

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA
EMERGENCY MEETING
AUGUST 31, 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: James Tallman, Chair

RECORDING: Kellie Hendricks Rhoades, Clerk of Courts & Comptroller

ATTENDING: Commissioner Lacey Cannon; Commissioner Channing Dobbs; Commissioner Ryan Perez; James Williams, County Coordinator; Dianne Hannon, Board Secretary; Russ Wade, County Attorney; Pamela Woodington, Finance Director

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

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

Chair Tallman announced the purpose of the meeting was the vacancy of the EMS Director position, and asked Attorney Wade about the requirements to advertise the vacancy before filling it.

Commissioner Cannon moved to declare an emergency due to the resignation of the EMS Director, and Commissioner Dobbs seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

EMS DIRECTOR APPOINTMENT

Chair Tallman asked James Williams, County Coordinator, to elaborate on the matter. Mr. Williams answered that two applications have been received, Toby Witt and Heath Schmidt, and asked the Board's pleasure regarding the interview process. He encouraged that the Board move quickly, as the Interim Director may need to have a medical procedure in the next week. Chair Tallman recommended an interview panel of three people: Commissioner Cannon, Clerk Rhoades and Mr. Williams.

Commissioner Cannon stated that he knows both candidates, and that either would be a good choice.

Commissioner Dobbs said that he thought Toby Witt would be a good candidate due to the success of Hamilton County's EMS Department.

Commissioner Cannon moved to accept no further application, and for himself, Clerk Rhoades and Mr. Williams to interview the applicants, with Mr. Williams scheduling the interviews. Commissioner Dobbs seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Board agreed that the interview panel should report back with a recommendation on September 9.

The meeting adjourned by general consent at 5:44pm.

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