Board members present: Chairman Paul Jewell; Vice-Chairman Alan Crankovich and Commissioner Obie O'Brien.

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Clayton Myers, Undersheriff; Kirk Holmes, Public Works/Interim Community Development Services Director; Doug D'Hondt, Engineer; Jerry Pettit, Auditor and two representatives from the Army Corps of Engineers.

EMERGENCY MEETING

At 12:00 p.m. Chairman Jewell opened an emergency special meeting to consider a Declaration of Emergency.

DOUG D'HOND'T, ENGINEER explained there are predictions for the Yakima River to flood today and they have contacted the Army Corps of Engineers and a Local Agency Declaration of Emergency needs to be done in order to receive assistance from them. CLAYTON MYERS, UNDERSHERIFF said the last 24 hours a winter storm has been in effect which has impacted flooding with 27 residences (that they are aware of), one commercial property and 37 road issues. He said it has caused an impact to the transportation infrastructure and supported the Board’s approval of a Declaration of Emergency. TRAVIS HIGHTOWER REPRESENTING THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS said they could provide direct assistance to the County at flood level, but once it has dropped they have to leave and the remainder of the work would need to be completed by the County. KIRK HOLMES, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS suggested wording the event for tracking purposes as the "January Yakima River Flood Event".

RESOLUTION 2011-006

COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH moved to approve Resolution No. 2011-006, A Local Agency Declaration of Emergency for the January Yakima River Flood Event. COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN seconded. Motion carried 3-0

Meeting adjourned at 12:09 p.m.