

Boone County Board of Commissioners Minutes
November 12, 2020
Special Meeting
Connie Lamar Meeting Room
Boone County Government Building

Commissioners Present: Donald Lawson (via phone), Jeff Wolfe, and Tom Santelli

Commissioners Absent:

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

Board President Donald Lawson opened the meeting at 09:01 am with the pledge of allegiance.

In the Matter of COVID-19 Updates:

Tom Ryan, County Preparedness Coordinator, reported that there are approximately 120 new positive cases over the past two days within Boone County. We are currently in Orange Status. The increase in testing is also reflecting that there is an increase in community spread. The censuses for local hospitals are also beginning to increase. One of the struggles in health and medical field is seeing a shortage in staff due to isolation and quarantine. Schools are also facing similar issues. Yesterday, Gov. Holcomb announced during a press release what counties in Orange Status should do – limiting attendance to 25% at winter k-12 extra curricular/co-curricular events, common areas and break rooms should be reduced, community recreational sports/leagues/tournaments may continue with the intent that it is being limited only to the participants, required personnel, and parents/guardians, social gatherings indoor/outdoor is limited to 50 people.

Witham Hospital has been identified as a hospital to receive COVID-19 vaccines. Those identified in Phase I of critical infrastructure, such as healthcare workers, will be eligible for the vaccine first. Witham will also disburse vaccines to Clinton and Montgomery County healthcare workers too. No definite timelines on when the vaccines will be available has been provided at this time.

After meeting with the Unified Command Staff, the County Commissioners have made the executive decision to hold off on adopting a State of Emergency for Boone County. Bob Clutter, County Attorney, commented that Dr. Servies brought to his attention that they would like request use of a building at the Boone County Fairgrounds for COVID-19 testing available to the public. They would like to set up the testing stations and open on November 23rd, if possible. They would also like for the commissioners to consider allowing them to set up a vaccination clinic at one of the buildings once the vaccines become available. Bob Clutter also mentioned that the County's current Back to Work Policy is not consistent with the CDC guidelines and recommends modifying the policy to mirror those guidelines. The Boone County Sheriff's Office does have a separate policy in place that will remain in effect for public safety staff.

Commissioner Santelli made a motion to approve modifying the Back to Work Policy to also mirror the CDC guidelines, with the exception of the Boone County Sheriff's Office. Commissioner Wolfe seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

In the Matter of Document Signing:

1. Reliance Standard 2021 stop loss application signed by Commissioner Lawson on November 10th due to time sensitivity of submittal for ratification. Document contains confidential protected health information and is not a public document.

Commissioner Wolfe made a motion to ratify the Reliance Standard 2021 stop loss application.
Commissioner Santelli seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

With no further business, Commissioner Santelli made a motion to adjourn at 9:35 am.
Commissioner Wolfe seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.