

The Sargent County Commissioners met in a special session at 9:15 a.m. with the following members present: David Jacobson, Mike Walstead, Bill Anderson, and Steve Wyum. Absent: Jerry Waswick. Sandy Hanson, Emergency Management, and Paige Cary, The Sargent County Teller, were also in attendance. The meeting had been called for the purpose of considering a Declaration of Emergency.

Adopt and declare the following Declaration of Emergency for Sargent County in consideration of the information presented. (Anderson/ Walstead, unanimous): Roll call vote. Vote aye: Jacobson, Walstead, Anderson, and Wyum. Voting nay: None. Resolution was duly declared adopted.

Sargent County, North Dakota Emergency Declaration

WHEREAS, commencing on Wednesday, June 19, 2013, Sargent County, North Dakota has experienced a severe summer weather event that has included torrential rain, high winds, hail and flash flooding; and

WHEREAS, essential infrastructure, including township roads, county roads and State highways in Sargent County have sustained significant damage as a result of the heavy rains and flooding; and,

WHEREAS, the potential for additional damage due to the flooding is significant due to the duration and amount of precipitation; and,

WHEREAS, the heavy rains, flooding and resulting damage threatens the public safety, health and well-being of the Citizens and other residents of Sargent County; and,

WHEREAS, the damage to public and private property in and around the county is far in excess of that which could normally be anticipated and included in annual budgets by the local political subdivisions, businesses and individuals impacted; and

WHEREAS, the cost of emergency measures, cleanup, repair, and replacement of damaged public infrastructure and other property, both public and private, are far in excess of the available city, County and township resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that The Sargent County Commission declares the existence of a state of Emergency and activates the process by which it will proceed through response and into recovery, develop a damage assessment report and take measures to relieve and limit the impact of this disaster emergency on the citizens of the county. The county will initiate measures with local government to mitigate measures in the future to reduce or prevent future impact on Sargent County and the political subdivisions within its borders.

Pursuant to this proclamation, the Sargent County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Road Commissioner, Emergency Manager and County Highway Supervisor to take such actions and incur such obligations as are necessary to: combat the emergency; protect the health and safety of persons; protect private and public property; and, to exercise these powers in the light of the exigencies of an extreme emergency situation, without regard to time-consuming procedures and formalities prescribed by local ordinances and regulations, excepting mandatory statutory and constitutional requirements.

Adopted by Resolution of the Sargent County Board of Commissioners, meeting in Special Session at the Sargent County Courthouse in Forman, North Dakota, on this 26th Day of June, 2013.

David Jacobson, Chairman
Sargent County Commission

Attest: Pam Maloney
Sargent County Chief Deputy Auditor

Consideration of a Declaration of Emergency being the only item on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

ATTEST:

David Jacobson, Chairman

Pam Maloney, Chief Deputy Auditor