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PRESS RELEASE

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Beaufort, North Carolina, October 18, 2018 – Following the October 15, 2018 meeting of the Carteret County Board of Commissioners where tenants of the Crystal Coast Apartments in Morehead City spoke about their required evacuation from their apartments, Commissioners worked with staff to find temporary storage for their belongings. Tenants had been advised that evacuation was required by Wednesday, October 17th.

In looking for options, County Manager Tommy Burns worked with Public Works staff to secure limited storage space. Cindy Holman, the County's Consolidated Human Resources Director, Clint Lewis, Director of Social Services along with other Social Services staff, went to the complex on Wednesday morning, October 17th to offer additional assistance. Ms. Holman and Mr. Lewis also worked with outside community groups to assist with transferring their belongings to the facility.

We currently have ten people from the complex that have expressed the need for assistance with storage. Tenants are being advised that provided storage will be a temporary solution.

"We certainly realize that this apartment complex is not the only complex or facility within the County where tenants were asked to evacuate; however, with the extremely short notice provided to tenants and the lack of available immediate resources, we are glad that the County was able to provide a temporary solution. We encouraged the group that attended Monday night's meeting and we encourage all citizens to contact the Emergency Services Department at 252-222-5841 when such issues arise. Stephen Rea, the Director of Emergency Services and his staff, are working very closely with FEMA and other available resources to attempt to get individual needs met;" stated Mark Mansfield, Chairman of the Carteret County Board of Commissioners.

"Hurricane Florence will go down in history as one of the worst storms to hit North Carolina. We will continue our ongoing efforts to return our County to its original beauty, and I sincerely appreciate the help and support of my fellow Commissioners, our community partners, and County staff, who continue to work towards that goal;" continued Mr. Mansfield.

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