

IN RE: SPECIAL EMERGENCY JOINT MEETING

A special emergency joint meeting of the Adams County Commissioners and Adams County Council was held at 313 West Jefferson Decatur, on Monday, May 4, 2020 at 12:00 p.m., for Consideration of extension of a resolution for continuation of limited County government operations, building access and department staffing in response to COVID-19 pandemic emergency.

(This meeting is open to the press only and attendance will be limited; however the County will be streaming the video online for the benefit of the public and further instructions for viewing by the public will be available on the county website: <https://www.co.adams.in.us/>)

Present was Council Member, Stan Stoppenhagen; Commissioner Doug Bauman; Attorney, Stacy Somers; County Council Attorney, Julie Marie Brown; and Auditor, Mary Beery.

Council Members, Steve Bailey, Tony Mellencamp, Yvette Weiland, and Dennis Bluhm; and Commissioners, Kim Fruechte and Rex Moore, were present via telephone conferencing.

County Attorney, Mark Burry; and Council Members, John Schultz, and Cory Sprunger were not present. The Auditor will type their signatures in and add an s after to represent signing.

IN RE: OPEN DISCUSSION

County Council Attorney, Julie Marie Brown, began the meeting with an overview of past practices. The last resolution expired and an executive order was issued last Friday by the Governor. The county can reopen as long as we open within certain parameters. The executive order requires continuing health screening, hand and item cleaning, personal hygiene, and social distancing 6' for employees and public remain in place. We can assume normal business practices. The Health Department recommends protocol be put in place; plexiglass installed in offices, limit people in the county buildings, limit people in office's, establish designated waiting areas, employee's wear masks, and one entrance available for the public into the Service Complex.

The Governor's order begins May 5th and expires on May 23. Essential travel is requested to be limited. The CARES Act provides for certain instances, illness, childcare, and COVID illness.

Building and Grounds Supervisor, Rick Burkhalter, reported he contacted offices to see if they wanted plexiglass installed to separate from the public. Joe H Construction submitted a quote and he is working on them and hopes to get them in a day or two. Rick talked to Jaime Wetter in the Clerk's Office and they want bulletproof glass. Rick told them maybe in the future but they will do whatever can be done now. He suggested opening the 4th Street entrance due to elevator. He mentioned we could say who can come into the building, allow only one person to conduct business, and take the person's name and temperature. Someone will have to police the door and Rick suggested creating a schedule for each department to man the door. There would have to be a process of making sure the public is escorted out of the building. Will people be required to wear a mask? Should markers be placed 6' feet apart for the public to maintain social distancing? Steve Bailey mentioned having a deputy or reserve officer in case of people getting out of control.

Julie Marie Brown stated the Governor's orders leave a lot of the government issues up to county discretion. Anything above and beyond determined by the County is okay to do but the Governor's orders must be followed.

All board officials discussed mandating plexiglass be installed in offices, when to begin full-time staffing on premises or remotely, sanitation, face coverings for employees, propping open office doors, waiting until security procedures are put in place, dealing with the public, and social distancing.

The gyms are closed for stages 1 and 2 per Governor's order and we are in stage 2.

All agreed to open county offices tomorrow, full staff either on the premises or remotely; mandated to install plexiglass in each office; open 4th Street entrance only at the Service Complex; open the west door at the Courthouse; chairs will be placed 6 foot apart to pay taxes; masks must be worn until the plexiglass is up; if the public does not have a mask we will service them anyway; the Sheriff will help provide county office's with masks; employees are free to wash their hands whenever they need to; sanitizer will be in each office and in the halls; and the restrooms will be sanitized twice a day.

Resolution 2020-11

A JOINT RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE OPERATION OF ADAMS COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND OFFICES FOLLOWING THE ISSUE OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 20-26 ISSUED BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF INDIANA PROVIDING FOR THE REOPENING OF INDIANA BUSINESSES AND GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES, was introduced.

Upon a motion by Tony Mellencamp, seconded by Steve Bailey, to adopt Resolution 2020-11. Motion carried.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Doug Bauman, to adopt Resolution 2020-11. Motion Carried.

IN RE: COUNCIL UPDATE

Councilman Stoppenhagen stated Council needs to decide pay increases and budget submission at the May 12th meeting. Attendance to the meeting is a personal preference. Only 25 people will be allowed in the room.

Minutes April 20, 2020

Upon a motion by Tony Mellencamp, seconded by Yvette Weiland, for approval of the minutes of the special emergency meeting of the Adams County Board of Commissioners' and Adams County Council Minutes on April 20, 2020. Motion carried.

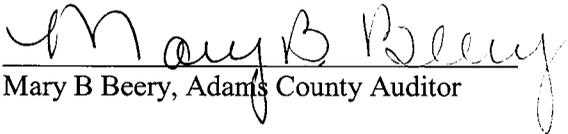
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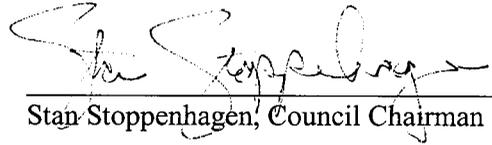
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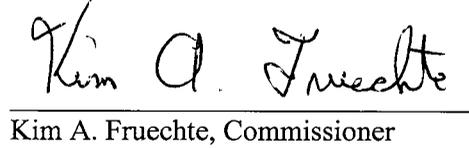
Upon a motion by Yvette Weiland, seconded by Tony Mellencamp, for adjournment of the May 4, 2020 special emergency joint meeting of the Adams County Commissioners and Adams County Council. Motion carried.

Upon a motion by Kim Fruechte, seconded by Doug Bauman, for adjournment of the May 4, 2020 special emergency joint meeting of the Adams County Commissioners and Adams County Council. Motion carried.

ATTEST:


Mary B Beery, Adams County Auditor


Stan Stoppenhagen, Council Chairman


Kim A. Fruechte, Commissioner


Rex Moore, Commissioner


Douglas L. Bauman, Chairman