

County of Lane Commissioner Special Meeting Minutes

144 S. Lane, Dighton, Kansas 67839

March 18, 2020

Kiley Beach called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. in the Lane County Courthouse Commissioner's Room. Those attending were: Thomas (Tom) Bennett-Commissioner, Diana Paris-Commissioner, Stephanie Terhune-County Clerk, Billie Barnett Jr., Marlene Rupp, Ruby Martin, Donnis Maughlin and Patricia Sharp.

Commission discussed closing County offices to the public due to COVID-19.

Billie Barnett Jr, Emergency Manager, gave updates on executive orders from the State of Kansas as well as CDC recommendations. KDHE and is sending out testing kits for the Coronavirus but if someone is needing testing it will be with Strep, H1N1 and the flu prior to Coronavirus testing. Barnett also updated Commission on what other entities within the County are doing.

Patricia Sharp, Treasurer, stated there has not been a lot of traffic in her office. She will be shutting down Driver's License due to the State offices closing and no assistance will be available if any issues arise.

Marlene Rupp, District Court, had a meeting with Judge Gatterman and effective March 23rd District Court will consist of a skeleton crew and not open to the public.

Donnis Maughlin, Extension Office, has been following the guidelines set by K-STATE. They are practicing social distancing and logging in those who have entered in the office.

Ruby Martin, Librarian, explained the precautions they are taking. The Library is closed to the public but does still offer curbside service and some deliveries.

Billie Barnett explained S&T Communication's procedures. USD 482 is setting up zones within the district to see what students will need to continue their education online.

Ruby Martin was contacted by the Kansas Food Bank to see if the community would need any sack lunches. USD 482 will be taking care of breakfast and lunch for the school children until the end of the school year. The Lions Club will still be supplementing food for the kids as they did today. Discussion was held on school meals, meals on wheels, food deliveries and the J.O.Y. Center.

Diana Paris moved to limit public access to take preventative measures designed to reduce the spread of Coronavirus. All County offices will be closed to the public but still available by phone or appointment until March 27th. All employees must carry their badges for access to County buildings; Tom Bennett seconded. Motion carried.

Diana Paris moved to give the Lions Club \$1,000 for the weekend food program on Fridays; Tom Bennett seconded. Motion carried.

Commission will continue to have their special meeting on March 23rd. Discussion was held on Fire Department's plan of action, PPE and Lane County Hospital procedures.

There being no further business Diana Paris moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:12 p.m.; Tom Bennett seconded. Motion carried. The next Commissioner's meeting will be held March 23, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

ATTEST:

Stephanie M. Terhune, County Clerk

Kiley B. Beach, Chairperson