



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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April 12, 2012

Governor Rick Snyder
State of Michigan
P.O. Box 30013
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Dear Governor Snyder:

Pursuant to Section 10 of Act 390, P.A. 1976, as amended, and following a thorough operational and financial assessment, I declare that a "state of emergency" exists in Washtenaw County due to an EF3 tornado that occurred on March 15, 2012 affecting the Village of Dexter and the Townships of Dexter, Webster and Scio. The response and recovery aspects of the Washtenaw County Emergency Action Guidelines were implemented and local resources were utilized to the fullest extent practicable.

Therefore, in accordance with Section 12 of Act 390, P.A. 1976, as amended, I deem this incident to be beyond the financial control of this political subdivision and I respectfully request, for and on behalf of the citizens of this political subdivision, that the Governor declare a "State of Disaster" exists therein. In support of this request, specific damage assessment data was submitted through official channels and in accordance with the guidance in EMD PUB-901, Damage Assessment Handbook, within three (3) days of this disaster; and two subsequent updates to the assessment data have also been provided. Furthermore, I understand that this request will not be acted upon without sufficient damage assessment data to substantiate the need for assistance.

The financial impact on Washtenaw County's local units of government has been extreme. Collectively, our government agencies have incurred approximately \$1,075,882 on unbudgeted response and recovery expenses including debris removal and disposal, emergency protective measures, non-federal road and bridge systems, public utilities, and parks and recreation. Specifically, I request that you authorize the Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division to implement Michigan Emergency Management Act Section 19 Disaster Contingency funding to assist our agencies in their financial recovery from this disaster.

Accordingly, be advised that Marc C. Breckenridge, Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office Director of Emergency Services, will provide liaison and coordination with state authorities for assistance related to this disaster. In accordance with Section 14 of Act 390, P.A. 1976, as amended, he is directed to transmit this request to the Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division, Department of State Police, by the most expeditious means.

Sincerely,



Conan Smith, Chairperson
Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners