

DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, MARCH 20, 2020

The Board of County Commissioners met in special session at 10:00 A.M. with Second District County Commissioner Thad G. Geiger, Chairman, calling the meeting to order for the purpose of taking action to prevent the spread of the coronavirus pandemic (COVID 19) and protect public health. First District County Commissioner Timothy D. Collins, Third District County Commissioner Jerry P. McKernan, County Clerk Peggy Franken and County Attorney Charles D. Baskins were present.

The Kansas Chief Report Paul Stewart, Emergency Management Coordinator Julie Meng, Health Department/Home Health Administrator Sheryl Pierce, Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coordinator Kay Smith, Appraiser Danielle Kiefer, Economic Development Director Leah B. Johnson, Register of Deeds Susan Shuster, Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris, Sheriff Chad Clary, Treasurer Lindsay Etheron, and District Court Clerk Michelle Smith observed.

Commissioner Geiger made a motion to close and limit access of Doniphan County, Kansas, governmental offices to the public effective March 21, 2020 at 12:00 A.M. through April 6, 2020 at 11:59 P.M. at which time the closure will be re-evaluated by the Board of County Commissioners. During the closure employees will continue to work regular hours, following CDC guidelines for preventative measures. Commissioner McKernan seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Geiger made a motion to adopt the Doniphan County Internal Changes Due to COVID 19 Policy. Commissioner McKernan seconded. Motion carried. Said policy is available on the Doniphan County website www.dpcountyks.com, social media sites, news media and by contacting the Doniphan County Clerk or Emergency Management Coordinator offices.

County Commission meetings will be available through Zoom for public attendance during the closure. Contact the Doniphan County Clerk's office for further information on observing or to be placed on the County Commission meeting agenda.

Commissioner Geiger made a motion to set policy for employees traveling on non-essential voluntary basis will be subject to a health risk assessment by the Doniphan County Health Department prior to returning to work. If found to be systematic and subject to 14 day quarantine the employee must use accrued leave time. Commissioner McKernan seconded. Motion carried.

The Board of County Commissioners request the public follow recommendations and emergency orders of local Health Officer Dr. Bradley J. Gaul, MD, Doniphan County Health Administrator Sheryl Pierce and Emergency Management Coordinator Julie Meng. Updated information will be posted on the Doniphan County website at www.dpcountyks.com and social media sties.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Geiger adjourned at 11:28 A.M.

DATED THIS 20TH DAY OF MARCH 2020.

Attest: _____
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

Chairman: _____
Thad G. Geiger, Chairman