

RESOLUTION # 2023-12 AND PROCLAMATION

PROCLAMATION of a State of Local Disaster Emergency for Chase County, Kansas:

WHEREAS, on the 31st day of August 2023 the Board of Commissioners of Chase County, Kansas finds that a severe Drought Emergency exists, causing a water shortage. The extreme drought conditions have caused, or eminently threaten to cause wide-spread or severe damage, injury or loss of life or property in disaster within Chase County, Kansas.

WHEREAS, such conditions have created obstructions which endanger health, safety and welfare of persons and property within the border of Chase County, Kansas.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Board of Commissioners of Chase County, Kansas:

That the Board of County Commissioners of Chase County, Kansas, under and by virtue of the authority vested in it by K.S.A. 1976 Supp. 48-932, does hereby PROCLAIM that a State of Local Disaster Emergency exists.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED AND PROCLAIMED that the area within the border of Chase County, Kansas covered by this proclamation/ resolution is the entire area of Chase County, Kansas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Board has all rights and/or powers to perform such functions as are vested in said Board by and through the provisions of the Kansas Emergency Preparedness Act of 1975.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED AND PROCLAIMED that this resolution shall remain in effect until it is rescinded by the of the governing body.

Declaration Circumstances, Concerns and Situational Awareness

This Local Declaration is being presented to the State of Kansas through the Division of Emergency Management for the following concerns of the Ongoing Drought Conditions within Chase County, Kansas:

- PWWSO #26 has limited pumping capacity and cannot meet peak usage, due to supply chain issues with pump replacement parts. A Water Warning Declaration on August 18, 2023 (NO. 2023-02)
- The continued extreme drought has impacted the Alluvial Aquifer's ability to recharge and compounded by increased customer demand, agricultural and general environmental needs compounded by excessive heat and the drought.
- The Non-Potable Water Well provides most of the water for the Chase County Fire Department. This department provides fire protection for the Cities and towns, and all the rural areas of Chase County. Currently water production is significantly limited to 15-50 gallons per minute, down from 225 to 300. This creates a gap in fire protection and suppression capabilities.
- Agricultural impacts continue to worsen in all aspects within the community as losses continue to increase daily.

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF CHASE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS THIS 31st DAY OF AUGUST 2023


CHAIRMAN COUNTY COMMISSION


MEMBER COUNTY COMMISSION


MEMBER COUNTY COMMISSION


COUNTY CLERK