



THE COUNTY OF CHESTER



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AGENDA **SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS' MEETING**

September 16, 2021

- 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA**
- 3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**
- 4. RESOLUTIONS**
 - a. Declaration of Disaster Emergency**
Resolution of the Chester County Commissioners authorizing a county Declaration of Disaster Emergency.
- 5. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 6. ADJOURNMENT**

Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Chester Authorizing an Extension of the September 9, 2021 Declaration of Local Disaster Emergency

WHEREAS, on or about, September 1, 2021 through September 2, 2021 Hurricane Ida caused injury, death, damage, and suffering to the persons and property of Chester County; and

WHEREAS, Hurricane Ida endangered the health, safety, and welfare of a substantial number of persons residing in Chester County and created significant and monumental damage to homes, businesses, roads, bridges, and trails in Chester County; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code, (35 Pa.C.S.A. § 7501, *et seq.*) allows a governmental body to declare an emergency to respond to events such as the damage caused by Hurricane Ida; and

WHEREAS, on or about, September 9, 2021 the Board of Commissioners of the County of Chester adopted a Resolution authorizing a countywide Declaration of Local Disaster Emergency pursuant to Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code, 35 Pa.C.S.A. § 7501(d); and

WHEREAS, emergency management measures are still required and needed to reduce the severity of this disaster and to protect the health, safety, and welfare of affected residents and property in Chester County, yet the September 9, 2021 Declaration of Local Disaster Emergency is set to expire on or about September 16, 2021 unless official action is taken to extend the aforementioned Declaration of Local Disaster Emergency; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, we, the undersigned Board of Commissioners of the County of Chester, pursuant to the provisions of Section 7501 of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code, 35 Pa.C.S.A. § 7501, *et seq.*, do hereby extend the September 9, 2021 countywide Declaration of Local Disaster Emergency for an additional period of 45 days from the date of this Resolution; and

FURTHER, the effect of this extension of the Declaration of Local Disaster Emergency is to continue to activate and utilize the response and recovery aspects of any and all applicable local emergency management plans and to continue the authorization of the furnishing of aid and assistance thereunder, consistent with the statutory authority of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code; and

FURTHER, we direct the Director of Chester County Department of Emergency Services, or his designee, to continue to coordinate the activities of emergency response; to continue to take all appropriate action needed to alleviate the effects of this emergency; to continue to aid in the restoration of essential public services; and

FURTHER, we direct appropriate County staff, in coordination with the Department of Emergency Services, to take other necessary steps, including, but not limited to, methods such as the employment of temporary workers, the rental of necessary equipment, and the purchase of supplies and materials, to aid in the prevention, preparedness, and recovery as deemed necessary to respond to this disaster emergency; and

FURTHER, we direct the Acting Director of Chester County Procurement and General Services, Robin Davis, to enter into such contracts and agreements as may be necessary to meet the emergency, all without regard to the time-consuming procedures and formalities normally prescribed by law; and

FURTHER, this extension of the Declaration of Local Disaster Emergency shall be given prompt and general publicity as required by Section 7501 of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code, 35 Pa.C.S.A. § 7501; and

FURTHER, the effect of this extension of the Declaration of Local Disaster Emergency shall remain in full force for 45 days from the date of this Resolution unless amended or revoked by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Chester; and

DECLARED this 16th day of September, 2021.

COMMISSIONERS:

Marian D. Moskowitz, Chair

Josh Maxwell, Commissioner

Michelle Kichline, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Robert J. Kagel, Chief Clerk