

PROCEEDINGS OF THE
MARTIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL EMERGENCY MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2010
@ 8:00 A.M.

A special emergency meeting of the Martin County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Chairman Schmidtke.

Commissioners present were Potter, Boler, and Pierce. Commissioner Donnelly was absent. Also present were James Forshee, Martin County Auditor/Treasurer, Scott Higgins, Martin County Coordinator, Brad Gerhardt, Martin County Sheriff, Chief Deputy Jeff Markquart, Sergeant Matt Klages, Kathy Smith, Director Martin County Soil & Water Conservation District, Greg Johanson, Program Specialist Martin County Soil & Water Conservation District, Deb Mosloski, Drainage Administration, Kevin Peyman, Martin County Highway Engineer, Julie Walters, Administrative Assistant, and Rod Halvorsen, KSUM/KFMC Radio.

Commission Chair Schmidtke stated the purpose of this morning's special emergency meeting is to consider resolutions declaring a Local Emergency and a Presidential Declaration of a Major Disaster in response to the conditions resulting from the flood event of September 23, 2010 in Martin County.

Brad Gerhardt, Martin County Sheriff, presented the Local Emergency resolution that releases the State's assets for services such as the National Guard to us to aid in response to the conditions resulting from the flood event of September 23, 2010.

Motion by Commissioner Boler, seconded by Commissioner Potter,

R-#35/'10

RESOLUTION

DECLARING A LOCAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the flood impacted the population of Martin County and its cities; and

WHEREAS, the flood event has caused a significant amount of public property damage; and

WHEREAS, the Martin County Department of Emergency Management requests the Martin County Board of Commissioners to declare a LOCAL EMERGENCY for Martin County; for the flood event of September 23, 2010.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Martin County Board of Commissioners declares a Local Emergency for Martin County in response to the conditions resulting from the flood event of September 23, 2010.

Motion was made by Commissioner Boler, seconded by Commissioner Potter, and was duly passed and adopted this 27th day of September, 2010.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MARTIN COUNTY, MN

Dan Schmidtke, Board Chair

ATTEST: _____
Scott Higgins, County Coordinator

CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true and correct copy of the resolution presented to and adopted by the Martin County Board of Commissioners at a duly authorized meeting thereof held on the 27th day of September, 2010 as shown by the minutes of said meeting in my possession.

Scott Higgins, County Coordinator

Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Pierce, Potter, Boler, and Schmidtke. NAYS: None. Resolution duly passed and adopted this 27th day of September, 2010.

Gerhardt next presented the Presidential Declaration resolution requesting the Governor of the State of Minnesota to petition the President of the United States to declare the County of Martin, Minnesota to be a major disaster area; which will aid in Public Assistance and Individual Assistance Programs as well as the Hazard Mitigation Program for assistance in the flood disaster recovery process.

Motion by Commissioner Potter, seconded by Commissioner Pierce,

#37/'10

Resolution Requesting a Presidential Declaration of a Major Disaster

WHEREAS the County of Martin has sustained severe losses of major proportion, caused by Flooding on the date of September 23rd, 2010; and

WHEREAS Martin County is a public entity within the State of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS substantial damage has been sustained to public and private property, as outlined in the attached damage assessment forms; and

WHEREAS, the cost of recovery from this disaster is beyond the resources available within the county, and state and federal resources are necessary;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners, for and on behalf of the citizens of Martin County, request the Governor of the State of Minnesota to petition the President of the United States to declare the County of Martin, Minnesota, to be a major disaster area, through appropriate channels.

Be it further resolved that this request is for:

1. The Public Assistance (Infrastructure Support) and Individual Assistance Programs as offered under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act.
2. The Hazard Mitigation Program, as offered under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act.

Be it further resolved that the County Emergency Management Director is authorized to coordinate the damage survey teams with local government, and assist in the administration of the disaster recovery process, as needed.

Adopted this 27th day of September, 2010.

Signed:

Chair of the Board

ATTEST:

County Auditor

Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Boler, Pierce, Potter, and Schmidtke. NAYS: None.
Resolution duly passed and adopted this 27th day of September, 2010.

Gerhardt updated the Board on current conditions in Martin County and stated that FEMA will be in Martin County tomorrow to determine whether or not they will be making a public property damage declaration or not; and the President has to determine whether he's going to make the declaration or not. Individual assistance is a long way down the road. Gerhardt offered a website to visit for answers to many questions the public has such as how do I clean up my house, what do I do with my debris, etc. (www.FEMA.gov/hazard/flood/coping.shtm). Gerhardt stated that it is very important to document all damages including the County's roads, bridges, culverts, ditches, tiles, etc.

Kevin Peyman, Martin County Highway Engineer, was present with an update and presented a map that indicated areas that are closed or were closed for water over the road including bridges on Elm Creek. Peyman stated there were a handful of bridges we had to dig out with a backhoe to clear debris; and we also started hauling rock and gravel to spots where the water had started going down.

Kathy Smith, Martin Soil and Water Conservation District Director, stated that they are looking at avenues with the USDA for dollars that may provide financial assistance to Martin County for damages resulting from the recent flood.

With no further business to wit the meeting adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MARTIN COUNTY, MN

Dan Schmidtke, Board Chair

ATTEST: _____
Scott Higgins, County Coordinator