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5-20-2024 Public Safety Committee Meeting Attachment 2

April 22, 2024

Mr. Larry Miller
Franklin County Board Chairman
100 Public Square
Benton, Illinois, 62812

County Commissioner Miller,

On behalf of the Williamson County Emergency Management Agency and the Williamson County Board of Commissioners, we would like to acknowledge and thank the Franklin County Emergency Management Agency for their support in our response to the series of tornadoes that affected the southern portion of Williamson County on April 2, 2024.

Pre-dawn on April 2, 2024, a line of severe thunderstorms produced two tornadoes that affected the Lake of Egypt area and the Village of Stonefort. Not long after the storms pushed through the area, Interim Director Zach Halstead contacted the Director of Williamson County Emergency Management expressing the agency's willingness to assist in any capacity.

At 09:00 hrs., Interim Director Halstead mustered Daniel Hyson, Ashton Middendorf, and Westyn Welch and reported to the Williamson County Emergency Operations Center. Crews were tasked with completing the preliminary disaster intelligence survey. Your staff was professional and expedient in completing the assigned task.

The Franklin County Emergency Management Agency's assistance was integral in gathering an initial assessment of the damage and shaping the incident objectives moving forward.

We are grateful for the willingness to assist and are ready to reciprocate if needed.

Sincerely,

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Brian Burgess
Director
Williamson County Emergency Management

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Tim Atkisson
County Board Chair
Williamson County Board

Ecc: Zachary Hallstead, Franklin County Emergency Management