

**LEE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**  
**BOARD MEETING**  
**October 15th, 2016**

The Board of Social Services for the Lee County Department of Social Services convened at 12:00 PM, in the Board of Commissioner's Room at the Lee County Government Center, 106 Hillcrest Drive, Sanford, North Carolina. Board members present were; David Riddle, Ophelia Livingston, Paul Utley, Commissioner Amy Dalrymple and Gail Dickens. Also, present was Ex-Officio member Brenda Potts.

Chair Riddle called the meeting to order and opened the meeting with the serenity prayer.

The Board considered changes to the October agenda. No changes being made a motion was made by Member Dickens to accept.

Aye: Gail Dickens, Paul Utley, David Riddle, Amy Dalrymple not present for the vote, Ophelia Livingston.

Nay: None

The Board considered changes to the September minutes. No changes being made a motion was made by Member Utley to accept.

Aye: Gail Dickens, Paul Utley, David Riddle, Amy Dalrymple not present for the vote, Ophelia Livingston.

Nay: None

**PUBLIC COMMENT** - No one signed up to speak during the Public Comments section of the meeting.

The meeting was turned over to DSS Director Brenda Potts.

**HURRICANE MATTHEW UPDATE**-Mrs. Potts gave the board a report on Hurricane Matthew and the opening of a shelter on October 8<sup>th</sup> around 3:00pm. The call came from Emergency Management about 1:30pm October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 that Lochmere Mobile Home Park was flooding and that the National Guard would be getting those residence out and bringing to a shelter. Other parts of the county were also experiencing flooding as well as power outages due to the wind. Emergency Management was not only dealing with Hurricane Matthew but also an alert had been put out concerning the Nuclear Power Plant. Melissa Lett opened the shelter and I went to Emergency Command. The Red Cross was not available in the shelter, and therefore they were unavailable for their normal activities. The shelter closed on Sunday afternoon. Due to the Red Cross not providing case management services the county was responsible for a hotel room for one family, with structural damage, as the shelter was closed due to everyone being able to return to their residence, except this couple. The City recommended due to a waterline breaking that all water be boiled beginning on October 8<sup>th</sup> until October 11<sup>th</sup>. The Health Director, Heath Cain sent his staff to restaurants that managed to open to notify them of the recommendation. Lee County Schools did close on Monday due to water on roads and also the recommendation concerning City Water. Lee County at this time has not been declared for Disaster FNS.

**FOOD AND NUTRITION PROGRAM**-At this time FNS is operating a program for replacement FNS, these are individuals who receive FNS for September and lost due to a power outage. At this time we are seeing about 400 per day with replacement FNS and normal day to day clients. A conference call at this time is every morning at 9:00 am with the state to update the counties on the county declarations by USDA.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**-Mrs. Potts discussed with the board an issue that Commissioner Reives brought up during the commissioner meeting on October 17th about a facility on Courtland and Harkey Road, it is an elderly & disabled apartment living facility for fixed income individuals. Staff made visits over there to ensure those on FNS were allowed to apply for replacement.

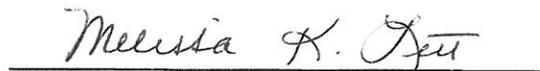
With no further business to come before the Member Dickens moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Member Utley. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: David Riddle, Ophelia Livingston, Paul Utley, Commissioner Amy Dalrymple and Gail Dickens.

Nay: None

Chair-person Riddle ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously and the meeting adjourned.

  
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Chairperson

  
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Secretary