

**Resolution 2005 – 33**

**Authorizing the County Administrator to Receive or Dispatch and Use County Equipment and Staff Services to Address Emergency Situations**

**WHEREAS**, the Winona County Board of Commissioners is authorized by Minnesota State Statute § 12.331 to receive assistance from other political subdivisions and to provide assistance to another political subdivision because of an emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has found that Winona County residents and visitors can be placed at increased risk due to emergency situation, such as disease outbreaks, terrorism, severe weather, floods, hazardous spills, fire hazard, or other casualty that can exceed the County's capacity to respond adequately; and

**WHEREAS**, the Winona County Board recognizes that because of the suddenness of these occurrences it may be impossible or impractical for the County Board to conduct a meeting to authorize the dispatch and use of County equipment and personnel to combat such emergencies; and

**WHEREAS**, the Winona County Board recognizes the importance of being able to rapidly receive emergency aid or provide such aid outside the County's borders.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Winona County Administrator (or the Administrator's formally identified designee) shall be fully authorized to act, consistent with Minnesota law and as both parties agree, on behalf of the County to:

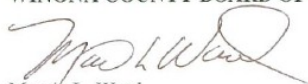
- A. Request aid from one or more cooperating political subdivisions and;
- B. Direct assistance to one or more cooperating political subdivisions when an emergency prompts the political subdivision to request assistance of Winona County; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Winona County Administrator is authorized to recall, order or terminate the use of equipment and personnel when the need for their use no longer exists, or if in the Administrator's discretion it is in the best interest of Winona County to do so, subject to ratification by the Board at its next meeting; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the rights and responsibilities of both the receiving and sending political subdivision shall be as set forth in Minnesota Statute § 12.331, as amended from time to time.

Adopted in Winona Minnesota this 7<sup>th</sup> day of June 2005.

**WINONA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**



Marcia L. Ward  
Chair

Attest:



Robert F. Reinert  
Clerk/County Administrator