

AURORA COUNTY COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

June 26, 2024

A special meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM AM by Chairman Clyde Dethlefsen, with Roger Hanten, Randy Niles, John Paul Studeny, and Travis Clark present. The main purpose of the meeting is to consider a disaster declaration due to the flooding from the recent rainfall.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Studeny to approve the agenda. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Studeny to declare a disaster, and approve the following resolution. Roll Call Vote: Clark, aye; Studeny, aye; Hanten, aye; Niles, aye; and Dethlefsen, aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION FOR DECLARATION OF DISASTER JUNE 2024 FLOODING

WHEREAS unusually heavy rainfall during the dates of June 20 through June 22, 2024, has caused flood conditions in a majority of Aurora County;

WHEREAS said conditions have caused all waterways, streams, and tributaries to overflow;

WHEREAS said conditions have caused extensive flooding on county highways, township highways and city streets in the county, and has caused stress on the sewer system; and

WHEREAS said conditions have resulted in considerable economic hardship on the County and other units of local government; and

WHEREAS Aurora County and its citizens are in need of assistance from the State of South Dakota and the United States Of America in coping with the hardships resulting from such adverse conditions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Aurora County, as follows:

1. Aurora County is hereby declared to be in a state of disaster and emergency arising from flood conditions resulting from unusually heavy rainfall that occurred from June 20 to June 22, 2024;
2. The Board of County Commissioners requests that Aurora County be designated as a disaster area and as eligible for emergency and disaster assistance, by the Governor of the State of South Dakota and other appropriate authorities of the State of South Dakota and of the United States Government, and that its local governmental units be afforded the opportunity to participate in State and Federal disaster relief programs and benefits; and
3. That the Aurora County Auditor and Aurora County Emergency Manager are authorized and directed to communicate this declaration to the appropriate State and Federal authorities, and to interested parties, including the press.

Dated this 26th day of June, 2024.

s/s Randy Niles, Commissioner, 1st District

s/s Roger Hanten, Commissioner, 2nd District

s/s Clyde Dethlefsen, Commissioner, 3rd District

s/s John Paul Studeny, Commissioner, 4th District

s/s Travis Clark, Commissioner, 5th District

ATTEST: Susan Urban, Auditor

It was noted the MRC is holding a meeting today and their agenda includes the request from Aurora County to leave the MRC. It was felt that Aurora County needs to appoint a voting representative to the MRC since the MRC has not officially acted upon our request to leave the rail authority. A motion was made by Hanten, seconded by Niles to appoint Rachel Mairose as a voting representative for the MRC and Travis Clark as the alternate. Motion carried all voting aye.

Chairman Dethlefsen informed the members of the Commission that Jerod Olsen declined the offer to take the position of Director of Equalization. After some discussion the Commission directed Auditor Urban to re-advertise at this time to see if there is any more interest out there.

Meeting adjourned subject to call.

Clyde Dethlefsen, Chairman
Aurora County Commission

Attest: _____
Susan Urban, Auditor

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