

SPECIAL SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MAY 4, 2020

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in special session Monday, May 4, 2020 with Commissioners Mark Bacon, Paul Wilkinson and Bruce Levi physically in attendance. Auditor Jodi Harr, County Attorney Leigh Morning, Councilman Charles Smith, EMA Director Chuck Kemker, Julia Apple and Dixie Meyer from the Health Department were also in attendance.

The meeting was properly advertised along with the conference call phone number for public use and an agenda of the meeting. The only topic on the agenda is COVID-19.

Commissioner Mark Bacon called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

COVID-19

Ordinance 2020-9 Restrictions due to Coronavirus/COVID-19 was presented. It follows the Governor's Executive Order 2020-26 and will be effective at Noon May 4, 2020 until midnight May 23, 2020. It is strongly recommended that everyone wears a mask when in public.

Commissioner Levi commented he is very satisfied with how Rush County residents have responded thus far. He asked that all continue protective measures so that we do not go backwards in this situation. Commissioner Wilkinson noted his appreciation to the Task Force for their efforts to get small business back in operation.

Wilkinson made the motion approve Ordinance 2020-9. Levi seconded the motion noting that it can be revisited at any time and changes made. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Resolution 2020-10 extending the public health emergency and exercising emergency powers was presented. It extends the emergency declaration until midnight July 4, 2020. Discussion was held on resuming public government meetings. Whoever is responsible for the meeting will need to make sure all participants sign in at the desk and do the health screen. We will continue to offer the conference call in option. Meetings are restricted to the assembly room. The only meetings to be held are government board meetings. Wilkinson made the motion to approve Resolution 2020-10. Levi seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.

A question was asked regarding a wedding venues. Julia Apple will contact them.

Carthage Library asked when they can open. They can open as of noon May 4.

Clare Cull asked for clarification of the K of C services. They can operate the restaurant portion at 50% capacity with social distancing and the bar will remain closed.

Bruce Levi made the motion to adjourn. Paul Wilkinson seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

/Mark Bacon/
Mark Bacon, Chairman

/Paul Wilkinson/
Paul Wilkinson

/Bruce Levi/
Bruce Levi

ATTEST:

/Jodi Harr/
Jodi Harr, Auditor