

## Johnson County Board of Commissioners

March 18, 2020

The Johnson County Board of Commissioners met in emergency session on Wednesday March 18, 2020. County Commissioners present were Scotty Gottula District 1, and James Erickson District 3.

Kathleen M. Nieveen County Clerk is recording the minutes.

Chairman Erickson declared the meeting open at 3:30 A.M.

Chairman Erickson acknowledged that the open meetings act was posted on the wall by the entrance of the County Boardroom.

AGENDA: A motion was made by Evans and was seconded by Gottula to approve the agenda. Yeas: Gottula, Erickson, Nays; none motion carried.

Ted Evans District 2 arrived at 3:45 P.M.

Present were Sheriff Scott Walton, EMA Amanda Burki, and Alyson Gottula, Assessor Terry Keebler, Treasurer Nadine Beethe, County Attorney Rick Smith, Deputy Co. Attorney Ben Beethe, and Highway Supt. Matt Schardt

The board reviewed the Disaster Declaration concerning the COVID-19 global pandemic beginning on January 31 2020 and ongoing.

Chairman Erickson turned the meeting over to Vice-Chairman Gottula.

A motion was made by Erickson and was seconded by Evans to approve the Disaster Declaration. Acting Chairman Gottula signed the Disaster Declaration for the COVID-19 beginning on January 31, 2020 and ongoing. Yeas: Evans, Erickson, Gottula, Nays; none motion carried.

Acting Chairman Gottula turned the meeting back over to Chairman Erickson.

The board discussed Pandemic Planning for the County Courthouse, Sheriff's office and County Shop.

A motion was made by Evans to Lock all of the doors to the Courthouse but the North basement door and to place a phone with office phone numbers by that entrance, and to lock all of the office's doors effective Monday until further notice. Evans consented to an amendment of this motion to make it effective Thursday, March 19. Amended motion seconded by Gottula. Discussion was had. Voting in favor were Evans, Gottula, and Erickson.

The Board made a recommendation that the public be asked to allow senior citizens and at-risk individuals to have exclusive access to the courthouse from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

The Johnson County Board of Commissioners adjourned the meeting at 4:45 P.M.

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Jim Erickson, Chairman

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Kathleen M. Nieveen County Clerk