

BOARD OF MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

JANUARY 8, 2009

Chairperson Tim Sheldon called the special meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. to consider adopting a Declaration of Emergency due to the effects of the January 9, 2009 flooding event. Commissioner Ross Gallagher was in attendance, Commissioner Lynda Ring Erickson was attending a National Council of County Association Executives conference in Washington DC.

Emergency Management reported to the Commission that Mason County has received significant heavy rains, high winds, landslides, mudslides and flooding. They are requesting the Commissioners adopt the Declaration of Emergency.

Cmmr. Sheldon/Gallagher moved and seconded to adopt Resolution No. 03-09, Declaration of Emergency, due to the January flooding event. Motion carried. RE-absent; S-aye; G-aye. Resolution No. 03-09 (Exhibit A)

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 a.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Tim Sheldon, Chair

Absent

Lynda Ring Erickson, Commissioner



Ross Gallagher, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Clerk of the Board



Exhibit A

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Resolution No. 03-09

Before the Board of County Commissioners of Mason County, Washington

In the Matter of Declaring a Disaster

WHEREAS, the Mason County Division of Emergency Management has reported to the Chair, Board of Mason County Commissioners, beginning January 6, 2009 effects of heavy rains, high winds, landslides, mudslides, and flooding have caused a disaster by creating and or threatening extensive damages in parts of Mason County; and

WHEREAS, Mason County government functions are temporarily relocated to the Mason County Emergency Operations Center; and

WHEREAS, the facilities and staff at the Mason County Emergency Operations Center maintain all critical county government functions during the aftermath of a disaster; and

WHEREAS, extensive damage has occurred and/or is still occurring to county infrastructure, including roads and bridges, private roads, homes, business and farm lands; and

WHEREAS, persons and property are and will be damaged unless further efforts are taken to reduce the threat to life and property; and

WHEREAS, there is an emergency present which necessitate activation of the Mason County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) and utilization of emergency powers granted pursuant to RCW 38.52 and County Ordinance No. 56-96;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Mason County Commissioners:

Section 1

That it is hereby declared that there is an emergency/disaster due to the conditions in Mason County; therefore designated departments are authorized to enter into contract and incur obligations necessary to combat such emergency to protect the health and safety of persons and property, and provide emergency assistance to the victims of such disaster

Section 2

Each designated department is authorized to exercise the powers vested in Section 1 of this resolution in light of the demands of an extreme emergency situation without regard to time-consuming procedures and formalities prescribed by law (excepting mandatory constitutional requirements)

Date this 8th day of January, 2009.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Absent
Commissioner, District 1

Tim Sheldon
Commissioner, District 2

Don Balloger
Commissioner, District 3

ATTEST:

Shane Zou for
Clerk of the Board