

PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Pulaski County Commissioners met for an emergency session on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 2:30pm in the Emergency Management Administration office, 108 N Franklin St, Winamac, Indiana. Commissioners present were Maurice Loehmer and Mike McClure. Auditor Laura Wheeler, EMA Director Sheri Gaillard, and Amber Tomlinson were also present.

Pulaski County moved into threatening weather conditions at 7:45am on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 creating the need for an emergency hearing to approve the following documents:

DISASTER EMERGENCY DECLARATION
PULASKI COUNTY, INDIANA

February 16, 2021

WHEREAS, Pulaski County, Indiana is immediately threatened by a natural disaster – specifically countywide blizzard conditions, and:

WHEREAS, AS OF THE 16TH DAY OF February at 0745 hours, we find that Pulaski County is at risk from a severe winter weather event that includes, below zero wind chills, strong winds that have caused widespread drifting of roads;

WHEREAS, a County wide emergency declaration affecting travel and other activities is an appropriate public safety response to the severe winter weather conditions that exist or are expected;

NOW THEREFORE, we, the Pulaski County Board of Commissioners, declare, pursuant to the provisions of IC 10-14-3-29, that a state of 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 issuance of the declaration, to be in full force and effect in the County for the exercise of all necessary emergency authority for protection of lives and property of the people of Pulaski County.

We also declare that, effective immediately, and in accordance with Pulaski County Ordinance Number 2002-1 those portions of Pulaski County outside the incorporated areas of the Town of Winamac, are under a "Warning Level" travel status for a declared emergency.

- 1. No travel is permitted on Pulaski County roads until the Order closing the roads has been terminated by the Board of Commissioners of the County, provided that the Order does not prohibit travel on county roads by individuals engaged in employment necessary to (1) maintain a safe rail system, (2) restore utility services, or (3) provide any other emergency public service, and
2. Emergency action plans have been, or should be, implemented by businesses, schools, government agencies and other organizations.

Reference is hereby made to all appropriate law statutes, ordinances and resolutions and particularly to section 10-14-3-29.5 of the Indiana Code.

All public offices and employees of Pulaski 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 whether state or local.

All residents 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 direction of properly identified officers.

All operating forces will direct their communications and requests for assistance and operations to the Emergency Operations Center.

This Disaster Emergency Declaration shall remain in effect until it has been determined that these conditions are no longer a threat to the safety of the public by the Pulaski County Board of Commissioners.

Mike McClure motioned to approve The Disaster Emergency Declaration as presented, Maurice Loehmer seconded and motion carried unanimously.

As the weather conditions improved throughout the day, the following declaration presented for approval:

TERMINATION OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION
PULASKI COUNTY, INDIANA

February 16, 2021

WHEREAS, Pulaski County, Indiana is under a "Warning Level" Travel Status Declared Emergency due to blizzard conditions, and;

WHEREAS, as of the 16th day of February, 2021 at 1500 hours we find that weather and road conditions have improved in Pulaski County and it is no longer necessary to restrict travel to emergency personnel only;

NOW THEREFORE, we, the Pulaski County Board of Commissioners, declare that the "Warning Level" Travel Status Declared Emergency is hereby terminated. A "Watch Level" Travel Status will go into effect.

Definition of "Watch Level" Travel Status:

Watch means that conditions are threatening to the safety of the public. During a "Watch" Local Travel Status, only essential travel, such as to and from work or in emergency situations, is recommended, and emergency action plans should be implemented by businesses, schools, government agencies, and other organizations.

Definition of "Advisory Level" Travel Status:

The lowest level of local travel status means that routine travel or activities may be restricted in areas because of a hazardous situation, and individuals should use caution or avoid those areas.

With no other business to discuss, Mike McClure motioned to adjourned at 2:39pm and Maurice Loehmer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Signed and approved this 1st day of March 2021 by the Pulaski County Commissioners.

Charles Mellon

Maurice Loehmer

Mike McClure

ATTEST:

Laura Wheeler, Auditor, Pulaski County, IN