

Emergency Meeting

June 1,2018

The Colfax County Board of Commissioners met on this date in Emergency Session at Maxwell Village Hall with the following members present:

William Sauble, Chairman  
Landon Newton, Vice-Chairman  
Roy Fernandez, Member  
Mary Lou Kern, County Manager  
Sara Torres, Chief Deputy Clerk

1. Call to Order

Chairman Sauble called the meeting to order at 11:27 a.m.

Chairman Sauble called for a roll call. Roll call was taken and all members of the board were present.

2. Approved Agenda

Chairman Sauble stated the only item on the agenda was the Resolution for the Ute Park Fire Disaster Declaration. Commissioner Newton made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Fernandez seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Discuss/Action Resolution 2018-16 Ute Park Disaster Declaration

County Manager Mary Lou Kern stated that she is turning it over to the Colfax County Emergency Manager Thomas Vigil for an update. Thomas discussed the when and where the fire started, and how many acres have been consumed by the fire so far. He stated that 12 structures had been consumed by the fire, but they were old structures and were not occupied. Thomas stated that the fire had grown rapidly, last night it was at 6,000 acres and this morning it was at 12,000 acres. Thomas also discussed what the line of attack was going to be. He stated there are over 200 personal working on the fire along with air resources. He stated it could grow up to 50,000 to 60,000 acres. Thomas showed the Commissioners a map of the burn area and the points of attack they are going to be initiating. He also discussed the mandatory evacuations and road closures that have been put in place. He also stated that extra resources are coming in to help. After discussion, County Manager Kern stated that this is a very critical situation and she thinks this is necessary and in the best interest of the County and the citizens to declare the disaster and move as quickly as possible. Commissioner Fernandez moved to approve Resolution 2018-16 Ute Park Disaster Declaration. Commissioner Newton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Adjourn

Commissioner Newton made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Fernandez seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

COLFAX COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



ATTEST:

William E. Sauble - Via Electronic Device  
Chairman

*James J. Newton*

Vice-Chairman - Via Electronic Device

Roy P. Fernandez - Via Electronic Device  
Member

*Royella M. Smith*  
Clerk of the Board