



Clay County Emergency Management

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Clay County Commissioner's Press Release regarding ransomware attack.

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Due to the ongoing office disruptions at the Clay County Courthouse and Clay County Probation/Community Corrections caused by a cyber incident, the Clay County Commissioners have determined that it is necessary to file a Local Disaster Declaration. This declaration will be in effect for the next seven days.

You can leave a message for our team by calling 812-512-1671 or emailing claycountyinconcerns@gmail.com.

Emergency Declaration

Authority: Clay County

July 11, 2024

Clay County local government suffered a significant ransomware attack in the early morning hours of July 9, 2024. This has resulted in an inability to provide critical services required for the daily operation of all offices of the Clay County Courthouse, Community Corrections, and Clay County Probation.

Whereas Clay County, Indiana has been impacted by a significant disruption in services as a result of a criminal ransomware attack.

Now, therefore, we, the Clay County Board of Commissioners, declare that a local disaster emergency exists in the county and that we hereby invoke and declare those portions of the Indiana Code which are applicable to the conditions and have caused the issuance of this proclamation, to be in full force and effect in the county for the exercise of all necessary emergency authority for protection of the lives and property of the lives and property of the people of Clay County and the restoration of the local government with a minimum of interruption.

Reference is hereby made to all appropriate laws, statutes, ordinances, and resolutions, and particularly to section 10-14-3-29 of the Indiana Code.

All public offices and employees of Clay County are hereby directed to exercise the utmost diligence in the discharge of duties required of them for the duration of the emergency and in the execution of emergency and in the execution of emergency laws, regulations, and directives--- state and local.

All agencies involved will cooperate with the Clay County Emergency Management Agency to reach our goals.

All citizens are called upon and directed to comply with necessary emergency measures, to cooperate with public officials and disaster service forces in executing emergency operations plans, and to obey and comply with the lawful directions of properly identified officers.

The Clay County Emergency Management Director and their designees are authorized to activate and furnish aid and assistance to the residents of Clay County as needed.

All operating forces will direct their communications and requests for assistance and operations directly to the Clay County Emergency Operating Center.

This Declaration shall be in force for a period not to exceed seven (7) days from the date hereof.

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