

**Sangamon County Board  
Springfield, Illinois**

Resolution No. 9-1

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2006 a tornado passed through Springfield and the surrounding area causing personal injury, property damage, and the disruption of vital governmental services, and

WHEREAS, the response to this tornado by all units of local government strained their resources beyond their capacity and made the response to the emergency difficult, dangerous and expensive, and

WHEREAS, the Basic Crafts Council of Mid-Central Illinois, a Springfield labor organization consisting of the Laborers Local 477, the Carpenters Local 16, the Teamsters Local 916, and the Operating Engineers Local 965, has indicated its desire to participate with the City of Springfield and Sangamon County in developing an emergency preparedness plan that would address the many emergencies caused by natural disasters of this kind, and

WHEREAS, the Basic Crafts Council, as part of the development of this plan, would provide, at little or no cost to the City or the County, the necessary equipment including chainsaws, axes, ropes, ladders and pieces of heavy equipment, and the skilled volunteers to use and man such equipment, and

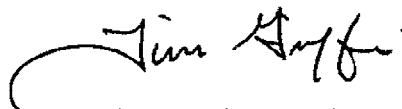
WHEREAS, the Basic Crafts Council has suggested the creation of an Emergency Response Commission as an intergovernmental entity of the County, the City, and other appropriate units of local government, as well as representatives of the labor organizations participating in this joint effort, or some other similar entity the governance of which is in a Board consisting of representatives of the units of local government and the labor organizations that participate,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Board of Sangamon County, that its Chairman is hereby authorized to appoint a special committee of the Board, including such other fire safety, law enforcement, risk management, and legal professionals as he deems appropriate to work with the Basic Crafts Council and the City of Springfield and other units of local government that wish to participate in the design of this joint emergency preparedness entity, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this special committee shall make its report and recommendations for action to this Board as soon as possible, but not later than September 1, 2007.

Passed and effective this 13<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,



Tim Griffin (District 29)

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