

Owen County Commissioners
Emergency Meeting Regarding the Flood
Courthouse 60 S. Main Street Spencer, IN 47460
Monday June 12, 2008 9:00 a.m.

Present: Wiley Truesdel, Steve Redenbaugh, Steve Williamson

Guests: Kristin Szczerbik, Chester Richardson, Greg Denny, Larry Abrams, Darrell Russell, John Reeves Sheila Reeves

MEETING WAS OPENED WITH THE PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

IN THE MATTER OF THE EMERGENCY DECLARATION

The Owen County Board of Commissioners held an Emergency Meeting on June 12, 2008 for the purpose of discussing some of the issues related to the June 7, 2008 Storm Flooding Disaster.

On June 7, the Commissioners signed a Civil Defense and Emergency Management Declaration stating that there was a Countywide Emergency and that residents should remain off the roads except for a personal emergency.

County Attorney Richard Lorenz presented information concerning the three levels of the Emergency Orders. The first Order pertained to the impassable roads and informed residents they should stay off the roads as much as possible. The second Order pertained to instituting County Road load limits on all county roads realizing some roads were closed. The third Order was for specific areas that may have been damaged and an Emergency order may be for that specific area only.

Steve Williamson moved to adopt the previously discussed 3 Levels of the Emergency Declaration. Steve Redenbaugh seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. (Motion # 72)

Mr. Lorenz stated the original orders were still in effect and requested that the Commissioners lower Order 1 to Order 2, stating there are still some serious road problems but that road closure signs would be posted at those areas that were unsafe for travel.

Steve Williamson moved to lower Order 1 to Order 2. Steve Redenbaugh seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. (Motion # 73)

IN THE MATTER OF BIDS ON HIGHWAY, CULVERT, BRIDGES AND OTHER ROAD ISSUES DUE TO THE EMERGENCY

Regarding the County's ability to issue contracts to construction companies in order to rebuild roads, culverts, and bridges, the Commissioners requested at least two persons, who are known to deal with public works project provide bids. Because the Emergency exists, the County is not obligated to go through the entire bid process but can get quotes for the road work and proceed forward with the normal requirement for advertisement.

Larry Abrams, Highway Superintendent, informed the Commissioners he would secure quotes and maintain a file from CLR, CPI and John Strouse on all quotes and work done.

IN THE MATTER OF THE DUMPSTER ISSUE

Auditor Angie Lawson updated the Commissioners concerning the dumpster situation with getting several of them brought into the County. Both the Recycle Center and Hoosier will be providing dumpsters for county wide Clean up. The dumpsters will be located at the County Highway Department, the Recycle Center, and along Fish Creek Delta.

IN THE MATTER OF THE COUNTY WIDE MEETING AND SATURDAY'S PRESENTATION

It was announced that there will be a County wide meeting on Saturday June 14 at the Owen Valley High School at 10:00 for the public to receive information concerning flood relief. Mr. Lorenz will facilitate the meeting and have as much information from FEMA as possible.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

Steve Williamson moved to adjourn. Steve Redenbaugh seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Wiley Truesdel

Steve Williamson

Attest: _____
Angie Lawson, Auditor

Steve Redenbaugh