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DELAWARE COUNTY)

March 20, 2020
Manchester, Iowa
10:00 AM

The Delaware County Board of Supervisors met in special session this date at 10:00 am with all three supervisors present. Also present were Linny Emrich, Garlyn Glanz, Mike Corkery, Anthony Bardgett, Peggy Petlon, Pam Klein, Dan Lett, Daneen Schindler, Mike Ryan, Delma Hardin, Lamont Davidson and Carla K. Becker. There were no members of the media present. Chairperson Madlom called the meeting to order.

It was reported to those present that a COVID-19 case has been diagnosed in Dubuque County.

The Treasurer’s Office has closed their doors but will continue to work and take phone calls as needed.

Delma Hardin, Delaware County Public Health, addressed those present regarding the virus. She stated that there are “essential services” which the public needs to remain functioning. One of those is government. We all know it is best to keep our government open; however, how do we do that safely.

1. Practice social distancing
2. Try not to have more than 10 people to a meeting if at all possible
3. May need to limit the number of staff working at any given time
4. Could implement a temperature check at the door for all employees and/or customers
5. Implement extra cleaning sifts (at least 3 times per day for all public areas)
6. Have people make appointments to limit the number of people waiting in line
7. Public meetings could be done remotely

Currently, the symptoms being reported are fever (over 100.4), respiratory distress (trouble breathing) and a dry cough. Currently, they do not have enough kits to conduct testing for everyone; however, they are preparing for that. The recommendation for anyone with the symptoms (who has not been tested) is to self-isolate for at least 7 days. If fever is done (for at least last three days) and symptoms are improving, then can return to work.

Ms. Hardin suggested the following: practice social distancing, if staff becomes sick, have them stay home for at least the recommended 7 days, try to keep your hands away from your mouth and eyes, and wash them frequently.

Mike Ryan stated that if anyone needs supplies, to let him know. They are also looking at opening a portion of the schools for daycare for “essential” personnel. He emphasized for everyone to go at this cautiously and to prepare for the long haul. One area that people are not talking about is those who will be suffering from depression over this pandemic.

Ms. Hardin also suggested scheduling a “huddle” with all Department Heads every other day to keep everyone informed.

Motion made by Buschmann, second by Helmrichs and carried to leave the courthouse open to the public with limited access to offices as determined by the individual department heads. All Ayes

There being no further business before the Board, the special session was closed at 11:15 am.

These minutes have been read and approved.

/S/ Jeff Madlom, Chairperson

/S/ Carla K. Becker, County Auditor