

**ACTION ITEM
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

DATE June 17, 2008

TO Board of Supervisors

FROM J Robert Brown, Jr, CFO *for ed*
Fire and Rescue Chief

ISSUE Terminate the Declaration of a Local Emergency in Stafford County

STAFF RECOMMENDATION Approval

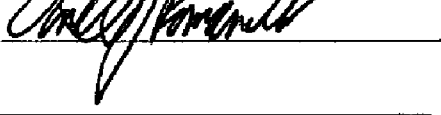
BUDGET IMPACT N/A

ATTACHMENTS (2)

Background Report Reso/Ord/Proc # R08-332

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REVIEW County Administrator's Office 
 County Attorney

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent Agenda | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Business | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Item | <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation | <input type="checkbox"/> Unfinished Business |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New Business | | |

PRESENTATION BY N/A

ELECTION DISTRICTS Falmouth

BACKGROUND REPORT

As a result of the F2 tornado in southern Stafford County, in the area of England Run North Subdivision, on May 8, 2008, the County Administrator, who is also the Director of Emergency Services, notified the Virginia Department of Emergency Services on May 9, 2008, that the Board desired to declare a local emergency in Stafford to provide maximum legal, financial and operational flexibility to address the needs of the incident. Pursuant to Stafford County Code, Section 10-8, the Director of Emergency Services may declare the existence of a local emergency, subject to ratification by the Board at a special meeting within five (5) days of that date. Resolution R08-300(E), adopted May 12, 2008 proclaimed the existence of a state of emergency which allowed the County Administrator to enforce the full powers of the government to deal with this emergency situation.

Final reports have identified that 166 structures sustained damage in the area of impact, including 40 deemed uninhabitable. Emergency crews from the County's Fire and Rescue Department, Sheriff's Office and many other jurisdictions from around the region worked to ensure proper actions were taken to protect life and property. Approximately 100 people were sheltered by the County at an emergency evacuation center located at the Gayle Middle School. A County Community Service Center was opened at the new Berea Fire and Rescue Station for the purpose of providing information, problem resolution and building permit and inspection assistance. The County has spent approximately \$247,000 in payroll and operating costs attributed to the disaster. It is unsure at this time if any state funds will be available for reimbursements. The financial responsibility might just rest on the County.

Staff recommends terminating the local emergency declaration at this time. The County will continue providing mitigation and recovery efforts if the need arises.

PROPOSED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF STAFFORD
STAFFORD, VIRGINIA

RESOLUTION

At a regular meeting of the Stafford County Board of Supervisors (the Board) held in the Board Chambers, Stafford County Administration Center, Stafford, Virginia, on the 17th day of June, 2008

MEMBERS

VOTE

George H. Schwartz, Chairman
M. S. "Joe" Brito, Vice Chairman
Harry E. Crisp II
Mark Dudenhefer
Paul V. Milde III
Cord A. Sterling
Robert "Bob" Woodson

On motion of _____, seconded by _____, which carried by a vote of _____, the following was adopted

**A RESOLUTION TO TERMINATE THE DECLARED LOCAL
EMERGENCY FOR THE TORNADO IMPACTED AREA**

WHEREAS, on May 9, 2008, the County Administrator declared a local emergency due to the destruction of property in the southern part of the County caused by an F2 tornado, and

WHEREAS, at this time it is the desire of the Board to terminate the emergency declaration so that the County can return to normal operational procedures,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 17th day of June, 2008, that the declared local emergency caused by the tornado be terminated, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County will continue to provide mitigation and recovery efforts as the need arises

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