

The Wayne County Board of Commissioners met in emergency session at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 29, 2013, in the upstairs conference room of the Courthouse.

Roll call was answered by Chairman Burbach, Members Larson and Rabe, and County Clerk Finn.

Advance notice of this meeting was published on the Wayne County website on October 23, 2013, and e-mailed to The Wayne Herald, KTCH Radio, and all individuals/entities on the agenda distribution list.

A current copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted in the meeting room and accessible to the public.

The emergency meeting was called in response to a request from representatives of Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to meet with the board. The representatives were working on an initial damage assessment of the damage done throughout Nebraska the week of September 30, 2013, in order to prepare a request for federal disaster declaration.

EMC Adjuster Ronald Kohler and Warnemunde Insurance representative Scott Watters reviewed the insurance coverage on the buildings used for the Noxious Weed Department, Health & Human Services Department and Health & Human Services garage. All three buildings were destroyed, and all have replacement coverage. Cost estimates to rebuild each building, just as they were, need to be obtained. The cost of replacement must be determined even if new buildings would be built differently.

Each building will be considered separately, and the county will receive payment of the depreciated value immediately. If we build something bigger and better the remaining settlement will go towards the cost. If we build something cheaper we will not receive more than we spend.

Kohler was asked to confirm if the county would receive depreciated or replacement value if the county rebuilt at a different location. Remodeling a building is also a consideration.

Contents were lost at all three locations. The two pickups in the Noxious Weed building are covered under the Inland Marine policy, which is depreciated coverage. Contents such as tools and furniture have replacement coverage.

Donny Christensen of NEMA, Gary Berner, Paully Onyirimba, and Mike Cappannari of FEMA were introduced to the board by Emergency Manager Nic Kemnitz. Others in attendance were Matthew May of Winnebago Emergency Management and Thurston County Emergency Management, Tom and Sandra Hansen of Tom Hansen CPA, and Assessor Dawn Duffy.

Christensen explained that the state's initial damage assessment was done when the field team was in Wayne in the days following the October 4th tornado. This meeting was to allow FEMA to do their preliminary assessment. Upon completion a federal disaster declaration could be requested.

The discussion focused on what was damaged, what action was taken to respond, and what costs were incurred. Categories included debris removal, emergency protective measures, road repairs including bridge C009011620, building damage, and administrative costs. Documentation of time, equipment and materials would be required for everything.

Tom Hansen noted most costs are estimates at this time. Hansen was hired by both the county and the City of Wayne to assist with the administrative records. Federal fund requests must be made separately by the city, the county and the Wayne Rural Fire Board.

Christensen hoped to submit a federal declaration request by November 14th. FEMA will evaluate the request based on dollars spent, assistance provided by other federal agencies, and the concentration of damage. A response could be received anywhere from 2 weeks to 3 months.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:07 p.m. on motion by Larson, second by Rabe. Roll call vote: Larson-aye, Rabe-aye, Burbach-aye; motion carried.

Debra Finn, Wayne County Clerk

STATE OF NEBRASKA)
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COUNTY OF WAYNE)

I, the undersigned, County Clerk of Wayne County, Nebraska, hereby certify that all of the subjects included in the attached proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting of October 29, 2013, kept continually current and available for the public inspection at the office of the County Clerk; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least 24 hours prior to said meeting; that the said minutes of the meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Wayne were in written form and available for public inspection within 10 working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 4th day of November, 2013.

Debra Finn, Wayne County Clerk