

**PORTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL EMERGENCY MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 2018
4:00 P.M.**

(The entire meeting is available to watch on the Porter County website.)

The Regular meeting of the Porter County Board of Commissioners convened at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 1, 2018 in the Commissioners' Chambers of the Administration Center.

Those present were: Commissioners Jeff Good, Laura Blaney, Jim Biggs, County Attorney Scott McClure; and Recording Secretary Kathy Merle.

Call to Order/Pledge

Com. Good, This is a special meeting called by the Board of Commissioners. It's a special emergency meeting on March 1st, 2018. With that I am going to turn it over to Lance Bella.

Local Disaster Emergency Declaration

Mr. Bella, Thank you Commissioner. What we're here today for is to get a disaster declaration hopefully signed for Porter County. As you know the threshold for dollar amounts for damage to trigger that is \$604 and some change. Talking to our engineers from Storm Water Management they think it will be well beyond that and we also had gotten some input from the Department of Homeland Security Indiana our District 1 office today and they urged us to go ahead and file for that today. There is a time frame we would have to get this in under so if the President declares a disaster we can release those FEMA funds to not only the County Government but also to the citizens that don't have flood insurance. So we're trying to get this in so we can help all of us out.

Com. Good, So time is of the essence.

Mr. Bella, Yes sir.

Com. Good, I'm going to read this declaration into the record.

Whereas, Porter County, Indiana has been impacted by or is immediately threatened by a (natural/technological/national or state security).

This incident began on 2/15/18 resulting in numerous roadways being closed due to damage/flooding, numerous homes and businesses being damaged, levy breaches/damage, 2 bridges being damaged and numerous areas inundated with debris, and;

Now, therefore, we, the Porter 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 meeting of the Board of Commissioners held on March 1, 2018, 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 Porter 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 Porter County Emergency Management Agency.

This Declaration of Local Disaster Emergency shall remain effect for 7 days.

In witness, whereof, we have hereunto set our hand this 1st day of March, 2018.

**Board of Commissioners
Porter County, Indiana**

**/s/Jeffrey J. Good
/s/Laura M. Blaney
/s/Jim Biggs**

Attest: /s/Vicki Urbanik, Auditor

Com. Good, Any additional comments from the other Commissioners?

Com. Blaney, moved to approve, Com. Biggs, seconded, motion carried.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PORTER COUNTY, INDIANA

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