
From: Murray, David (GOV)
Sent: Tuesday, December 22, 2015 6:26 PM
To: 'Conaway, Laura (NBCUniversal)'
Subject: RE: New query from the Rachel Maddow Show

The transition advisory boards are very, very different from emergency managers, of course. I've been trying to round up the dates for you, but having trouble reaching the experts on that after hours. Will let you know if I can get specifics.

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Subject: RE: New query from the Rachel Maddow Show

Thanks, Dave.

Can you tell us, please, when the other municipalities will no longer have local decisions subject to transition advisory boards, as listed on the Treasury Department's website? http://www.michigan.gov/treasury/0,4679,7-121-1751_51556_64472-201116--,00.html

Laura

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Subject: RE: New query from the Rachel Maddow Show

Hello Laura,

I've just checked with the Michigan State Police's Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division. No formal request from Genesee County has been made to the state at this point. A district coordinator assigned to that region has been **working closely with city and county leaders**, and will continue to do so. The state remains in close contact with the Mayor and County Commission to help them determine what could be the most effective course for both to receive

the most possible federal assistance to help address the city's health issues and water infrastructure needs. There might be other pathways to obtain federal assistance.

There is something I think you should know about. Today, Lincoln Park was returned to local control. This is the first time **in 15 years** that no Michigan municipality has had oversight from an emergency manager. There are still three school districts with such oversight. Keep in mind that emergency managers have been in place in Michigan for 10 years prior to Gov. Snyder. There appeared to be some confusion about that in the first report.

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Subject: RE: New query from the Rachel Maddow Show

Hi, Dave,

The segment got pushed back to today.

Can you tell me, please, whether the governor has received the disaster declaration? Has he made a decision about whether to support, amend or reject it?

If there is anything else new from your office about this story, please let me know.

Thank you again.

Laura

From: Murray, David (GOV) [<mailto:MurrayD1@michigan.gov>]

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To: Conaway, Laura (NBCUniversal)

Cc: Heaton, Anna (GOV)

Subject: RE: New query from the Rachel Maddow Show

Laura,

At this point, the state has not received a request from the city through the Michigan Emergency Management Act.

We are working with the Mayor and County Commission to help them determine what could be the most effective course for both to receive the most possible federal assistance to help address the city's health issues and water

infrastructure needs. There might be other pathways to generate assistance. We are working closely with them to help with this.

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Thank you for that pertinent information. That is all very helpful to hear. I still don't know how the governor intends to respond to the declaration of an emergency (or disaster). Has he not decided?

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Subject: RE: New query from the Rachel Maddow Show

The administration continues to work closely with Mayor Weaver on her request. **Today**, representatives of the Michigan State Police's Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division met with Mayor Weaver and members of the Genesee County Commission to discuss what options would be available to the city and county through the Michigan Emergency Management Act and the federal Stafford Act, and what could be the most effective course for both to receive federal assistance to help address the city's health issues and water infrastructure needs.

At this point, the state has not received a request from the city through the Michigan Emergency Management Act. (And Laura, please don't confuse the Michigan Emergency Management Act with the emergency managers who were running financially distressed cities. As an aside, there were four emergency managers covering cities in Michigan when the governor took office. Soon, there will be none.)

Again, it would be remiss to not mention that the state so far has offered more than \$10 million in grants and other financial assistance to cover part of the payment for the temporary switch to the Great Lakes Water Authority until Flint's new water source is ready to go online as well as efforts to improve existing city water infrastructure and purchase water filters for residents.

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Dave,

Does that mean I should record the governor's office as not answering whether he will support, amend or reject Flint's declaration of emergency?

Thank you again.

Laura

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Hello, Laura.

I'm not sure you used anything that I sent you the other night.

Flint residents need to have access to safe, clean water. Gov. Snyder and administration members continue to work closely with Mayor Weaver and other city leaders to focus on health issues affecting children and other city residents. And address water infrastructure challenges.

The state so far has offered more than \$10 million in grants and other financial assistance to cover part of the payment for the temporary switch to the Great Lakes Water Authority until Flint's new water source is ready to go online as well as efforts to improve existing city water infrastructure and purchase water filters for residents.

The governor also appointed a bipartisan task force charged with reviewing all of the city, state and federal government actions and recommending changes looking forward that can address potential challenges in Flint and other cities. The task force started working in late October, and members expected their work would last for about three months. Members already have made some recommendations, and the Governor has agreed to them.

The state's response includes:

- * Testing in Flint public schools immediately to ensure that drinking water is safe, with testing also available at no cost to any other school in Flint.
- * Offering free water testing to Flint residents to assure their drinking water is safe.
- * Providing free water filters to residents.
- * Expanding health exposure testing of individual homes.
- * Accelerating corrosion controls in the Flint drinking water system.
- * Accelerating water system improvements to address replacing lead service lines.
- * Expediting the completion of the Karegnondi Water Authority pipeline.

- * Expanding a Safe Drinking Water Technical Advisory Committee to ensure the best technology, practices and science are being followed by adding an expert from the Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Research and Development to the group.
- * Naming Dr. Eden Wells, chief medical executive for the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, as the Flint drinking water public health adviser.
- * Boosting a comprehensive lead education program to make sure residents have detailed information about how to protect themselves and their homes.

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Hi, Dave,

Can you tell us, please, whether the governor has received (or expects to receive) the declaration of disaster from the City of Flint, regarding its water situation? And can you tell us, please, whether the governor intends to support, amend or reject that declaration for the purposes of state and/or federal assistance?

Thank you again for the help.

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