



Board of Pottawatomie County Commissioners
Special Meeting
June 19, 2020

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District 1 – Deloyce McKee
 10:04 A.M. Flag Salute

District 2 – Dennis Weixelman

District 3 – Greg Riat

Attendee Name	Title
Dennis Weixelman	County Commissioner, Vice Chair
Greg Riat	County Commissioner, Member
Deloyce McKee	County Commissioner, Chair
Nancy McCarter	County Clerk
Lisa Kenworthy	Health Director via zoom
Jennifer Merrow	Emergency Management
Chad Kinsley	County Administrator
Doug Adams	Undersheriff
Shane Jager	Sheriff
Zach Bottenberg	Assistant EMS
Crystal Malchose	HR Director / PIO
Dr. Walsh	Via zoom

Commissioner Weixelman motioned to call a special commission meeting to order. Commissioner Riat seconded, carried 3-0. Commissioner Weixelman moved to adjourn as Board of County Commissioners and convene as County Board of Health. Commissioner Riat seconded, carried 3-0.

Jennifer Merrow briefed Emergency Management Completed Portacount training for N95 masks last week. There are four of us between Emergency Management and the Fire Office who can conduct the test now. We have been working this week to conduct testing for our front line responders who need it. Yesterday we completed test for the on duty medics as they rotated stations to come in and test. This morning we are conducting testing at the Westmoreland Well Springs Care Home, and then the Sheriff’s Office throughout the day. We received word yesterday that we are now allowed to provide certain types of PPE for Faith based organizations/churches, Food supply including restaurants and grocery stores, Dental offices, Utility workers, and any other essential infrastructure, manufacturing, distribution companies, schools, and educational organizations. They are eligible to request non-medical, face shields, 3 ply masks, level 1 cloth reusable gowns, one-time use semi-impermeable gowns, cloth masks.

Lisa Kenworthy reported COVID-19 totals: tested 995, active 13, probable’s 4, pending 23, recovered 29 and 0 deaths. Kenworthy reported that the sheriff’s office and jail were in contact with a positive COVID-19 inmate and they were all tested. Kenworthy said she called today’s meeting because they needed to visit before the current order expired. Kenworthy’s recommendation is to maintain the current Public Health Order #6, keep in place the limit of 100 and no mass gatherings. Dr. Walsh stated he is looking at it from health care concerns and for the commissioners to proceed with caution; we need to manage it and not go backwards.

After considerable discussion, the commissioners decided not to extend Public Health Order #6 and to phase out the County’s restrictions and limitations. The commissioners recommend citizens follow the governor’s guidelines for re-opening, as well as industry rules, and CDC/KDHE recommendations. Limit gatherings if you cannot maintain social distancing, sanitize, and wear a mask. They will reach out to area newspapers about creating a “Covid Corner” for weekly updates and recommendations.

Commissioner Riat moved to suspend the orders and to have the PIO, Crystal Malchose publish updates weekly in locate papers. Commissioner Weixelman seconded. Commissioner McKee requested to amend the

motion to include the County will pay the local papers for printing the information. Motion carried as amended 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Chair, Deloyce McKee

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Vice Chair, Dennis Weixelman

Attest:

County Clerk, Nancy McCarter

Member, Greg Riat