

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
EMERGENCY MEETING
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
JUNE 28, 2024

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONVENES

The Washington County Board of Commissioners met in an emergency session at 2:00 p.m. in the Washington County Government Center, County Board Room.

Present: Commissioner Fran Miron, District 1
Commissioner Stan Karwoski, District 2
Commissioner Gary Kriesel, District 3
Commissioner Karla Bigham, District 4
Commissioner Michelle Clasen, District 5

Also Present: Kevin Corbid, County Administrator
Susan Tice, Assistant County Attorney Division Chief
Holly Hess, Administrative Assistant

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Approval of Resolution Declaring a State of Emergency in Washington County Related to Flooding Condition

Emergency Services Manager Doug Berglund presented a resolution declaring a state of emergency in Washington County related to flooding conditions. Mr. Berglund reported on the protective measures that are being taken in the southern portion of Washington County as river levels continue to rise. Mr. Berglund reported on the efforts that are being taken to remove harmful debris near and around Grey Cloud Island Drive bridge.

Commissioner Bigham moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2024-073** as follows:

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota and Washington County has experienced in the last month extreme amounts of precipitation; and

WHEREAS, rainfall during the month of June, 2024 has required Washington County Public Works to take decisive emergency actions; and

WHEREAS, under current conditions, major flooding is expected with additional precipitation impacting rivers, and an increased river level threat exists due to the potential from previous storm events; and

WHEREAS, current river levels are forecasted to reach in excess of major flood stage; and

WHEREAS, several cities in Washington County are actively engaged in protective measures to mitigate flood effects to public infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, current river forecasts will require an evacuation order of residents on Grey Cloud Island; and

WHEREAS, Washington County Emergency Management advises that due to the number of communities at risk, the supply of resources to support requests for assistance could reach beyond county assets.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on June 28, 2024, the Washington County Board of Commissioners, County of Washington, State of Minnesota, declares Washington County in a State of Emergency based on the current 2024 summer flood conditions stated above, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution is written and supported by the authority provided by Minnesota Statutes Section 12.29.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State of Emergency will continue in effect for 30 days, or until such time that emergency response or recovery efforts are no longer required.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that by approval of this resolution, the county Emergency Operations Plan will be activated.

Commissioner Clasen seconded the motion, and it was adopted 5-0 with a Roll Call vote as follows: Ayes, Commissioners Miron, Kriesel, Bigham, Clasen, and Karwoski. Nays, none.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Miron moved to adjourn. Commissioner Bigham seconded the motion, and it was adopted unanimously.

The County Board emergency meeting adjourned at 2:11 p.m.

Attest:

Kevin Corbid

Kevin Corbid
County Administrator

Stan Karwoski

Stan Karwoski
County Board Chair