

EMERGENCY MEETING AS POSTED
BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DATE: Monday, March 30, 2009 at 11:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Board Room, Courthouse.

1. Meeting presided over by Chair Salminen. All Commissioners in attendance, also Administrator, Brian C. Berg and Minute Taker, Kathy Fingalson.
2. The notification requirements of an Emergency Meeting were discussed including the good faith effort to provide notice to all news media by telephone and in writing. It was noted that all three media personnel were in attendance.

Emergency Session Declaring State of Emergency

1. Rusty Haskins, Emergency Management Director, gave an update on the status of the efforts of Becker County to provide emergency services to victims of the March 2009 flood and an explanation of the requirements of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to apply for reimbursement for expenses.
2. Sheriff Tim Gordon gave an update on the Emergency Operation Center and the request from the State of Minnesota for Becker County to submit a Resolution declaring a state of emergency to meet the requirements of a county affected by the flood of March 2009. The next step for the Emergency Operation Center is the Health Alert System. The number to call for emergency assistance is 844-7053 and he expects the demands to continue for 10 to 21 days.
3. Brad Wentz, County Engineer, gave an update on the estimates for county and township road damages. The Federal Emergency Management Agency threshold is currently 1 to 1 ½ million dollars to receive reimbursement. He encouraged use of the Becker County web site to keep updated on the current status of Becker County roads on the Highway Department page.
4. Nancy Nelson, Human Services Director, gave an update on the status of the 84 residents relocated from the Fargo-Moorhead area to the local nursing homes including Emmanuel, St. Mary's, Frazee and Sunnyside Care Center. They are currently short on nursing staff and looking for volunteers. Becker County will be responsible for housing and food for the volunteers. There are also increased mental health demands because of the relocated residents and the mental health response team has been activated. There is also a need for a staging area for the volunteers.
5. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 03-09-3A declaring Becker County in a State of Emergency for conditions resulting from the spring flood occurring in March 2009 (Nelson, Schram), carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

/s/ Brian C. Berg
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County Administrator

/s/ Harry Salminen
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Board Chair