

The Adams County Board of Commissioners held a special emergency meeting on March 20, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. in the Adams County Service Complex, for consideration of resolution to limit in person public access to County Offices and buildings until further notice and procedures for continuation of business.

Present were Commissioners: Doug Bauman and Kim Fruechte; County Attorney, Mark Burry; Council Attorney, Julie Marie Brown; and County Auditor, Mary Beery. Commissioner, Rex Moore, was present on the telephone.

Commissioner Bauman opened stating we are all here to deal with the issues of the Coronavirus COVID-19.

IN RE: RESOLUTION 2020-3

Resolution 2020-3, a resolution to Adams County departments during the term of the public health disaster emergency issued by the governor of the State of Indiana under executive order 20-02, was read by County Attorney, Mark Burry.

IN RE: OPEN DISCUSSION

Mr. Burry opened the discussion stating the county will conduct business as much as possible. Employees will serve the public as best as can but minimize person to person contact. Adams County is trying to protect the employees and the public. Certain departments have certain needs that will have to be addressed. Visitors will need to call and make an appointment to come into County Offices. A copy of the notice will be posted at all doors. If an appointment is needed, they can contact the phone number and the department head will determine if the situation is essential.

Clerk Voglewede stated the Clerk’s Office will lock all of the doors and post a notice. The Clerk is to follow the procedures of the Court.

Barry Scherer stated the Township Assistance Trustees would have to let people in at all times. Mr. Burry said they can conduct business however they see fit. The Township Advisory Board would have to weigh in on the decision. Mr. Scherer will contact them to come in on Tuesday and meet with the Commissioners.

Commissioner Fruechte reported the Highway Department would like to postpone the due date for the license plates for the Amish Community.

It was noted that any department head who wants something released to the press they must get it to the Commissioners by next Tuesday.

Public Health Nurse, Holly Degitz, stated all visitors coming into the buildings should be screened. She has a list of Amish Bishops and she can give the notice to them to announce during church. Council Attorney, Julie Marie Brown, asked if visitors should fill out a questionnaire. It was decided that Holly would develop the questions that a department head should be asking before allowing visitors into the buildings. Visitors would call into the necessary department and state their business. The department head would then decide if is an essential need.

Sheriff, Dan Mawhorr, met with a few of the Amish bishops yesterday. They are going to try to get ahold of everyone in their community to let them know that schools are now closed. The sheriff will address any issues that arise or if it is discovered there is still a school in session.

Commissioner Bauman mentioned that all remote sites of the Solid Waste District are suspended.

Upon a motion Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, to adopt Resolution 2020-3. Motion carried.

EMA Director, John August, reported the Health Department is the lead agency and we will do what they tell us to do. He shared that Wayne County is using their travel advisory chart for residents that need to travel. This is the same chart that is generally used during snow storms.

IN RE: ADJOURN

Upon a motion Kim Fruechte, seconded by Rex Moore, the special emergency meeting for March 20, 2020 was adjourned. Motion carried.

ATTEST: Mary B. Beery
Mary B. Beery, Adams County Auditor

Kim A. Fruechte
Kim A. Fruechte, Commissioner

Rex Moore, Commissioner

Douglas L. Bauman
Douglas L. Bauman, Chairman