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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF STARKE COUNTY INDIANA  
DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY

Whereas, Starke County, Indiana has been impacted by and is immediately threatened by widespread flooding along rivers and streams, in low elevation areas, and elsewhere throughout the county:

Dated: February 23, 2018 at 3:10 CST.

Now, therefore, we, the BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF STARKE COUNTY, INDIANA declare that a local disaster 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 the issuance of this proclamation, to be in full force and effect in the County for the exercise of all necessary emergency authority for protection of the lives and property of the people of this County and the restoration of local government with a minimum of interruption.

This declaration was approved by the BOARD OF COMMISSIONER OF STARKE COUNTY at an emergency meeting in compliance with the Indiana Open Door law for emergency meetings pursuant to Ind. Code § 5-14-1.5-5(d).

Reference is hereby made to all appropriate laws, statutes, ordinances, and resolutions and particularly to Indiana Code 10-14-3-29.

All public offices and employees of Starke 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—state and local.

All citizens 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 directions of properly identified officers.

All operating forces will direct their communications and requests for assistance and operations directly to the Starke County Emergency Operating Center.

**This DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY shall remain in effect for 11 days.**

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF STARKE COUNTY INDIANA:

Donald Birney President

Johnny J. Jarama Member

Chad Chiles Member

Attest: Katherine Chaffins  
Starke County Auditor