

VIRGINIA: County of Lee, to-wit:

At the Called Meeting of the Lee County Board of Supervisors in the General District Courtroom of the Lee County Courthouse on March 9, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. thereof.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Carl Bailey, Chairman
Jason Crabtree
Larry Mosley
Charles Slemp, Jr.
Tina Rowe

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Dane Poe, County Administrator

OTHERS ABSENT: C. M. Callahan, County Attorney
Jeny Hughes, Administrative Assistant

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m.

DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

It was moved by Mr. Crabtree, seconded by Ms. Rowe, to adopt the following Resolution. Upon the question being put the vote was as follows.

VOTING AYE: Mr. Bailey, Mr. Crabtree, Mr. Mosley, Ms. Rowe, Mr. Slemp

**RESOLUTION
DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY
15-005**

WHEREAS, Lee County received snowfall on February 16, 18, 21 and 24, 2015 with total accumulations exceeding 30 inches in some portions of the County; and

WHEREAS, this winter storm event was accompanied by subzero temperatures with many daytime temperatures remaining below freezing; and

WHEREAS, these winter storms left the region virtually paralyzed with many residents unable to get out of their homes and obtain food, water, and medication, many depleting their heating fuel sources, and structural damage and collapse to many commercial, residential and agricultural buildings due to roof loads; and

WHEREAS, a warming trend, accompanied by rain on March 2, 4 and 5 led to minor flooding throughout the County furthering complicating the recovery from the winter storm system; and

WHEREAS, the Lee County Emergency Management Director, in consultation with the Emergency Management Coordinator and local emergency services responders, determined that a local emergency did in fact exist due to the winter storms throughout Lee County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 44-146.21 of the Code of Virginia, the Lee County Emergency Management Director declared a local emergency at 10:15 a.m. on February 24, 2015; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 44-146.21 of the Code of Virginia, the local governing body is required to confirm the declaration of a local emergency within fourteen days of the declaration;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Lee County Board of Supervisors hereby confirms the declaration of a local emergency on February 24, 2015 for winter storm damages in Lee County.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BOARD

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Mr. Crabtree stated that Emergency Management personnel monitored conditions during the recent winter storm and tried to respond accordingly. He stated that all personnel and agencies worked together to try and meet the needs of the public.

FRACTURING ISSUES

Mr. Mosley asked if Lee County had an ordinance regulating to fracturing for oil and gas extraction.

Mr. Poe advised that the County does not have an ordinance regulating fracturing.

Mr. Mosley stated that he believed this matter should be researched.

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Mr. Mosley advised that he had participated in a teleconference with Senator Warner's office and that he had requested additional funding be provided for career and technical training for students in order to better prepare them for potential jobs.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Ms. Rowe thanked everyone who assisted during the local emergency due to the recent snow storms. She stated that she would like for the County to develop some type of social media broadcast for emergency related announcements in order to better inform the public of the County's response actions.

ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT

Ms. Rowe requested that the Animal Control Department be included in quarterly oral reports to the Board. She also requested that they explore means to advertise animals that are available for adoption.

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Mr. Bailey highlighted the opportunity available to Lee County residents through the nursing program at the Lee County Vocational-Technical School. He commented that only a small percentage of Lee County students continue their education at a two- or four-year college. He stated that this emphasizes the need for additional career and technical training programs to better prepare young people for the workforce.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Mr. Bailey thanked everyone who assisted with relief efforts during the recent winter storms that affected the County.

It was moved by Mr. Bailey, seconded by Mr. Crabtree, to adjourn. Upon the question being put the vote was as follows.

VOTING AYE: Mr. Bailey, Mr. Crabtree, Mr. Mosley, Ms. Rowe, Mr. Slemph