LAKE COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 13, 2019

The Board of Lake County Commissioners met in special session on September 13, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. in the commission meeting room at the Lake County courthouse. Chair Kelli Wollmann called the meeting to order. Auditor Janke called roll call: Commissioner Roger Hageman, Commissioner Aaron Johnson, Commissioner Deb Reinicke, Commissioner Dennis Slaughter, and Commissioner Kelli Wollmann all present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Others in attendance were Kody Keefer, Emergency Manager, Mary Gales Askren, Madison Daily Leader, Lisa Beyer, Mayor Marshall Dennert, and Roy Lindsay.

AGENDA APPROVED:

Motion by Reinicke, second by Hageman, to approve the September 13, 2019 agenda. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS: none

SEVERE STORM/FLOODING:

Kody Keefer, Emergency Manager, updated the commission on the significant flooding in Lake County from September 10-12, 2019. The Emergency Operation Center is open at the Madison City Commission room where briefings are held every 2 hours. Sheriff Tim Walburg gave the board a timetable on the water rising at Lake Herman and the actions taken because of that. Tim Tolley, Hwy Foreman, presented maps to the board showing county roads under water, culverts washed out, and bridge problems. Governor Noem provided assistance in securing forty barricades. Chair Wollmann told members there has been great cooperation between all entities in responding to this emergency.

RESOLUTION 2019-16:

Chair Wollmann read Resolution 2019-16. Motion by Johnson, second by Slaughter, to approve Resolution 2019-16. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2019-16

RESOLUTION FOR DECLARATION OF DISASTER

WHEREAS, Lake County, South Dakota beginning on 9-10-19 suffered from a severe storm and extreme weather conditions; and

WHEREAS, this severe storm created widespread flooding, causing damage to public infrastructure; causing many roads in Lake County to become flooded, washed out, and/or impassable; and causing significant property damage to both personal property and real property belonging to the citizens of Lake County; and

WHEREAS, this severe storm has impacted all of Lake County, including the incorporated communities of Madison, Nunda, Prairie Village, Ramona, Wentworth, and Brant Lake and the unincorporated areas of Chester, Franklin, Junius, Rutland, and Winfred;

WHEREAS, Lake County received a total of 11.81" of rain between 9-10-19 and 9-12-19. This caused all of the area creeks and lakes to overload. Major flooding has forced families from their homes throughout the County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Kelli Wollmann, Chair of the Lake County Commission, on behalf of the Lake County does hereby declare a disaster in Lake County, South Dakota.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and support of the county government and its existing public institutions and is effective immediately.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Lake County respectfully requests that all assistance that may be available from State and Federal agencies be provided to all local governments, to include all of the local governments located within Lake County, including Lake County, and to the local businesses and the general population as we work to overcome this disaster.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Lake County does hereby declare a disaster and respectfully requests the Governor of the State of South Dakota to declare a disaster area and to request a Presidential Declaration of Disaster to ensure that the maximum amount of assistance is made available to local governments, businesses, and residents affected.

Dated this 12th day of September, 2019.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

/s/Kelli Wollmann
Kelli Wollmann
Chair, Lake County Commission
ATTEST:
/s/Roberta Janke
Roberta Janke
Lake County Auditor

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Johnson, second by Reinicke, at 9:15 a.m. to adjourn. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 19, 2019 at 9 a.m.

/s/Roberta Janke	/s/Kelli Wollmann
ROBERTA JANKE	KELLI WOLLMANN
Lake County Auditor	Chair, Lake County Commission

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