

07-09-2015 FEMA MEETING

Friday, July 10, 2015 9:32 AM

McDonald County Commission—Minutes

July 9, 2015

Present:

John Bunch - Eastern Commissioner
David Holloway- Western Commissioner
Keith Lindquist- Presiding Commissioner

Kimberly Bell - County Clerk

General Business

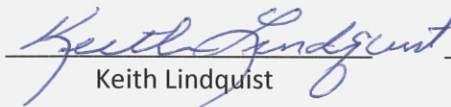
At the request of Missouri Gov. Jay Nixon, teams of local, state and federal disaster specialists are conducting Preliminary Damage Assessments (PDAs) in 35 Missouri counties impacted by severe storms, heavy rains, flooding and flash flooding that began May 15 and are continuing. Keith Lindquist (Presiding Commissioner), John Bunch (Eastern Commissioner), Kimberly Bell (County Clerk) and Gregg Sweeten (Emergency Management Director) met with State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to assess flood damage around McDonald County. Preliminary damage assessments are designed to gather general information about the disaster's impacts. They provide a big picture of the disaster and do not include detailed examination of every affected road or public building. State officials can use the survey information to determine whether disaster recovery is within the state's capabilities or whether federal disaster assistance may be needed. The teams are comprised of specialists familiar with evaluation damage to various types of infrastructure, considering environmental and historic preservation impacts and looking at mitigation opportunities to help communities rebuild stronger and more resilient to future disasters. If the Governor deems that the disaster response or recovery efforts requires federal assistance, he can submit a request for aid to FEMA using the damage assessments and other pertinent information. The request is forwarded to the White House for a decision by the President.

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Commission will reconvene on July 13, 2015

SIGNATURES


John Bunch


Keith Lindquist


David Holloway

Approved

Monday July 13th, 2015

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