



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE  
LINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SPECIAL SESSION  
LINN COUNTY COURTHOUSE – ROOM 200  
APRIL 11, 2019**

**The Linn County Board of Commissioners met for the regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, April 11, 2019.**

Those present at various times for the matters as indicated below were: Gene Karandy, County Attorney for Linn County; Wayne Mink, Operations Manager, Linn County Road Department; Robert Wheeldon, Linn County Planning and Building Director; Andy Stevens, Linn County Assessor; Paul Timm, Linn County Undersheriff; Don Messick, Captain of Support Services, Linn County Sheriff's Office; Joe Larsen, Lieutenant Emergency Services, Linn County Sheriff's Office; Joshua Rue, Deputy Corrections Division, Linn County Sheriff's Office and Alex Paul, Reporter for the Democrat-Herald.

1, 2. At 9:00 a.m. Chairman Nyquist called the meeting to order and roll call followed. Commissioners Roger Nyquist, Chairman and Will Tucker were present, as well as, Marsha Meyer, Recorder for the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Lindsey was absent.

Commissioner Nyquist stated that the purpose of this Special Session was to approve an Emergency Declaration for flood related consequences and impacts. He then called upon Gene Karandy, County Attorney for Linn County.

Mr. Karandy stated the procedure for Chairman Nyquist to declare the emergency and the Board to ratify it. He stated that the Sheriff's Office or Road Department would be able to speak to the specifics of the need for the Emergency Declaration.

Joe Larsen, Lieutenant Emergency Services, Linn County Sheriff's Office stated that he had been working closely with the State and the damages, so far, for the County was mainly going to be with the County roads, as well as, Brownsville Road where a culvert washed out. This is the first step in order to do damage assessment to find out what the

financial impact is for the County and submit that to the State hoping for a Presidential Declaration for reimbursement for the cost that is being incurred for the damages from the flood.

Commissioner Nyquist asked if Hwy 34 was still closed and Lieutenant Larsen stated that yes it was but it may be partially opened this afternoon or evening. Commissioner Tucker asked about Spring Hill Road as it changes the traffic flow dramatically and Linn County is impacted. Wayne Mink, Operations Manager, Linn County Road Department stated that Spring Hill Road was still closed this morning.

Commissioner Nyquist added that they know of no loss of life as a result of this flood; the Sheriff's Office concurred.

### 3. Resolution & Order 2019-108 approving an Emergency Declaration for Flood.

Commissioner Tucker stated that the Resolution & Order included two items; one, Commissioner Nyquist declaring an emergency; and, two ratifying the Resolution & Order by the Board.

**Action – Commissioner Tucker moved to approve Resolution & Order 2019-108. The vote was called. The motion passed.**

Lieutenant Larsen asked that he get an electronic copy of the signed Resolution & Order so he can send it to the State.

Robert Wheeldon, Linn County Planning and Building Director, stated that Linn County does have an up-to-date Hazard Mitigation Plan and, therefore, the County would qualify for hazard mitigation and FEMA assistance.

Andy Stevens, Linn County Assessor, stated that there is property tax relief available to help property owners with damage from the flood as this is consider an "act of God". Commissioner Tucker asked about how they would get the tax relief and Mr. Stevens explained there was criteria for two different programs: one would be the proration of the current tax year and the next would be to have the County re-assess as of July 1<sup>st</sup> since the flood took place after January 1<sup>st</sup>. He encourages anyone that has sustained damage to contact the Assessor's Office. Commissioner Nyquist stated that that information was helpful.

4. Adjournment. There being no other business to come before the Board; the Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned at 9:06 a.m. by unanimous consent.

The next regular public meeting of the Board of Commissioners is scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday, April 16 and 17, 2019.



Recorder

For Board of Commissioners  
Marsha Meyer

**LINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**



Roger Nyquist, Chairman



John K. Lindsey, Commissioner



William C. Tucker, Commissioner

Date April 16, 2019