

ELK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
APPROVED MINUTES
March 16, 2020

Special Meeting

1:00 p.m. - Call to Order
1:00 p.m. – Coronavirus Preparedness

Adjournment

Commissioners Present:

Shari Kaminska, District I
Alan Coble, District II
David Evans, District III (Chairman)

County Clerk: Kerry Harrod

Others:

Stephanie Ollenborger, ROD
Don Sanders, Public Works
Marla Ware, PIO
Ken Mitchell, EMS
Erica Cordell, Co Atty
Erin Meador, Dist. Ct.
Joan Murphy
Dr. Rob Hutchison
Richard Fechter

Beth Koehler, EM
Kandy Dowell, Health
Doug Hanks, Sheriff
Joe Lee, Co Atty
Kristen Hutchison, Dist. Ct.
Teresa Wells, Appraiser Office
Teresa Beitz
Shirly Black

Call to Order

Chairman Evans called the special meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. in the Commission Room of the Courthouse. Commissioners Kaminska, Evans, and Coble were present as well as County Clerk Kerry Harrod.

Coronavirus Preparedness

Discussion was had regarding the steps we should all take to protect ourselves and others against the Coronavirus. These steps include social distancing, washing your hands, don't touch your face, disinfect work areas often, and limit your travel. A reliable source on the Coronavirus is the Kansas Department of Health and Environment's website at www.kdheks.gov. Kandy Dowell stated she has weekly webinars with KDHE on Thursdays to keep the Health Office up to date. Kansas Governor Laura Kelly has developed an education task force to help plan how Kansas children will be educated if the schools are closed for the rest of the year. Magistrate Judge Kristen Hutchison stated some jury trials and some hearings are being continued. Joan Murphy with the Council on Aging stated the public transportation buses will still run, unless the individual has flu like symptoms with a fever. Mrs. Murphy will contact the Senior Centers to discuss meal delivery options instead of inhouse meals at the centers. Shirly Black with the Moline Rural Health Clinic stated there are plans in place to call your healthcare provider, wait in your car until a mask is brought to you and then you can come in to be evaluated. The testing kits are very limited at this time. Dr. Rob Hutchison stated the at-risk groups include the elderly, people with weak immune systems and underlying health issues. Discussion was had regarding extended sick leave for County employees due to the Coronavirus, but no action was taken. Richard Fechter with the Elk County Extension Office stated one employee will be at the office and he will be working from home until April 4, 2020. All meetings and events have been canceled through April 4, 2020. West Elk will be having a special board meeting Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. regarding school closure. Commissioner Kaminska moved and Commissioner Coble seconded the motion to adopt Resolution 20-03 regarding Coronavirus Preparedness. Motion carried 3-0. Resolution 20-03 will be posted on the County website at www.elkcountyks.org.

Adjournment

Commissioner Kaminska moved and Commissioner Coble seconded the motion to adjourn at 1:50 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

ATTEST:

Kerry E. Harrod
Elk County Clerk

Shari Kaminska, District I

Alan Coble, District II

David Evans, District III (Chairman)