

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA
EMERGENCY MEETING
AUGUST 19, 2021

NOTE: If any person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record for the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made.

PRESIDING: Jimmy Tallman, Chair

RECORDING: Pamela H. Woodington, Finance Director

ATTENDING: Commissioner Lacey Cannon; Commissioner Channing Dobbs; James Williams, County Coordinator; Dianne Hannon, Board Secretary, Wayne Clemons, EMS Director, Dr. Oden, Interim Medical Director

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Chair Tallman called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm. Commissioner Perez offered the invocation and led Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Tallman welcomed those in attendance. Mr. Williams introduced the interim medical director, Dr. Oden.

Chair Tallman asked Mr. Williams to discuss the purpose of this Emergency Meeting.

Jimmy Williams provided the following details of the day. Stating that he met with the EMS Department employees this morning, August 19, 2021, regarding directives made by the Board in the previous meeting held on Monday, August 17, 2021. Mr. Williams wanted to be able to answer any questions that employees may have had in reference to the directives of the Board. He began to leave the EMS meeting, an EMS paramedic followed him out to deliver her resignation letter. Mr. Williams stated that he requested she meet with him at the Board office, to discuss further. Emily Derby and Patricia Burkel met with Mr. Williams at the Board office. Ms. Burkel also stated that her intent was to also give her letter of resignation, however Ms. Burkel did not deliver her letter to Mr. Williams. After discussion with both employees, Mr. Williams contacted Chair Tallman who then met with Mr. Williams and both employees. Upon conclusion of this meeting, Mr. Williams contacted Wayne Clemons, EMS Director who verbally resigned and stated he would deliver his resignation letter within the hour, which he did. Mr. Williams also contacted Bradford County EMS, Century and Liberty Ambulance services to request mutual aid, each expressed their willingness to assist as requested and upon availability. Mr. Williams invited Dr. Oden to attend to offer direction if procedural changes should be made, given the volatile work environment of the EMS department. Dr. Oden stated that procedures Dr. Ganas had in place would continue to be followed. Commissioner Cannon, Commissioner Dobbs and Commissioner Perez expressed their appreciation for the service Mr. Clemons has given the County over the past 17 years and specifically, the last few months during such difficulties. **Commissioner Dobbs moved to accept Mr. Clemons resignation as EMS Director. Commissioner Cannon seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

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Commissioner Dobbs moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Williams asked the Board for permission to search for an interim EMS Director. **Commissioner Dobbs moved for Mr. Williams to begin the search for an Interim Director, and Commissioner Perez seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

Chair Tallman stated there is a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Cannon seconded. Hearing no objections Chair Tallman adjourned the meeting at 6:00.

Adopted by vote of the Board of County Commissioners on November 15, 2021.