

April 12, 2013
Cottonwood County Board of Commissioners
Emergency Meeting
Minutes

The Cottonwood County Board of Commissioners met in emergency session on Friday, April 12, 2013 at 12:00 p.m. at the Cottonwood County Courthouse in Windom, MN. Presiding over the meeting was Chairman John Oeltjenbruns. Present for all or portions of the meeting were: Commissioners John Oeltjenbruns, Jim Schmidt, Kevin Stevens, Tom White, Norm Holmen; Executive Assistant Kelly Thongvivong; Auditor/Treasurer Jan Johnson; County Attorney Nick Anderson, Bruce Caldwell, Kyle Pillatzki, Dominic Jones, Jason Purrington, Kim Hall, Mark Marcy and Rahn Larson.

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Motion by Holmen, second by Schmidt, unanimous roll call vote to adopt resolution as follows:

**Resolution 13-04-12
Declaring State of Emergency**

WHEREAS, storms brought significant rain, ice and snow to Southern Minnesota on April 9, 10 and 11, 2013, causing damage and resulting in trees and branches falling down causing loss of power and damaging infrastructure and creating unusual amounts of tree debris from ice damage, which impacted the population of Southern Minnesota including Cottonwood County; and

WHEREAS, the ice and snow have caused a significant amount of public and private property damage; and

WHEREAS, the Cottonwood County Department of Emergency Management and City of Windom Emergency Management has requested that the Cottonwood County Board of Commissioners declare the County of Cottonwood, Minnesota, in a STATE OF EMERGENCY for conditions resulting from the ice and snow events of April 9, 10 and 11, 2013.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF COTTONWOOD, MINNESOTA, that the County Board declares the County of Cottonwood, Minnesota, in a State of Emergency for conditions resulting from the ice and snow events of April 9, 10 and 11, 2013.

S/John Oeltjenbruns, Board Chairman

S/Jan Johnson, Auditor/Treasurer

Much discussion was held regarding how the City of Windom plans to proceed with the cleanup of the tree branches and brush throughout the city due to the recent storms and the timeline that they are looking at doing so.

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All employees will be expected to follow Policy 420 "Emergency Closing" to make up work hours for the missed time when the county offices were closed on April 11th due to the weather conditions.

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Motion by White, second by Holmen, unanimous vote to allow Jenny Quade to obtain quotes for a new work station, carpeting and paint for the new Probation Office that will be located at the Law Enforcement Center in the near future.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Jan Johnson, Auditor/Treasurer

John Oeltjenbruns, Board Chairman

Kelly Thongvivong, Executive Assistant