

Boone County Board of Commissioners Minutes
March 17, 2020 Emergency Public Meeting
Connie Lamar Meeting Room
Boone County Government Building

Commissioners Present: Donald Lawson, Jeff Wolfe, and Tom Santelli

Commissioners Absent:

Staff Attending: Bob Clutter (County Attorney) and Kaylee Jessie (Administrative Assistant)

Board President Donald Lawson opened the meeting at 1:33 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance.

In the Matter of Consideration of Resolution 2020-02 Declaring a State of Emergency Due to a Pandemic:

County Attorney Bob Clutter presented Resolution 2020-02 Declaring a State of Emergency Due to a Pandemic and read the resolution aloud in pertinent parts pursuant to Indiana State Law. This resolution has been under consideration by the commissioners for a little over a week now as they meet daily with the Boone County Health Department along with Dr. Ingham who is the CEO of Witham Hospital. As always, the number priority has always been the safety and security of Boone County employees and the citizens. The commissioners rely heavily on the advice of the Boone County Health Department, State Board of Health and other state and federal agencies.

Commissioner Wolfe made a motion to approve presented Resolution 2020-02 Declaring a State of Emergency Due to a Pandemic. Commissioner Santelli seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Wolfe commented that the cooperation between the agencies has been incredible. A special thank you to all of those who have been involved - the Health Department, Sheriff's Department, EMA, Witham Hospital and the City of Lebanon. The suggestion made by the state and local health boards have been very clear, along with CDC, so the commissioners ask that everyone respect those guidelines as they have been put out. It is also important to note that this is not a restriction for travel. People are still able to travel to and from work and getting supplies as needed.

The commissioners have also been working very diligently on is the appropriate preparedness with the Health Department and Dr. Ingham. It has been decided to close the 4-H Fairgrounds to the public. They will begin placing supplies and medical equipment in case it becomes needed. It is everyone's hopes that it will not get to that point, but if in fact it does, they want to be prepared to respond.

The Sheriff's Command Center is now placed outside of the courthouse to begin screenings for anyone entering a county building.

Another meeting will be scheduled for Monday, March 23rd at 9:00 a.m. to determine if the State of Emergency will be continued or lifted as the declaration expires in seven days.

With no further business, Commissioner Wolfe made a motion to adjourn at 1:43 pm. Commissioner Santelli seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.