

Details provided on rescue efforts after winter storm

(KNZA)--Brown County Commission Chairman Richard Lehmkuhl provided details during Tuesday's County Commission meeting on efforts to reopen county roads and rescue those stranded in their vehicles following this past weekend's winter storm.

Lehmkuhl said a disaster declaration was issued over the weekend to allow for the county to receive state assistance. “ We got to a situation where he had life or death out there. We had people trapped who we did not know that spent the night in 24 and below zero temperature in their vehicle all night and we couldn't get to them—so we had a declaration put in place to get more help”

He said it took several hours to get everyone there because of equipment issues due to the below zero temperatures.

Lehmkuhl said no one ended up being seriously hurt, but they did have four individuals trapped in their vehicles almost all night due to the snow.

He said one of the main obstacles roads crews faced in clearing roads was from abandoned vehicles in the roadways.

Lehmkuhl thanked everyone who helped in getting the county's roads reopened and in the rescue efforts...including a farmer who used his tractor to save two men who had no vehicle heat.

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