

DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, MAY 28, 2020

The Board of County Commissioners met in special session at 11:00 A.M. with Second District County Commissioner Thad G. Geiger, Chairman, calling the meeting to order for the purpose of reviewing Doniphan County Emergency Health Order to prevent the spread of the coronavirus pandemic (COVID 19) and protect public health pursuant to Kansas Governor Laura Kelly's orders returning control and placing the burden on all 105 Kansas Counties to adopt new health orders. Third District County Commissioner Jerry P. McKernan, County Clerk Peggy Franken and County Attorney Charles D. Baskins were present. First District County Commissioner Timothy D. Collins was absent.

Emergency Management Coordinator Julie Meng, Health Department/Home Health Administrator Sheryl Pierce, Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coordinator Kay Smith, Sheriff Chad Clary, Undersheriff Mark Allen, and County Attorney Secretary Celeste Etherton were present. Troy City Mayor Sarah Boeh-Cerra observed via Zoom.

Emergency Management Coordinator Julie Meng and Health Department/Home Health Administrator Sheryl Pierce were agreeable to following Phase III of the State of Kansas amended Ad Astra: A Plan to Reopen Kansas, subject to approval of Doniphan County Health Officer Dr. Bradley J. Gaul MD. Under Phase III, beginning June 1, 2020, all education, activities, venues and establishments may operate and open following all public health guidelines. Mass gatherings of more than 45 individuals are not recommended if social distancing cannot be obtained. Individuals are encouraged to adhere to hygiene guidelines and remain home if they feel sick. On-site staffing is unrestricted for employers and nonessential travel may resume. Based on health metrics, it was further recommended beginning June 15, 2020 the Emergency Health Order be phased out with individuals encouraged to adhere to hygiene and social distancing guidelines.

Health Administrator Pierce stated Long Term Care facilities will adhere to requirements of the Kansas Department of Aging and Disability Services, as they fall under their jurisdiction to determine when restrictions will be lifted.

Doniphan County has had 13 positive cases of COVID-19 with 4 of those cases still active as of May 28, 2020.

The Board of County Commissioners will take action on ratifying a new Emergency Health Order to prevent the spread of the coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19) and protect public safety after review of the Emergency Health Order as directed by Doniphan County Health Officer Dr. Bradley J. Gaul, MD. at their Monday, June 1, 2020 meeting of the Board of County Commissioners.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Geiger adjourned at 11:36 A.M.

DATED THIS 28TH DAY OF MAY 2020.

Attest: _____
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

Chairman: _____
Thad G. Geiger, Chairman