

WARRICK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
EMERGENCY SESSION
COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM
107 W. Locust Street, Suite 303
Boonville, Indiana
July 31, 2024
10:38 A.M.

The Warrick County Commissioners met in regular session with Terry Phillippe, President and Dan Saylor, Member. Robert Johnson, Vice President, was not present for this meeting.

Attorney Andrew Skinner and Administrator Heather Soberg were in attendance.

Auditor Michael Dietsch and County Highway Superintendent Bobby Howard were also in attendance.

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President Terry Phillippe called the emergency meeting to order at 10:38 A.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY DECLARATION

The Commissioners met in an emergency session to declare a local disaster due to severe storms that had come through the area. The following declaration was presented for the record:

WARRICK COUNTY, IN.
Local Disaster Emergency Declaration

2024-01  COPY

Authority

Whereas, Warrick County, Indiana has been impacted by or is immediately threatened by a natural disaster, namely strong thunderstorms and likely tornado in Warrick County occurring on July 30, 2024, of which the assessment and cleanup shall likely continue for several days.

Now, therefore, we, the Warrick County Board of Commissioners, declare that a local disaster emergency exists in the County and that we hereby invoke and declare those portions of the Indiana Code which are applicable to the conditions and have caused the issuance of this proclamation, to be in full force and effect in the County for the exercise of all necessary emergency authority for protection of the lives and property of the people of this County and the restoration of local government with a minimum of interruption.

This Declaration was approved by the Board of County Commissioners at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners held on July 31, 2024, conducted in accordance with Indiana's Open Door Law or at an emergency meeting of the Board of County Commissioners which complied with the Open Door Law requirements for such an emergency meeting in accordance with IC 5-14-1.5-5 (d). Reference is hereby made to all appropriate laws, statutes, ordinances, and resolutions and particularly to Indiana Code 10-14-3-29.

All public offices and employees of Warrick County are hereby directed to exercise the utmost diligence in the discharge of duties required of them for the duration of the emergency and in execution of emergency laws, regulations, and directives—state and local.




All citizens are called upon and directed to comply with necessary emergency measures, to cooperate with public officials and disaster services forces in executing emergency operations plans, and to obey and comply with the lawful directions of properly identified officers.

All operating forces will direct their communications and requests for assistance and operations directly to the Warrick County Emergency Operations Center.

This Declaration of Local Disaster Emergency shall remain in effect for ten (10) days.

In witness, whereof, we have hereunto set our hand this 31st day of July, 2024.

WARRICK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Terry Phillippe, President:	
Dan Saylor, Member:	
Bob Johnson, Member:	
Attest:	
Michael Dietsch, County Auditor:	

Commissioner Dan Saylor made a motion to approve the declaration. Commissioner Terry Phillippe seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.



DISPOSAL OF STORM DEBRIS BY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

County Highway Superintendent Bobby Howard reviewed how and when debris would be picked up and the size of debris. Residents can also bring debris to two different locations of Solid Waste Management. All would be at no charge during the declared emergency. The following statement was sent out to the local media:

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To: Local and Regional Media
From: Warrick County Commissioners
For Immediate Release

Warrick County Highway Department will pick up and dispose of woody vegetation storm debris that is placed within 10' of the edge of the roadway in the areas that were impacted by the storm. No construction, building materials or trash will be picked up. Our goal is to open the roadways first and then start the debris removal August 5th. Contractors cleaning up storm debris are responsible for hauling away all storm debris and it will not be picked up by the County.

We ask that the woody vegetation be no longer than 8' and have a diameter of 24" or less. Please have the debris to the designated area as soon as possible as we are trying to limit the number of trips to the same area. Feel free to contact the Highway Department at 812-897-6126 to inquire about the storm debris pickup program.

Residents who wish to bring their Vegetation Storm Debris may bring the debris to the Solid Waste Management Facility on Pelzer Road or the Vann Road Park facility on Vann Road. These facilities will be available for residents to dispose of storm debris at no charge for the duration of the Declared Emergency. All Contractors hired by residents may bring their debris to the Pelzer Road facility and they will be charged at normal rates.

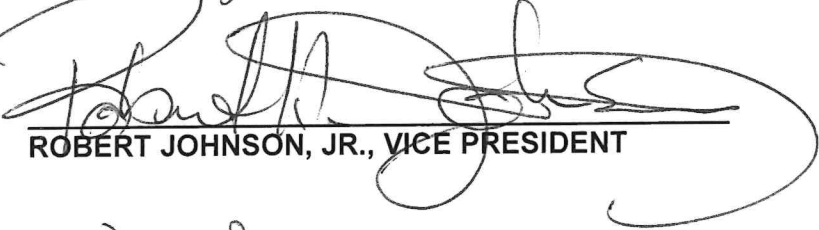
ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Dan Saylor made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Terry Phillippe seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

Meeting adjourned at 10:44 A.M.

WARRICK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


TERRY PHILLIPPE, PRESIDENT


ROBERT JOHNSON, JR., VICE PRESIDENT


DAN SAYLOR, MEMBER

ATTEST: 
MICHAEL J. DIETSCH, AUDITOR
WARRICK COUNTY, INDIANA