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

Others: Mandy Robinson, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Clayton Myers, Undersheriff; Doug D’Hondt, Engineer and one member of the public.

At 9:00 a.m. Chairman Crankovich opened an emergency Special Meeting to consider a Declaration of Emergency.

DOUG D’HONDT, ENGINEER explained there are predictions for the Hansen Levee flooding 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. He indicated that beginning on Monday, County staff began watching the levee and it showed flood stages were at risk. He indicated that he has contacted the Department of Ecology and they are aware of flooding potential and are supportive of the County’s efforts. He reviewed the impacts to the County infrastructure and noted that Manastash and Liberty Roads were already showing road damage from being under water due to the rivers nearest to them flooding.

COMMISSIONER JEWELL moved to approve Resolution No. 2012-053, a Local Agency Declaration of Emergency for the April Hansen Levee Flood Event. COMMISSIONER O’BRIEN seconded. COMMISSIONER O’BRIEN indicated that he went with County staff yesterday to see the impacts and hear more about the areas that were anticipated to flood. DOUG D’HONDT, ENGINEER stated that Yakima County is already fighting flooding and feels that Manastash and Taneum creek will be a major focal point for the County moving forward. COMMISSIONER JEWELL stated that he felt the County had done a good job keeping records on the Hansen Levee and was comfortable with the Resolution, as presented. Motion carried 3-0

Meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.