

March 20, 2020

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
COUNTY OF DAKOTA)
OFFICE OF COUNTY BOARD)

Call To Order And Roll Call

Commissioner Mike Slavik
Commissioner Kathleen A. Gaylord
Commissioner Thomas A. Egan
Commissioner Joe Atkins
Commissioner Liz Workman
Commissioner Mary Liz Holberg
Commissioner Chris Gerlach

Also in attendance were: Matt Smith, County Manager; James Backstrom, County Attorney; Tom Donely, First Assistant County Attorney; and Jeni Reynolds, Sr. Administrative Coordinator to the Board.

Due to the local state of emergency and social distancing, Commissioners participated in this meeting via telephone and the Board meeting was conducted under Minn. Stat. § 13D.021 .

Video and audio of this County Board meeting are available on the Dakota County website.

Pledge Of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair Mike Slavik who welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Approval Of Agenda (Additions/Corrections/Deletions)

Motion: Kathleen A. Gaylord

Second: Joe Atkins

On a motion by Commissioner Kathleen A. Gaylord, seconded by Commissioner Joe Atkins, the agenda was unanimously approved.

Chair Mike Slavik gave a brief overview of the current local state of emergency due to COVID-19 (coronavirus).

REGULAR AGENDA

County Board/County Administration

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Consent To Continued Local State Of Emergency Pursuant To Minnesota Statutes Chapter 12 Regarding COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

The following staff gave brief updates/status of their divisions:

- Bonnie Brueshoff, Public Health Director
- Jean Erickson, Deputy County Manager (Countywide operational status and planning)
- Steve Mielke, Physical Development Director
- Stephanie Radtke, Community Services Deputy Director
- Tom Novak, Public Services and Revenue Director
- James Backstrom, County Attorney
- Tim Leslie, Sheriff
- Tom Donely, First Assistant County Attorney

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The resolution was approved as follows, with language modifications.

Motion: Thomas A. Egan

Second: Chris Gerlach

WHEREAS, there is a global COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has declared a National Emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Minnesota has declared a Peacetime Emergency; and

WHEREAS, subject matter experts have determined that proactive measures must be undertaken to reduce the impact of the COVID-19, and activity will be beyond the usual resources of Dakota County; and

WHEREAS, response and support to affected individuals, communities, medical systems, businesses, and the government has caused a significant impact on Dakota County as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 12.29 gives authority to the Chair of the Dakota County Board of Commissioners to declare a local emergency in Dakota County for a period of three days, after which a meeting of the Board of County Commissioners will be needed to resolve to continue the local emergency; and

WHEREAS, upon the recommendation of the Dakota County Manager and the Risk and Homeland Security Manager, the Chair of the Dakota County Board of Commissioners declared a local state of emergency in Dakota County on March 17, 2020; and

WHEREAS, a declaration of local state of emergency invokes Dakota County's powers to quickly provide emergency aid, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 12.37; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the declaration of a local state of emergency, Dakota County closed all County public-facing services effective Wednesday, March 18, 2020, through at least Wednesday, April 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Chair's declaration of local emergency may not be continued for more than three days from the date of issuance except by or with the consent of the Dakota County Board of Commissioners, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 12.29.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby finds that the COVID-19 pandemic, the potential for an outbreak in Dakota County, and the need for extraordinary and immediate measures to protect the health, safety, and welfare of Dakota County residents and employees will not be resolved in the immediate future; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners declares that the local state of emergency remains ongoing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners consents to the continuation of the local state of emergency until the passage of a termination resolution by the Dakota County Board of Commissioners; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners delegates to the County Manager authority to exercise the emergency powers outlined in Minn. Stat. Chapter 12 and any other authority conferred by state or federal law or by executive order for the duration of this local state of emergency, including the authority to maintain closures of County public-facing services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners directs the County Manager and the Risk and Homeland Security Manager to coordinate such actions and activities as necessary and request such local, state and/or federal assistance as needed to protect lives and public and private property in Dakota County and the recovery of Dakota County from the impacts resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic to the extent

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practicable and allowed by law, ordinance and resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all Dakota County ordinances, rules, and policies that may inhibit or prevent prompt response to COVID-19 are suspended for the duration of the local emergency, in the sole discretion of the Dakota County Manager or designee. Still, any such suspension by the County Manager shall be timely reported to the Chair of the County Board and all County Commissioners.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

County Manager's Report

County Manager Matt Smith thanked staff and the public during this time of continuous changes.

Information

See Attachment A - Future Board Meetings And Other Board Activities

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Adjournment

Motion: Kathleen A. Gaylord

Second: Joe Atkins

On a motion by Commissioner Kathleen A. Gaylord, seconded by Commissioner Joe Atkins, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Mike Slavik
Chair

ATTEST

Matt Smith
County Manager