

RESOLUTION

ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Chair Rich Bostwick
INITIATED BY



2/9/2024
DATE DRAFTED

Ratifying the Declared Local State of Emergency

WHEREAS, on February 8, 2024, Rock County Administrator Joshua Smith by proclamation declared that a local state of emergency exists in Rock County because of a tornado causing a natural disaster consistent with Section 323.14(4)(a), Wisconsin Statutes; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 323.14(4)(a) of the Wisconsin Statutes, the proclamation is "...subject to ratification, alteration, modification or repeal by the County Board as soon thereafter as the Board can meet, but the subsequent action taken by the governing body shall not affect the prior validity of the proclamation..." and

WHEREAS, proclaiming such a state of emergency has allowed much needed resources to be shared with Rock County and will continue to allow coordination of local, state, and federal resources to protect the health, safety and general welfare of the residents of Rock County; and

WHEREAS, because of the nature of the emergency conditions, the County Board and its subunits has been unable to meet promptly in order to make such declarations; and

WHEREAS, ratification of such proclamation is in the best interests of Rock County, its residents, and other units of local government.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors, duly assembled this 22nd day of February, 2024, does hereby ratify Proclamation Declaring a Local State of Emergency in Rock County made by the Rock County Administrator on February 8, 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors hereby vests Rock County Administrator Smith with the general authority to order, subject to review by the Board of Supervisors, whatever is necessary and expedient for the health, safety, protection, and welfare of persons and property within Rock County during the declared Local State of Emergency.

FISCAL NOTE:

Fiscal impact is undetermined at this time.

Sherry Oja
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 323.14(b), the County Board must ratify, alter, modify, or repeal a local state of emergency declared by proclamation as soon as the County Board can meet after such proclamation has been made.

Richard Greenlee
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.

Josh Smith
County Administrator

Committee Action
Public Safety & Justice Committee