

OFFICIAL REPORT OF
THE COUNTY BOARD
OF
IROQUOIS COUNTY, ILLINOIS
SPECIAL SESSION
JANUARY 6, 2016

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**IROQUOIS COUNTY BOARD
OFFICIAL REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS**

The Iroquois County Board met in Emergency Special Session at the Administrative Center on Wednesday, January 6, 2016 at 2 P.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, January 6, 2016

Chairman Anderson

On motion to call the meeting to order

Aye: Anderson, Behrends, Bills, Crow, Curtis, Hansen, Hasbargen, Hiles, Joyce, Pursley, Rayman, Schultz, Shure, Whitlow

Absent: Alt, Krumwiede, Lamie, Schmid, Wasmer, Zumwalt

PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

County Board member Donna Crow gave the opening prayer after which the Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

CLERK READS CALL FOR EMERGENCY SPECIAL SESSION

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

To Lisa Fancher:

I, the undersigned Chairman 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 Wednesday, January 6, 2016 at 2:00 P.M. for the purpose of the extension of the Disaster Declaration for Iroquois County.

s/Kyle Anderson, Chairman

AGENDA

It was moved by Mr. Hansen 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 Director Eric Ceci gave an update of the current flooding situation within Iroquois County, more specifically in the City of Watseka and surrounding areas. He explained that the water receded on Sunday, January 3, 2016. The Watseka Fire Department evacuated 73 people and 23 animals from their homes. A shelter was opened by the Red Cross at Trinity Church for displaced residents, which aided approximately 20 people. The shelter was closed at noon on Tuesday, January 5, 2016.

Governor Rauner has declared the area a disaster and now ESDA Director Ceci will be working to finish the damage assessment, which began yesterday, in order to submit it to the State in an attempt to gain state and federal assistance. Eric said they hit most of the areas affected by the high waters and he hopes they will be done with the assessment by tomorrow, January 7, 2016. He said there is a group in the area which will begin assisting with clean up on Saturday, January 9, 2016. A call center has been set up at the Courthouse for residents to call for assistance with damage assessments and information about the clean up assistance. Additionally, a Multi Agency Resource Center will be set up at Trinity Church on Friday, January 8, 2016 which will be a one stop location for flood victims to come for assistance in recovery.

Chairman Anderson asked for a motion to extend the disaster declaration. The City of Watseka extended theirs for 30 days. While the County could choose any time, it was agreed extending the declaration through the February Board meeting would be best for the County in order to avoid another Emergency Session meeting. It was moved by Mr. Joyce and seconded to extend the disaster declaration through February 10, 2016. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

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Chairman Anderson

On motion to extend the disaster declaration through February 10, 2016

Aye: Anderson, Behrends, Bills, Crow, Curtis, Hansen, Hasbargen, Hiles, Joyce, Pursley, Rayman, Schultz, Shure, Whitlow

Absent: Alt, Krumwiede, Lamie, Schmid, Wasmer, Zumwalt

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Schultz and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 2:10 P.M. Motion carried by a voice vote. The next County Board meeting will be held in Watseka, IL at the Administrative Center on Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at 9:00 A.M.