



# Johnson-Pawnee Counties

---

Emergency Management Agency  
Megan Buckley  
*Director*

January 16, 2024

## **For Immediate Release**

### **Joint Press Statement from Johnson County Board of Commissioners and Pawnee County Board of Commissioners**

Starting on January 7, 2024 Johnson County and Pawnee County were 2 of the counties affected by the back-to-back winter storms that passed through Southeast Nebraska. With the magnitude of the snowfall coupled with bitter cold temperatures and subzero wind chills the critical transportation routes have been greatly affected. The roads departments of each county have been working diligently to try and get these routes open again. Unfortunately, due to the conditions and challenges of the subzero temperatures on machinery, many of the county roads are impassable.

On January 13, 2024 the Johnson County Board of Commissioners and on January 14, 2024 the Pawnee County Board of Commissioners submitted disaster declarations to Nebraska Emergency Management Agency. The needs of each county are being carefully assessed and the request for any additional resources that may be needed will be made to the State of Nebraska to assist in opening critical transportation routes.

The Board of Commissioners of Johnson County and of Pawnee County would like to thank the residents of their respective counties for their patience and understanding as the crews work through multiple challenges to get the county roads reopened. This has been a difficult time for all Nebraskans affected by these storms.

If there are any ag producers or residents that are in need of immediate or emergency assistance due to these storms it is encouraged to reach out the Johnson and Pawnee County Emergency Management Agency. Ag producers can also reach out to Nebraska Department of Agriculture at 1-800-831-0550 for additional assistance.

Both the Johnson County and Pawnee County Board of Commissioners would like to thank all the crews who have been working tirelessly to get the roads opened again. Without their hard work and dedication, we would be facing much more difficult times. The Boards would also like to thank the families and loved ones of the all the crews and the support they provide for our crews during these long days.

###