

March 27, 2019
HAND COUNTY COMMISSION
MILLER, SOUTH DAKOTA

The Hand County Board of Commissioners convened at 2:55 PM on Wednesday, March 27, 2019 for a special meeting for the sole purpose of reviewing Resolution 2019-04. Members present were Chairman J.D. Wangsness, Commissioners Luke Wernsmann and Jim Jones. Commissioners Gib Rodgers and Greg Palmer were excused.

Chairman Wangsness brought the meeting to order. Auditor DeBoer read Resolution 2019-04 aloud. It was moved by Commissioner Wernsmann, seconded by Commissioner Jones to approve Resolution 2019-04 as read and corrected. All presented voted in favor thereof.

The commissioners then received a report from Emergency Manager Gortmaker on current flooding situations across the county.

It was moved by Commissioner Wernsmann, second by Commissioner Jones to adjourn. The meeting concluded at 1:22 P.M.

The next regular meeting of the Hand County Board of Commissioners will be held Tuesday, April 2, at 9:30 p.m.

James D. Wangsness, Chairman
Hand County Board of Commissioners

(Attest)

Doug DeBoer, Hand County Auditor

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Hand County Disaster Declaration

DISASTER DECLARATION RESOLUTION # 2019-04

WHEREAS, Hand County, South Dakota on March 13th 2019 through March 15th 2019 suffered severe storm damage caused by blizzard/flooding; and

WHEREAS, this severe storm caused broken power poles from freezing rain and 50+ mph winds, 10 inches of snow and up to 1/2 inch of ice over the 3 days, heavy drifting in the county, flooding to county and township roads, flooding of private homes near/in the cities of Miller, St. Lawrence, and rural homes throughout Hand County, and

WHEREAS, the Dakota Energy Cooperative required the Hand County Highway Department to plow paths to their power poles which were broken which supplied many rural customers, this resulted in electricity being out for 8 hours in the cities of Miller and St. Lawrence on the 13th of March, water is running over multiple county and township roads in the county, washing gravel from the surface of the roads, ice jams are being removed from bridges and culverts by backhoe and excavator. Many bridges and culverts are blown full of snow and ice and are causing water to run in alternative channels, multiple local county contractors are working to open these ice jams, and

THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Hand County Commission does hereby declares a Disaster for the population of the area impacted.

The Hand County Commission respectfully requests that any and all assistance which may be available from state and federal agencies be provided to all local governments to include Hand County and to the local businesses and the general population as we work to overcome this disaster.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Hand County Commission does hereby declare a disaster and respectfully requests the Governor of the State of South Dakota to declare a disaster area and to request a Presidential Declaration of Disaster to insure that the maximum amount of assistance is made available to local governments, businesses and residents affected.

Dated this March 26, 2019

/s/: JD Wangsness, Chairman
Hand County Board of Commissioners

Attest

/s/: Doug DeBoer - Auditor