

Yellow Medicine County Emergency Board Meeting Minutes
March 17, 2020

Chairman John Berends called this emergency meeting of the Yellow Medicine County Board to order at 8:00 a.m. with Commissioners Gary Johnson, Ron Antony, Glen Kack and Greg Renneke also present. Also present were County Administrator Angie Steinbach, County Attorney Keith Helgeson, Finance and Administration Deputy Ashley Soine, Sheriff Bill Flaten, Emergency Manager Casey Namken, Chief Deputy Wayne DeBlicek and Facilities Manager Rick Wandersee.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss preparations for the COVID-19 pandemic.

Emergency Declaration Resolution #12-2020 03-17-20-01 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to approve Resolution #12-2020 which Declares a State of Emergency for Yellow Medicine County. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Press Release 03-17-20-02 Motion by Commissioner Kack and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the press release as amended. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Employee Notification 03-17-20-03 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to approve the employee notification as presented and that it will be sent via e-mail by Emergency Manager Casey Namken. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

The board recessed for break at 9:28 a.m.

The board reconvened at 9:38 a.m.

Utilization of Paid Leave Policy and Resolution #11-2020 03-17-20-04 Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to approve the Utilization of Paid Leave during a Public Health Emergency Policy and Resolution #11-2020. The policy would allow up to 80 hours of advanced sick leave if an employee exhausts all sick leave, compensatory time and all but 40 hours of vacation leave if they meet criteria set in the policy. Motion carried with Commissioners Johnson, Renneke and Kack voting in favor and Commissioners Berends and Antony voting against.

Close Offices 03-17-20-05 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Kack to officially close county offices to the public effective immediately (with the exception of essential business in the Justice Center and board meetings). Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Board Chair Berends and Emergency Manager Casey Namken declared the Utilization of Paid Leave during a Public Health Emergency Policy active.

Board Chair Berends appointed Commissioner Antony to a temporary sub-committee in regards to COVID-19 response. Members include Board Chair Berends, Commissioner Antony, Emergency Manager Casey Namken and County Administrator Angie Steinbach.

Board Chair Berends adjourned the meeting at 10:01 a.m.

Witness:



John Berends, Chair

Attest:



Angie Steinbach, County Administrator