

Ben Hill County Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan

Minutes

October 19, 2004

Ben Hill County Board of Commissioners Meeting Room

The meeting was called to order by Ben Hill County EMA Director John Bishop who welcomed everyone and turned the meeting over to Alan Sloan, GEMA Representative and Sherry Davidson, South Georgia RDC. Mr. Sloan and Ms. Davidson explained the requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, and the planning process that would be used to develop the county's PDM plan. Most of those in attendance were City and County Department heads who gave insight on who needed to be on the PDM committee. It was decided to have one planning committee to develop the plan, with the City/ County Mangers, the EMA Director and the elected officials participating. The next meeting was scheduled for Nov. 16th.

After brain storming some ideas the meeting was adjourned.

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November 16, 2004

Ben Hill County Board of Commissioners Meeting Room

The meeting was called to order by Sherry Davidson of the SGRDC who welcomed everyone and went over a short review of the process for those new members in attendance. The group decided to work as a whole instead of dividing up into sub committees. The main purpose of the meeting is to develop the risk assessment by evaluating various historical data on hazard events in Ben Hill County since 1950. Based on this data and the experiences of members of the planning team, the team identified and ranked the natural hazards that Ben Hill County is most vulnerable to and should be addressed in the county's PDM plan.

The next meeting was scheduled for the 15th of December and the meeting was adjourned.

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December 15, 2004

Ben Hill County Board of Commissioners Meeting Room

The meeting was called to order by Sherry Davidson of the SGRDC who welcomed everyone. The team met and reviewed the data on the county's critical facilities supplied by GEMA, identifying each facility by facility type, building type, and type of occupant. Sherry advised everyone to look in their communities and see if there were in facilities that GEMA had not listed so they could be added to the list. The building inspector and the tax assessor's office were put in lead positions to evaluate the building that were listed.

The next meeting was scheduled for the P/H on February 3, 2005 and the meeting was adjourned.

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February 3, 2005

Ben Hill County Board of Commissioners Meeting Room

Public Hearing

The meeting was called to order by Sherry Davidson of the SGRDC who welcomed everyone. Discussions were held concerning the PDM Plan, the purpose for such a plan and the process to develop the plan.

Sherry reported that members of the South Georgia RDC's GIS program met with Alan Sloan, GEMA, for orientation on setting up the account and entering the critical facility data into the ITOS database. Everyone reviewed the critical facilities list and it was turned over to the Ben Hill County Tax Assessors office for values to be determined on the facilities. The EMA's office is going to GPS the new facilities.

Public Hearing was closed.

Following the P/H there was a meeting to develop draft goals, objectives, and mitigation action steps. Everyone agreed the main goal was for the safety of and to protect anyone and as much of the public facilities as possible. Everyone gave a lot of input about warning devises being needed, flood mapping, and shelters as well as public educations on the dangers of certain hazards.

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June 21, 2005

Ben Hill County Board of Commissioners Meeting Room

Public Hearing:

Meeting was called to order by Sherry Davidson with no citizens in attendance.

Discussions were held concerning the PDM plan, goals, objectives, and mitigation action steps.

Meeting was adjourned.