

SPECIAL MEETING OF HETTINGER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
March 18, 2020

At 9:00 a.m. the commissions met for special meeting with all members voting in favor and motions carried unless noted otherwise. Present were Ron Friedt, Angela Carlson and John Plaggemeyer.

Plaggemeyer made the motion to approve an Emergency Declaration RESOLUTION #2020-1, WHEREAS, the Coronavirus (COVID-19) is a severe respiratory illness which has been found capable of spreading from person-to-person, thereby posing a threat to the health and safety of the residents of Hettinger County; and WHEREAS, no drug or vaccine is currently available to treat or prevent COVID-19; and WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Governor of North Dakota issued Executive Order 2020-03 declaring a state of emergency within North Dakota in response to the public health crisis, pursuant to his constitutional and statutory authority; and WHEREAS, North Dakota Century Code Chapter 37-17.1 contemplates that counties may declare an emergency, and state and local jurisdictions may work cooperatively to address emergency situations; and WHEREAS, Hettinger County has or may experience the presence of COVID-19 within our jurisdiction; and WHEREAS, Article 2 of Hettinger County's Home Rule Charter empowers the Hettinger County Commission to provide for the health, safety and welfare of its citizens;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hettinger County Board of Commissioners finds that Hettinger County has or will experience COVID-19 within Hettinger County and hereby declares a state of emergency exists in Hettinger County;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that departments of Hettinger County Government are authorized to implement actions and mitigation measures which, together with federal, state and other local agencies will limit the hardships and impacts related to COVID-19 upon Hettinger County citizens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Declaration shall extend for a period of thirty (30) days from the date hereof, unless it is sooner amended or terminated by the Hettinger County Board of Commissioners, but may also be expended for additional periods thereafter. The motion was seconded by Carlson. Carried.

Carlson made the motion to approve the Personnel Policy associated with Coronavirus (Covid-19) and to have the courthouse to have limited access by the public, and to allow the Emergency Manager along with the Risk Managers to determine if access should become more limited as to a closure to the public. (This was determined later in the day.) Seconded by Plaggemeyer.

Amber Hoheisel, Tax Director, met with the board to tell them that the new soils were implemented according to state regulations. She will be sending out Increase of Assessment notices to the landowners.

ATTEST _____
Jeri G. Schmidt, AUDITOR

Ron Friedt, CHAIRMAN