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DELAWARE COUNTY)

March 18, 2020
Manchester, Iowa
3:00 PM

The Delaware County Board of Supervisors met in special session this date at 3:00 pm with all three supervisors present. Also present were Pam Klein, Garlyn Glanz, Dan Lett, Stephanie Rattenborg, Linny Emrich and Carla K. Becker. There were no members of the media present. Chairperson Madlom called the meeting to order.

Chairperson Jeff Madlom stated this Special Meeting was called by the Board to discuss, and possibly take action, regarding the Coronavirus (COVID-19). He stated that the Board met with Public Health officials, county elected officials and department heads on Tuesday, March 17th to discuss COVID-19 and its potential impact on county government. Supervisor Madlom was impressed with the measures that the elected officials had already put in place and felt that the meeting went well. In light of what is happening regarding COVID-19, he hopes everyone will be tolerant of their difference, be respectful and know that circumstances could change in the near future.

Supervisor Buschmann stated the Board is very aware of the current situation the county is in; however, he also feels it is good to serve the public as best they can for as long as they can. He would be in favor of limiting access to county facilities but not closing down the courthouse, or other county buildings at this time.

Supervisor Madlom said he knows of several counties where the Board simply made the decision to close their courthouses without even consulting with other county elected officials or department heads. This Board would rather work with county employees, elected officials and department heads in making this decision.

Judge Stephanie Rattenborg stated that the Court System has moved to "Tier II" and has moved everything, except essential court services, off the immediate docket. They will be supportive of the decisions made by the Board of Supervisors and will make accommodations based on their decision.

Conservation Director Garlyn Glanz stated that the Nature Center at Bailey's Ford Park is closed to the public. He also stated that the front door is currently open; however, the Conservation Board is thinking of locking the door for the next two weeks. There are several decisions which need to be made over the next few days/weeks including:

1. Do they open the county parks? If so, when? Do they open them to only foot traffic? At this point, they are planning to open on April 1st to vehicle traffic and making all restrooms facilities accessible. However, this may change depending on the spread and effect of the virus.
2. As of today, they have stopped taking shelter reservations. How long will this continue?
3. They have a summer camp scheduled for the week of June 4th. Will this take place or need to be cancelled? Mr. Glanz and the conservation Board will work closely with the Board of Supervisors over the next several weeks.

Motion made by Helmrichs, second by Buschmann and carried to leave the doors to the courthouse open at this time but ask that the public limit their access to county services on an "as needed" basis. They also direct the County Auditor to post notice of this action along with any restrictions that each individual county office may have put in place. The Board reserves the right to make future restrictions as needed. All Ayes

These minutes have been read and approved for publication.

/S/ Jeff Madlom, Chairperson

/S/ Carla K. Becker, County Auditor