

Staff Report

Subject: Activation of Task Order for Debris Removal for Hurricane Helene

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Item Description: This is a request for approval to activate emergency disaster debris removal services due to Hurricane Helene, in line with the pre-event contract with Ceres Environmental Services.

Summary Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of the activation of the disaster debris removal services contract with Ceres Environmental Services for immediate response to Hurricane Helene.

Executive Summary/Background:

Hurricane Helene caused significant damage across Effingham County, leaving extensive debris along roadways, residential areas, and public spaces. In anticipation of such events, the County entered into a pre-event contract with Ceres Environmental Services for disaster debris removal and related emergency services. This contract allows for immediate activation upon approval by the Board of Commissioners, ensuring a swift response to clear roads, restore access to critical infrastructure, and manage public safety concerns. Ceres will assist in clearing hazardous debris and managing the transportation of storm-related materials to designated facilities.

This contract is compliant with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) guidelines and ensures proper documentation for potential reimbursement of costs incurred.

Alternatives for Commission to Consider

1. Approve the activation of the disaster debris removal services contract with Ceres Environmental Services.
2. Do not approve the activation and provide further guidance on alternative actions.

Recommended Alternative: 1

Other Alternatives: 2

Department Review:

Funding Source: NA

Attachments: Task Order