

Monday March 16, 2020
Special Meeting

The Deuel County Commissioners met in special session on Monday March 16 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission Room of the Courthouse. Those present were Commissioners Rhody, DeJong, Jaeger, Homan and Kreutner. Also present was Auditor Mary Korth. The meeting began with prayer and pledge of allegiance. 1) Rhody moved, seconded by DeJong to approve the agenda as presented. All voted yes and the motion carried.

9:00 Emergency Management Director Sheila Monnier and Sheriff Cory Borg

Due to the growing concern of coronavirus and that Governor Noem has requested all non-essential State employees take 40 hours paid leave to remain at home for the week, Monnier and Borg requested a meeting to discuss the coronavirus strain COVID-19 and the steps the county is taking in response to the situation. A table top exercise was performed by Borg, Monnier, and Mark Law of Deuel County Ambulance with Sanford Medical Infectious Control to educate the group and to be prepared. Mark Law was also present for this meeting. Monnier provided educational handouts on Social Distancing, Workplace Recommendations for COVID-19, and a Continuity of Operations Guide for Department Heads. Screening processes are in place for dispatch as well as first responders. As of date, there are no cases of COVID 19 in Deuel or bordering counties of Deuel. Processes in the courthouse will include increased hygiene practices and cleanliness. Exposure must be limited because test resources and hospital resources are limited. Monnier reported on the practices and measures taken by the Community Health Nurse, The Sanford Medical Clinic and the Good Samaritan Society. Discussion was held on the preparedness of all related entities in the county and what can all be done to prevent the spread going forward.

At 9:30 a.m. the Department Heads of the county were invited to the meeting for discussion on Continuity of Operations. Monnier recommended the website covid.sd.gov as a very good resource for the county officials and anyone who wants more information as the website is updated daily. Discussion was held on increasing cleanliness practices in county offices especially those with higher public traffic. Further discussion was held on how other counties are handling the situation.

Sheriff Borg will be putting out a press release on the position of Deuel County. The Board of Commissioners along with Emergency Manager Sheila Monnier and Sheriff Cory Borg will continue to monitor the situation closely, pay attention to daily updates from State and Federal resources, and do what is in the best interest of Deuel County and its residents.

There being no further business 2) Rhody 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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