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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

As a result of recent severe storms and flooding, County Board Chairman, RJ Winkelhake has signed a declaration that declares Jo Daviess County a disaster area. The Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) has requested local government officials to collect information on damages, costs and impacts incurred by local governments located in Jo Daviess County.

Jo Daviess County is in the process of conducting an initial damage assessment for the IEMA Individual Assessment Program. Assessment teams will be in Jo Daviess County on Thursday and Friday, July 27th and July 28th, to conduct individual home and business assessments. Assessment forms are required to be filled out by businesses and primary residences that have experienced damage from the flooding. At the same time these teams will be making damage assessments to public property and municipality infrastructure. Teams will be going house to house to obtain flood damage information. Residents can also report to their city hall to provide information.

Information required is address, type of structure, own/rent, insurance yes/no, basement/crawl space, type of damage.

We encourage residents to report all damage caused by the flooding.

Assessment teams will be covering Jo Daviess County beginning on Thursday, July 27th.

- Hanover, Thursday July 27th at 11 am
- Warren, Thursday, July 27th at 11 am
- Apple River, Thursday, July 27th at 12pm
- Apple Canyon Lake, Thursday, July 27th at 1pm
- Stockton, Thursday, July 27th at 1:30 pm
- Elizabeth, Thursday, July 27th at 12 pm
- Galena, Thursday, July 27th at 3pm

If your village is not assigned a time and you require the team to do an assessment please call the Jo Daviess County EMA office at 815-990-6702.

All times subject to change.

RJ Winkelhake County Board Chair Brandon Behlke Vice-Chair **Dan Reimer** County Administrator



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Also, a conference call will be conducted on Thursday, July 27th at 1 pm to discuss the Public Assessment forms that are required to be completed.

These forms are for all infrastructure, road, and bridges damages.

Please have someone from your Village or Municipality participate in this call.

Information about the call will follow.

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