



Date: April 29, 2022
Time: 10 a.m.
Location: County Board Room
701 Minnesota Ave NW, Bemidji
Beltrami County Commission
Special Meeting Agenda

SPECIAL MEETING

AGENDA BILL

SUBJECT: County Emergency Declaration

RECOMMENDATIONS: Confirm and Certify the County Emergency Declaration

DEPARTMENT OF ORIGIN: ADMINISTRATOR

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Attachments:

- 1) County Emergency Declaration

Summary Statement:

Beltrami County has been impacted by flooding due to heavy rainfall and a late snow melt after several feet of snow during the winter of 2021-2022. In the early morning hours of April 23rd, 2022 many areas of the County received in excess of three inches of rainfall from thunderstorms that, combined with snow melt, resulted in considerable overland flooding across much of Beltrami County. This event, and additional rains since, have caused considerable damage to County property and infrastructure. The Emergency Declaration allows greater flexibility in Countywide emergency response and is required for the County to become eligible for State and/or Federal reimbursement assistance.

SPECIAL MEETING
County Emergency Declaration

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BELTRAMI COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

DATE: April 26th, 2022

**RESOLUTION DECLARING BELTRAMI COUNTY IN A STATE OF EMERGENCY
FOR RESPONSE TO THE FLOOD EVENT OF SPRING 2022**

WHEREAS, Beltrami County has been impacted by flooding due to heavy rainfall and a late snow melt after several feet of snow during the winter of 2021-2022; and

WHEREAS, many gravel county and township roads have been impacted by significant frost heaves, snow melt and persistent precipitation in the month of April resulting in substantially deteriorated road conditions; and

WHEREAS, in the early morning hours of April 23rd, 2022 many areas of the county received in excess of three inches of rainfall from thunderstorms that combined with snow melt resulted in considerable overland flooding across much of Beltrami County; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bemidji experienced flooding of City Hall due to the storm drainage system being overwhelmed from heavy rainfall and numerous roadways experienced culvert washouts and roadway washouts; and

WHEREAS, county, city and townships are responding to the emergency needs of the community due to flooding that is resulting in expenses in the tens of thousands of dollars in damages to public property damage; and

WHEREAS, Beltrami County is likely to exceed the threshold to qualify for disaster assistance through the State of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, the Beltrami County Department of Emergency Management requests the Beltrami County Board of Commissioners declare Beltrami County in a STATE OF EMERGENCY for the spring flooding event of 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Beltrami County Board of Commissioners declares Beltrami County in a State of Emergency for conditions resulting from the flooding event of Spring 2022 this day of 26 of April, 2022 for a period of 30 days or until emergency conditions no longer exist.

EMERGENCY DECLARATION

(STATE OF EMERGENCY)

