



Board of Pottawatomie County Commissioners
Special Meeting
April 15, 2020

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 Wamego KS
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District 1 – Deloyce McKee

District 2 – Dennis Weixelman

District 3 – Greg Riat

10:00 A.M. Flag Salute

Attendee Name	Title
Dennis Weixelman	County Commissioner, Vice Chair
Greg Riat	County Commissioner, Member (via zoom)
Deloyce McKee	County Commissioner, Chair (via zoom)
Nancy McCarter	County Clerk
Chad Kinsley	County Administrator
Crystal Malchose	HR Director
Dr. Dane Ditto	Doctor (via zoom)
John Watt	County Counselor (via zoom)
Shane Jager	Sheriff
Hal Bumgarner	EMS Director
Lisa Kenworthy	Health Director
Jennifer Merrow	EMGT Director
Doug Adams	Under Sheriff
Alex Kinderknecht	Assistant Fire Supervisor

Commissioner Weixelman motioned to call the meeting to order. Commissioner Riat seconded, carried 2-0.

Emergency Management: Jennifer Merrow briefed on:

Pottawatomie County has five positive cases, zero active, which leaves us with five recovering. Seven tests are pending results, 95 tests total for the county have been done. KDHE reports 1,426 positive cases & 69 deaths as of yesterday. KDHE labs update those numbers several times a day; however, private labs only updated on their website once a day. This could be an explanation as to why the numbers differ.

The Kansas Corporation Commission has extended the do not disconnect order until May 15, 2020, for customers who cannot make payments.

The Kansas National Guard has been tasked to support distribution operations at food pantries and food banks in the Kansas City and Topeka areas with planning considerations for bulk food supply as well as statewide food distribution. Just as a reminder to everyone, the National Guard is assisting on a state level; this has nothing to do with Martial Law as previous rumors stated.

The State is exhausting all efforts to secure personal protective equipment (PPE), ventilators and other COVID-19 related supplies through FEMA, private vendors, as well as donations.

In the meeting we had with Onaga, St Marys, and Wamego Healthcare, it was determined that as of now, after receiving the data updates in a previous meeting of theirs, they are not seeing a need to implement an Alternate Care Site right now or in the near future. We will keep it on the table for future discussion if they see the need arise. The highest concern of implementing an Alternate Care site is the shortage of staff and equipment to place in the facility since the state does not have any resources to assist with this.

Weather Updated: There could be a brief mix with freezing rain but snow is the main concern. Other Briefings scheduled for today are:

- 11:00 am- EOC brief with the Healthcare providers
- 1:00 pm- SEOC brief with all ESF partners
- 2:00 pm- Governor’s Brief with expected 2 new executive orders
- 3:00 pm- KDHE brief
- 5:00 pm- SEOC brief with all EM’s

Law Enforcement: Received a concern about a business that is not following social distancing. This business is within Manhattan city limits and the information was relayed to the Riley County Health Department.

Fire & EMS: No Updates

Health: Lisa Kenworthy reported the KDHE has a new web site with lots of information. New verbiage for “outbreaks” being changed to “case clusters. KDEM guidance for EO 20-14 and EO 20-16, more specifics as to what is considered essential. Clarification that the EO 20-16 confusion of wording, restaurants and bars are not open for dine in.

Hal Bumgarner asked Dr. Ditto about a lice treatment (ivermectin) being tried. Dr. Ditto said they are testing it on advanced pat as a treatment. Dr. Ditto said the focus is to try to flatten the curve, about 80% will get the virus and only 20% will have trouble, we need to treat it early.

HR: Malchose reported she had attended a webinar concerning unemployment.

Administration: Chad Kinsley reported due to Manhattan City reducing employment pay, he wants to ensure that our Pottawatomie County employees understand that this has not been discussed at all for our county. Commissioner Weixelman asked what would be the plan for a trigger point for all employees to return to work full time. Commissioner McKee asked about the Family Leave time office. Malchose gave an outline of the act. Under the Family First Coronavirus Recovery Act (FFCRA) employees may be eligible for Emergency Paid Sick Leave and/or the Extended Family Medical Leave Act.

Commissioner Weixelman moved to adjourn at 10:27 a.m. Commissioner McKee seconded, carried 2-0.

Chair, Deloyce McKee

Vice Chair, Dennis Weixelman

Member, Greg Riat

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Attest:

County Clerk, Nancy McCarter

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