
RESOLUTION 2025-002

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Franklin County is empowered by Chapter 252 of the Florida Statutes to declare a state of local emergency; and

WHEREAS, the City of Apalachicola in Franklin County is experiencing a water emergency and has requested that the Board of County Commissioners of Franklin County issue a state of local emergency on their behalf; and

WHEREAS, the water system in Apalachicola is not functioning properly resulting in poor water quality which is causing a significant negative economic impact; and

WHEREAS, as a result of this water emergency, a citywide precautionary boil water notice has been issued; and

WHEREAS, certain specialized equipment and personnel may be required to adequately respond to the needs of the residents and visitors of Apalachicola; and

WHEREAS, other measures may have to be taken to mitigate the potential for further threatening conditions within the city; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Franklin County resolves that it is necessary to declare a state of emergency from 6:15 p.m. (E.S.T.) Friday, June 13, 2025 and ending on Friday, June 20, 2025, at 6:15 p.m. (E.S.T.) because the County will be impacted to such an extent that resources from the State will be needed to assist with the emergency response and recovery, and the County also needs all the powers available to a County under a State of Emergency declaration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Franklin County, Florida, does hereby proclaim:

1. That a local state of emergency exists in Franklin County, Florida, from 6:15p.m. (E.S.T.) Friday, June 13, 2025 and ending on Friday June 20, 2025, at 6:15p.m. (E.S.T.) due to the water system in Apalachicola not functioning properly resulting in poor water quality which is causing a significant negative economic impact;
2. The Emergency caused by the water system in Apalachicola continues and it is necessary to extend the state of emergency an additional seven days. This extension begins at 6:15 p.m. (E.S.T.) Friday June 27, 2025, and ending on Friday July 4, 2025 at 6:15 P.M.
3. That the Board of County Commissioners of Franklin County, Florida, hereby enlists the aid of the Honorable Governor of the State of Florida, the State Cabinet, and our Federal Representatives in Washington, D.C., for assistance in its time of need; and
4. That pursuant to Section 252.38(3), Florida Statutes (2015), during this State of Emergency, the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners hereby waives the procedures and formalities otherwise required of Franklin County by law pertaining to:

- a. Performance of public works and taking whatever prudent action is necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the community;
- b. Entering into contracts;
- c. Incurring obligations;
- d. Employment of permanent and temporary workers;
- e. Utilization of volunteer workers;
- f. Rental of equipment;
- g. Acquisition and distribution, with or without compensation, of supplies, materials, and facilities; and
- h. Appropriation and expenditure of public funds,

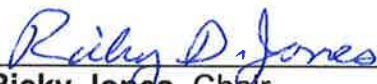
To the extent necessary to carry out County functions necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the community and to protect lives and property.

That the city of Apalachicola recognized that any expenses incurred under this Local State of Emergency are the responsibility of the City of Apalachicola.

5. That this local State of Emergency shall continue for a period of seven (7) days from 6:15p.m. (E.S.T.) Friday, June 13, 2025, and ending on Friday June 20, 2025, at 6:15p.m. (E.S.T.). and, due to the continued poor water quality caused by the water system in Apalachicola, the state of emergency has been, and is now extended from 6:15 p.m. (E.S.T.) Friday June 27, 2025 and ending on Friday July 4, 2025, at 6:15 p.m. (E.S.T.)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of County Commissioners of Franklin County, Florida, has caused and ratified this resolution to be enacted and executed on this 27th day of June 2025, to include a seven day extension from 6:15 pm (E.S.T.) Friday June 27th, 2025 and ending on Friday July 4, 2025, at 6:15 p.m. (E.S.T.).

ATTEST:


Ricky Jones, Chair
FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:


Brenda Ash, Mayor
CITY OF APALACHICOLA, FLORIDA

Michelle Maxwell, Clerk of Circuit Court
And County Comptroller