

OFFICIAL REPORT OF
THE COUNTY BOARD
OF
IROQUOIS COUNTY, ILLINOIS
SPECIAL SESSION
JULY 21, 2015

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**IROQUOIS COUNTY BOARD
OFFICIAL REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS**

The Iroquois County Board met in Special Emergency Session at the Administrative Center on Tuesday, July 21, 2015 at 9 A.M. Chairman Anderson called the meeting to order and asked County Clerk Lisa Fancher to call the roll.

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
IROQUOIS COUNTY**

Roll call and votes in Iroquois County

Special Session, July 21, 2015

Chairman Anderson

On motion to call the roll

Aye: Alt, Anderson, Behrends, Bills, Crow, Curtis, Hansen, Hasbargen, Hiles, Krumwiede, Rayman, Schmid, Schultz, Shure, Whitlow

Absent: Lamie, Pursley, Wasmer, Zumwalt

PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

County Board member Jean Hiles introduced Reverend Rodlyn Light, Pastor of the Claytonville Christian Church, who gave the opening prayer after which the Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

CLERK READS THE CALL FOR A SPECIAL MEETING

County Clerk Lisa Fancher read the call for a Special Session County Board meeting.

To Lisa Fancher:

I, the undersigned member of the County Board of Iroquois County, Illinois, do hereby request you to call an emergency special meeting of the County Board of Iroquois County, Illinois to meet at the Administrative Center in the City of Watseka, Illinois on Tuesday, July 21st at 9:00 AM for the purpose of the extension of the Disaster Declaration for Iroquois County.

s/Daniel Rayman, Vice Chairman

AGENDA

It was moved by Mrs. Hiles and seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried by a voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON DISASTER DECLARATION

ESDA Coordinator Eric Ceci explained to the County Board that by law, the original Disaster Declaration lasts for seven days. The Board's job today is to decide whether the Declaration needs to be extended and if so, for how long. The County Board can extend it for as long as they wish. At this time, the City of Watseka has extended their Declaration to expire on September 30, 2015, unless extended further by the City of Watseka. Eric said the language of the extension is substantially the same as the original.

ESDA Coordinator Ceci briefly updated the Board on the current flood conditions. He said much of the water has receded and we are now in the recovery phase. He has received help from State, County, and Township assets to aid with clean up efforts in the City of Watseka, which began today. There are still some City residents at the shelter, as well as pets at the pet shelter. Eric said he has received assistance from several surrounding county emergency management agencies with the damage assessment process, which is a vital component. Eric noted that FEMA is not in town, and they are not coming. At this time, there is no financial assistance available. He said he will continue to process all paperwork in an effort to obtain any type of assistance. He explained there are two types of assistance – Public Assistance, which is helpful with infrastructure, and Individual Assistance. County Board member Russell Bills added that surface and standing water is also a problem. There are many areas of the County, not just in Watseka, where water simply will not drain. Eric said if there are flood issues in other areas of the County, he would encourage people to call 432-6997 between the hours of 11 AM and 7 PM through this coming Sunday.

There was some question as to a date for the extension of the Disaster Declaration. Eric said a normal time for it to expire would be when people can be safely back in their homes and can live normally again. He said there will be extenuating problems, such as mold. He additionally believes the extension should align with the City of Watseka.

Following discussion, it was moved by Mr. Bills and seconded to extend the Iroquois County Disaster Declaration until terminated at a later date. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

STATE OF ILLINOIS IROQUOIS COUNTY

Roll call and votes in Iroquois County

Special Session, July 21, 2015

Chairman Anderson

On motion to extend the Iroquois County Disaster Declaration

Aye: Alt, Anderson, Behrends, Bills, Crow, Curtis, Hansen, Hasbargen, Hiles, Krumwiede, Rayman, Schmid, Schultz, Shure, Whitlow

Absent: Lamie, Pursley, Wasmer, Zumwalt

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Schultz and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 A.M. Motion carried by a voice vote. The next County Board meeting will be held in Watseka, IL at the Administrative Center on Tuesday, August 11, 2015 at 9:00 A.M.