

BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEVENS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

IN THE MATTER OF DECLARING A STATE OF
EMERGENCY DUE TO FLOOD CONDITIONS
AND DAMAGE TO INFRASTRUCTURE

Resolution No. 10-2017

DECLARING AN EMERGENCY DUE TO FLOOD
CONDITIONS

WHEREAS, recent climatic conditions including heavy rains and snowmelts have caused severe stream and runoff conditions; and,

WHEREAS, said climatic conditions have caused several streams and rivers in Stevens County to overflow their banks, caused flooding, and substantial damage to several county roads, state road closures and damage, and other public and private infrastructure and buildings; and,

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service has and continues to issue continuous and numerous flood warnings and rain conditions; and,

WHEREAS, there continues to be further threat and damage to property and infrastructure throughout Stevens County, including our cities and towns; and,

WHEREAS, Stevens County Emergency Manager Jim Caruso and Public Works Director Jason Hart have reported to the Board of County Commissioners that actual and potential losses to roads, culverts, properties and structures has and is continuing to occur; and,

WHEREAS, many county roads and state highways have been closed and/or damaged, U.S. Route 395 has been damaged in multiple places throughout the County and has forced the closure of a section of this main transportation route, and the flooding threatens railroad transportation infrastructure and the economic future of the county by loss of this infrastructure; and,

WHEREAS, there is a need to dredge stream and river channels to allow for excess and normal runoff of winter snow runoff; and,

WHEREAS, there has been a failure on the part of state agencies to work cooperatively to allow for dredging of stream channels in low flow conditions; and,

WHEREAS, there is and will continue to be a need to obtain emergency and expedited Hydraulic Project Application (HPA) Permits to repair the damage to county and private infrastructure; and,

WHEREAS, persons and property, both public and private, are and will be damaged unless further efforts are taken to reduce the flooding threat to life and property; and,

WHEREAS, there is a present emergency which necessitates activation of the Stevens County disaster preparedness plan and utilization of emergency powers granted pursuant to RCW 36.40.180 and RCW 38.52.070(2).

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DECLARED by the Board of Stevens County Commissioners that there is an emergency due to extensive weather and winter runoff conditions in Stevens County. Therefore,

- Section 1. Designated departments are authorized to enter into contracts and incur obligations necessary to combat such disaster, protecting health and safety of persons and property and providing emergency assistance to victims of such disaster.

- Section 2. Each designated department is authorized to exercise the powers vested under Section 1 of this resolution in light of the exigencies of an extreme emergency situation without regard to time-consuming procedures and formalities prescribed by law (excepting mandatory constitutional requirements).

Passed by the Board of Stevens County Commissioners meeting in regular session at Colville, Washington, by the following vote, then signed by its membership and attested to by its Clerk in authorization of such passage the 23rd day of March, 2017.

3 YEA; 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; and 0 ABSENT

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF STEVENS
COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Chairman Steve Parker

Attest:

(telephonically approved) 
Commissioner Wes McCart



Polly Coleman
Clerk of the Board

(telephonically approved) 
Commissioner Don Dashiell