RESOLUTION 04 086

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BENTON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY PLANNING RELATING TO THE BENTON COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN (BCHMP).

WHEREAS, areas of Benton County are vulnerable to the human and economic costs of natural, technological and societal disasters; and,

WHEREAS, Benton County realizes the importance of reducing or eliminating those vulnerabilities for the overall good and welfare of the community; and,

WHEREAS, Benton County has been an active participant in the Planning Committee, which has established a comprehensive, coordinated planning process to eliminate or decrease these vulnerabilities; and,

WHEREAS, Benton County representatives and staff have identified, justified and prioritized a number of proposed projects and programs needed to mitigate the vulnerabilities of unincorporated areas of Benton County to the impacts of future disasters; and,

WHEREAS, these proposed projects and programs have been incorporated into the initial edition of the Benton County Hazard Mitigation Plan that has been prepared and issued for consideration and implementation by the communities and jurisdictions of Benton County; and,

WHEREAS, said proposal has been reviewed under the requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act, as amended, along with the Environmental Checklist and other information. A determination has been made as to the environmental impacts of the proposal and a Determination of Non Significance was issued on February 5, 2004. Accordingly, an Environmental Impact Statement was not required; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners is satisfied that it appears to be in the best interest of the public to adopt said Hazard Mitigation Plan Sections 1 and 7; THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Benton County hereby adopts its designated portion of the Benton County Hazard Mitigation Plan, that agency personnel of Benton County are authorized to investigate available funding opportunities for implementation of the proposals designated therein and report those opportunities to this Board. Upon receipt of such funding or other necessary resources, Benton County will seek to implement the proposals contained in its sections of the Plan. Benton County will continue to participate in future updates and expansion of the Benton County Hazard Mitigation Plan and will further seek to encourage businesses, industries, and community groups in Benton County to participate in future updates and enhancement of the Benton County Hazard Mitigation Plan. This resolution shall take effect upon the date of approval and signature.

Dated this 23 day of Feb, 2004.

Leo M Bowman
Chairman of the Board

Member

Member

Constituting the Board of County Commissioners of Benton County, Washington.

Attest Carol McKenzie
Clerk of the Board

Terry A. Marden/djh