

**Disaster Emergency Declaration**

**Resolution No. 2026-003**

**Delaware County, Indiana**

WHEREAS, Delaware County has been impacted by or is immediately threatened by a winter storm that has brought a great deal of snow and extreme cold and winds that make movement on the county roads dangerous; and

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service has extended the severe winter storm and cold warnings for Delaware County until Monday, January 26, 2026 at 7 pm.

WHEREAS, Commissioners of Delaware County, Indiana believe that the upcoming weather conditions meet the definition of "severe weather" as set forth in I. C. 36-8-21.5-7 and a "disaster" as set forth in I. C. 10-14-3-1; and

WHEREAS, the travel on the County roads will be treacherous and dangerous given the quantity of snow, ice as well as the strong winds and such conditions would be hazardous for the citizens to operate on the roads; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners shall declare a local disaster emergency.

**NOW THEREFORE WE, THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF DELAWARE COUNTY, INDIANA HEREBY DECLARE THAT PURSUANT TO I. C. 10-14-3-29 THAT A LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY EXISTS AND MAKES A DECLARATION AS FOLLOWS:**

1. A local weather emergency exists as a result of the snow, ice and winds that are imminent in the County and said conditions are expected to continue for the next 1 day. **This Emergency Order is effective immediately and shall be in place until the 7:00 am on January 27, 2026.**

2. As a result of the weather emergency, the County Building, Justice Center, Courts, Probation Office and county facilities (except public safety services, offices and personnel and the County Highway Department) shall be closed on Monday, January 26, 2026.
3. Activate the response and recovery aspects of all applicable county disaster emergency plans.
4. Authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance under the plans.
5. In accordance with IC 10-14-3-29, (d), this Declaration does not prohibit individuals engaged in employment necessary to maintain a safe rail system, restore a public utility or provide any other emergency public service from traveling within the County during this local disaster emergency.
6. All operating forces will direct their communications and requests for assistance and operations directly to the Delaware County Emergency Operations Center.
7. Reference is hereby made to all appropriate laws, statutes, ordinances, and resolutions, and particularly to section 10-14-3-29 of the Indiana Code.
8. For Information purposes only- There are three travel advisory levels.
  - a. A travel advisory status of “Advisory” or “Yellow” means that routine travel or activities may be restricted in areas because of a hazardous situation. Citizens should use caution or avoid these areas. Schools and businesses may begin to implement their emergency action plans.
  - b. A travel advisory status of “Watch” or “Orange” means that conditions are threatening to the safety of the public. Only

essential travel is recommended (i.e. to and from work, emergency situation, etc.). Emergency action plans have been or should now be implemented by businesses, schools, government agencies, and other organizations.

In witness, whereof, we have hereunto set our hand this 25<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026.

**Delaware County Board of Commissioners**

/s/ *Sherri Riggan*  
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Stephen D. Brand

/s/ *Shannon Henry*  
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Attest: /s/ *Edward Carroll*  
Edward Carroll, County Auditor