

FRANKLIN COUNTY

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November 25, 2019

Mr. Jared Moskowitz, Director
Bureau of Recovery
FDEM
2555 Shumard Oak Blvd
Tallahassee, FL 32399-2100

Re: 2nd Amendment to Franklin County Hurricane Michael Recovery Grant Proposal

Dear Mr. Moskowitz:

Please accept this letter and attachment as additional information to the Franklin County Hurricane Michael Recovery Proposal. On Nov. 18, 2019, Franklin County submitted an amendment to its project requesting reimbursement for lost revenue from Weems Memorial Hospital. The loss of revenue was documented in a letter from the Weems Hospital CEO which was attached to the amendment. After further review of the damages incurred by Hurricane Michael on Weems Hospital, Mr. David Walker, CEO, has revised the losses from Hurricane Michael to include revenue and operational costs.

Franklin County now seeks reimbursement for total losses at Weems Hospital due to Hurricane Michael at \$1,113,149.00. Please see the attached letter.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at alanp@fairpoint.net, or on my cell phone at 850-653-5727.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Alan C. Pierce".

Alan C. Pierce, RESTORE Coordinator

Cc: Amanda Kampen, FDEM
Kim Schoffel, FDEM
Franklin County Commission



November 25, 2019

Dear Alan,

George E. Weems Memorial Hospital (Weems) is a 25-bed Critical Access Hospital which provides vital health care services to citizens and visitors in Franklin County. Weems is the only hospital in Franklin County and is one of twelve Critical Access Hospitals in the State of Florida. Weems serves the most vulnerable population in the Region and has been a staple in providing healthcare services in Franklin County for over 60 years.

During Hurricane Michael, Weems had to evacuate patients and suspend all operational services and could not re-open until approval from the Agency for Health Care Administration. Weems suffered significant damage, structurally and financially. The entire roof had to be replaced and hospital operations had to be halted and moved to a temporary location. Between October 9, 2018 through December 31, 2018, hospital operations were limited to non-existent, however, financial obligations to staff and vendors had to be fulfilled. Weems Revenue Loss during this time was \$226,578.78 while operational deficits were \$886,570.22. The financial operating deficits were substantial for a small Critical Access Hospital, serving a geographically isolated community with limited healthcare options. Weems total loss of revenue including operational deficits was \$1,113,149.00.

Sincerely,

David Walker

Interim CEO