

**WADENA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS EMERGENCY MEETING**  
**March 26, 2009/11:00 a.m.**

An Emergency Meeting of the Wadena County Board of Commissioners was held on Thursday, March 26, 2009, in the Board of Commissioners Room, Wadena County Courthouse, Wadena, Minnesota. Chairman Schermerhorn called the Meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

Also present: Commissioners Lane Waldahl, Ralph Miller, Rodney Bounds and Bill Stearns, Sheriff Mike Carr, Chief Deputy Sheriff Bill Cross, Emergency Management Director Scott McKellep and Auditor/Treasurer Char West.

Chairman Schermerhorn stated that the purpose of the Emergency Meeting was to consider approval of a Declaration of a State of Emergency due to flooding within Wadena County.

Mr. McKellep informed the Board that significant flooding was occurring in the Wahoo Valley area. He presented the Board with a Resolution Declaring a State of Emergency and pointed out that by the Board approving this Resolution the County would then be eligible for disaster funds. Mr. McKellep added that a limited number of sandbags were available with another 48,000 being delivered to the County that day. He requested authorization to use County sand that would be delivered to the area. Mr. McKellep informed the Board that the County Emergency Center had been partially activated.

Motion by Waldahl, seconded by Bounds, to adopt the following Resolution;

**RESOLUTION DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, the Flooding impacted the population of Wadena County and its cities; and

WHEREAS, the Flooding event has caused a significant amount of public property damage; and

WHEREAS, the Wadena County Department of Emergency Management requests the Wadena County Board of Commissioners to declare Wadena County in a STATE OF EMERGENCY for the Spring Flooding event of 2009;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wadena County Board of Commissioners declares Wadena County in a State of Emergency for conditions resulting from the Spring Flooding event of March 2009.

Adopted by the Wadena County Board of Commissioners this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March 2009.

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Charleen West, Auditor/Treasurer

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Dave Schermerhorn, Chairman

Motion carried.

Board discussion was held as to whether the County Highway Department had sand available and the possibility of budgeting for future disaster declarations as well as the stockpiling of sand and sandbags specifically designated for future flooding disasters.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Stearns, moved to adjourn the Board of Commissioners Emergency Meeting at 11:11 a.m., motion carried.

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Charleen West, Auditor/Treasurer

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Dave Schermerhorn, Chairman