

MINUTES

BOARD OF BENTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Emergency Special Board Meeting
Thursday, January 19, 2012, 11:30 am
Commissioners' Conference Room
Benton County Courthouse, Prosser, WA

Present: Chairman James Beaver via video conference
Commissioner Shon Small
County Administrator David Sparks
Alt. Clerk of the Board Marilu Flores

Absent: Commissioner Leo Bowman (Olympia – WSAC)

Benton County Employees Present During All or a Portion of the Meeting: Personnel Manager Melina Wenner; Deputy County Administrator Loretta Smith Kely; Steve Becken, Road Dept. Manager; Josie Delvin, Clerk; Jacki Lahtinen, District Court Administrator; Harriet Mercer, Benton County Deputy Assessor; Adam Fyall, Sustainable Development Manager; Keith Mercer, Finance Manager; Ryan Brown, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney.

Chairman Jim Beaver and Commissioner Shon Small, constituting the majority of the Board of Benton County Commissioners, met for an emergency special meeting at 11: 30 a.m. on Thursday, January 19, 2012. Chairman Beaver attended via video conference.

The Board discussed the proposed resolution and the extraordinary winter weather conditions, which prompted the Board to hold the special meeting. The Board determined it was in the best interest of county employees and public conducting county business to close county offices on Thursday, January 19, 2012 and Friday, January 20, 2012 as authorized by each elected official and the Benton County Administrator.

Commissioner Small commented on the current weather and extended weather forecast in the next few days and recommended to allow elected officials and county administrator determine if employees should be allowed to return to work on Friday at a later time. Ryan Brown commented that the resolution addressed that concern.

MOTION: Commissioner Small moved to approve Resolution No. 2012-040, declaring county offices closed due to an emergency resulting from hazardous weather conditions. Chairman Beaver seconded and upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

Resolution:

2012-40 Authorizing County Offices to Close Due to Hazardous Inclement Weather In Benton County

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Alt. Clerk of the Board

Chairman