

SPECIAL CALLED BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS August 28, 2023  
MEETING

The Board of Sumter County Commissioners (BOCC/Board) convened for a Special Called Meeting on Monday August 28, 2023, at The Villages Sumter County Service Center in Wildwood, Florida with the following members present to wit: Craig Estep, Chairman, District No. 3; Roberta Ulrich, Vice Chairman, District No. 1; Jeffrey Bogue, 2nd Vice Chairman, District No. 4; and Donald Wiley, District No. 5; Andrew Bilardello District No. 2, was absent. The following individuals were also present and acting in their respective official capacities: Bradley Arnold, County Administrator; David Casto, Emergency Management Director; and Melissa Elliott, Deputy Clerk. Commissioner Estep called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. with the invocation given by Commissioner Ulrich followed by the flag salute led by Commissioner Bogue. The complete audio recording of this meeting is available on the Clerk's Website - [www.sumterclerk.com](http://www.sumterclerk.com).

1. Public Forum

There was no input from the public.

2. Local State of Emergency Declaration (Staff Recommends Approval)

State of Emergency Declaration

Bradley Arnold, County Administrator, provided comments regarding the purpose this morning's meeting. Yesterday, the Governor included Sumter County in the State of Emergency related to the current weather situation, which is the reasoning behind requesting a Local State of Emergency Declaration. Once a Local State of Emergency Declaration is approved, emergency power capabilities are provided. Mr. Arnold introduced Dave Casto, Emergency Management Director, he provided an update on tropical storm Idalia. The National Hurricane Center is forecasting the storm to strengthen into a major Hurricane as it approaches the Peninsula of Florida. Today, tomorrow and Wednesday, our conditions will deteriorate. We are under a Hurricane warning at this time and we do anticipate receiving some impact from the system. We are concentrating on the possibility of flooding rain, tornadoes, tropical storm and Hurricane force winds. We are here to anticipate a local state of emergency being declared, following the Governor's Declaration for Sumter County. We need to be prepared for the risks, likely the impact reaching far from the center of the storm including over Sumter County. Commissioner Estep read the Declaration.

Commissioner Bogue asked questions about the sandbags, Mr. Arnold responded.

**Commissioner Bogue moved, with a second by Commissioner Ulrich, to approve the Local State of Emergency Declaration. The motion carried 4 - 0.**

3. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 1:08 p.m.