

The Barnes County Commission met in special session Tuesday, March 9, 2010, with all members present except Commissioner Opdahl.

Commissioner Froelich made a motion, seconded by Weber, to adopt the following Declaration of Emergency. Motion carried.

Resolution 10.2 Barnes County, North Dakota - Emergency Declaration

WHEREAS, the County of Barnes has the potential for severe spring flooding due to spring thaw, accompanied by expected precipitation and a very high soil moisture content from precipitation received during 2009 and 2010; and

WHEREAS, the impact of this thaw, runoff, and precipitation threatens the health, well-being and public safety of the citizens of Barnes County; and

WHEREAS, necessary mitigation measures, preparedness actions and other responses must begin immediately to protect public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, the potential damage to public and private property in addition to County, Township, and City roads are beyond normal anticipation and budgeted funds; and

WHEREAS, the cost of cleanup, repair and replacement of such damaged facilities are far in excess of County, Township, and City resources.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners declares an emergency and orders the activation and utilization of the Barnes County Emergency Operations Plan, its procedures, attachments and appendices to recover from the situation, develop a detailed damage assessment, reduce hardship and initiate the appropriate relief actions and mitigation measures by departments and agencies of local government to limit the hardships and impact of this emergency upon the citizens of Barnes County.

Dated in Valley City, North Dakota this 9th day of March, 2010.

/s/Cindy Schwehr, Chairman, Barnes County Board of Commissioners

Attest: Ed McGough, Barnes County Auditor

Discussion was held concerning sand delivery to points in the County.

Commissioner Berntson made a motion, seconded by Froelich, to set up one site each in the northern and southern portions of the County for sand delivery, and to allow residents to take the sand for diking purposes as needed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Froelich made a motion, seconded by Weber, to have Kim Franklin, Emergency Manager, to purchase 100,000 sandbags. Motion carried.

Commissioner Berntson made a motion, seconded by Weber, to keep the sandbags at the Highway Department for distribution and tracking purposes. Motion carried.

It was the consensus of the Board that Kerry Johnson, Highway Superintendent, will help the small cities as needed with sand and sandbags.

It was the consensus of the Board that Mr. Johnson will inform the townships that if the County delivers rock or gravel to township residents' approaches at township request, the cost will be charged to the township.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Weber made a motion, seconded by Berntson, to adjourn. Motion carried.

Edward R. McGough
Barnes County Auditor

Cindy Schwehr, Chairperson
Barnes County Commission