

Thursday, March 26, 2020
Special Meeting

The Deuel County Commissioners met in special session on Thursday, March 26 at 9:00 a.m.. in the Commission Room of the Courthouse. Those present were Jaeger, DeJong, Homan, and Kreutner. Rhody was present by teleconference. Also present was Auditor Korth, Emergency Manager Sheila Monnier, Sheriff Cory Borg and State's Attorney John Knight. The meeting began with prayer and pledge of allegiance and Chairman Jaeger called the meeting to order. 1) DeJong moved, seconded by Homan to approve the agenda as presented. All voted yes and the motion carried.

9:00 a.m. State's Attorney John Knight and Sheriff Cory Borg

Knight presented a resolution for adoption of an emergency order to close all non-essential businesses in the county until further notice. Discussion was held with Sheriff Borg about how the County resolution would be uniform with similar resolutions passed by the municipalities of Deuel County. Monnier is investigating what is considered "essential services or businesses". She is looking into an official list from the CDC that will clarify this information for the County and its municipalities. This will be posted and communicated to the municipalities as well.

2) Kreutner moved, seconded by DeJong to approve and sign Resolution #20-08 entitled "AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION TO ADDRESS A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS BY IMPLEMENTING CERTAIN MEASURES WHICH HAVE BEEN DEEMED NECESSARY TO SLOW THE COMMUNITY SPREAD OF CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-08

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION TO ADDRESS A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS BY IMPLEMENTING CERTAIN MEASURES WHICH HAVE BEEN DEEMED NECESSARY TO SLOW THE COMMUNITY SPREAD OF CORONAVIRUS(COVID-19).

WHEREAS the Deuel County Board of Commissioners has the authority pursuant to SDCL 7-18A-2 to pass ordinances and resolutions for the purpose of promoting the health and safety of the citizens of Deuel County, and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (WHO), and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services have declared the outbreak of COVID-19 as a public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national emergency in response to the global pandemic of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on the same day, Governor Kristi Noem issued Executive Order 2020-04 which declared a state of emergency to exist in the State of South Dakota in response to the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a severe respiratory disease transmitted by person-to-person contact, or by contact with surfaces contaminated by the virus, and in some cases, especially among older adults and persons

with serious underlying health conditions, COVID-19 can result in serious illness requiring hospitalization, admission to an intensive care unit, or death; and

WHEREAS, it is important that control measures be taken to reduce or slow down the spread of COVID-19 in order to protect the health and safety of the City's residents, especially for seniors and those with underlying health conditions that make them particularly vulnerable to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the CDC and health experts have recommended social distancing to slow the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, social distancing is a method of slowing down or stopping the spread of a contagious disease by reducing the probability of contact between infected persons and those not infected in order to minimize disease transmissions; and

WHEREAS, the failure to successfully implement social distancing will likely result in higher numbers of infected individuals and has the potential to overwhelm the capacity of the City's healthcare providers; and

WHEREAS the Deuel County Board of Commissioners have been contacted by Deuel County Emergency Management to consider following CDC guidelines concerning the COVID-19 virus. Those guidelines provide that all non-essential businesses, i.e. casinos, bars and restaurants, close to inside patrons, but allow for curbside service of food or off-sale alcohol if they have such a license.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Deuel County Board of Commissioners that effective March 27, 2020 and until there has been a change in circumstances, all non-essential businesses, i.e. casinos, bars and restaurants, close to inside patrons, but allow for curbside service of food or off-sale alcohol if the respective business has such a license.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Deuel County Board of Commissioners that, this Resolution is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety and welfare of Deuel County and shall take effect immediately upon passage thereof.

Dated this 26th day of March, 2020.

(SEAL)

Gary Jaeger, Chairman
Deuel County Board of Commissioners

Mary Korth, Deuel County Auditor

Chairman Jaeger called for a roll call vote for approval. Rhody: aye, DeJong: aye, Homan: aye, Kreutner: aye, Jaeger: aye. Unanimous vote, motion carried.

Further discussion was held on compensation for courthouse employees sent home from work due to lack of work or concerns over COVID-19. Comparisons to follow the State and their policies or to follow the expanded family and medical leave rights, as well as what would benefit the health and welfare of the county employees were all discussed. A compensation decision will be made by next meeting after discussion with department heads of the courthouse.

Discussion was held on how to approach the next regular county commission meeting scheduled for April 7, 2020. Routine business will be conducted at the meeting but no unnecessary appointments will be taken as to keep the community and courthouse employees safe. Open meeting requirements were also discussed.

There being no further business 3) Kreutner moved, seconded by Homan to adjourn.

Gary Jaeger, Chairman
Deuel County Commission

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Mary Korth
Deuel County Auditor
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