

June 24, 2024
Cottonwood County Board of Commissioners
Special Meeting
Minutes

The Cottonwood County Board of Commissioners met in special session on Monday, June 24, 2024, at 11:15 a.m. at the Cottonwood County Courthouse in Windom, MN. Present for all or portions of the meeting were: Commissioners Norm Holmen, Tom Appel, Larry Anderson, Kevin Stevens, Donna Gravley, County Coordinator Kelly Thongvong, Kathy Marsh, Kaylene Gohr, Paul Johnson, Dominic Jones, Steve Nasby, Jamie Frank, Jed Rhubee, Jason Purrington, Tim Evers, Tom White, Kyle Pillatzki, David Grev, Mike Johnson, Karla Ray, Sarah Jeffrey, Aimee Kruse-Sayavong, Mark Schenk, and Joel Alvstad.

Chairman Holmen called the meeting to order.

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Paul Johnson, Emergency Management Director, informed the board that Chairman Holmen signed a Resolution Declaring a State of Emergency for Cottonwood County that covered three days. Johnson then gave an update on the flooding in the county since June 20 and what could still possibly happen in the coming days or with more rainfall. Johnson then asked the board to adopt a resolution Declaring a State of Emergency that would cover the next 30 days. Motion by Stevens, second by Anderson, unanimous roll call vote to adopt resolution 24-06-24 Resolution Declaring a State of Emergency. (Resolution on file in the County Coordinator's office.)

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Chairman Holmen then led discussion regarding debris management due to the flooding. Kyle Pillatzki, Solid Waste Administrator, stated the board should consider a temporary receiving location. After much discussion, consensus of the board is to: (1) have four roll-off dumpsters set up at the Windom High School parking lot for Windom residents to bring water damaged items only; (2) other areas of the county should take their water damaged items to the landfill; (3) all residents dropping off water damaged items will need to show their driver's license or a utility bill to prove residency; and (4) no fee will be charged for items that have evidence of water damage. The board also agreed to set a timeline of approximately two weeks and will be discuss again at the July 2 board meeting.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

Carolyn Rempel, Auditor/Treasurer

Norman Holmen, Board Chair

Kelly Thongvong, County Coordinator