[t]he duration of each state of emergency declared locally is limited to 7 days; it may be extended, as necessary, in 7 day increments.” and,

WHEREAS, the Board does not regularly meet every seven days, and emergency circumstances may require more timely action than afforded by regular Board meetings, and on occasion, even emergency Board meetings;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA:

Section 1. The Board hereby announces a DECLARATION OF STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY in Marion County pursuant to Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, and the activation of the Marion County Emergency Operations Center, effective immediately, in order that the County may prepare for the impact of Tropical Storm Elsa.

Section 2. The Chairman of the Board is hereby delegated the authority to extend such Declaration in seven day increments as necessary, after determining the need therefore, based on the latest information from the Director of the Division of Emergency Management. Each such extension shall be documented by written memoranda to the Director of the Division of Emergency Management, with copies to all Board members, the County Administrator and the Clerk of Circuit Court. The Board retains the authority to rescind any such extension by majority vote at any regular or emergency meeting of the Board.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Declared and adopted this 6th day of July, 2021.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

JEFF GOLD, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

GREGORY C. HARRELL
CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT