

PENNINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Special Meeting of March 21, 2020

The Pennington County Board of Commissioners met at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 21, 2020, in the Commission Chambers in the County Administration Building, Rapid City, South Dakota. Chair Deb Hadcock called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Gary Drewes, Lloyd LaCroix and Ron Rossknecht. Mark DiSanto attended via telephone.

REVIEW AND APPROVE AGENDA

MOVED by Drewes and seconded by Rossknecht to approve the agenda as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: DiSanto, aye; Drewes, aye, Hadcock, aye; LaCroix, aye, Rossknecht, aye. Motion carried 5-0.

RESOLUTION

MOVED by Rossknecht and seconded by Drewes to approve the following resolution. Substitute motion: MOVED by LaCroix to make an amendment to the motion that all updates come from Commissioner Gary Drewes to the public and the rest of the Commissioners. Motion died for lack of second. Vote on original motion - ROLL CALL VOTE: DiSanto, nay; Drewes, aye; Hadcock, aye; LaCroix, aye, Rossknecht, aye. Motion carried 4 to 1.

**PENNINGTON COUNTY RESOLUTION
RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE DECISION MAKING AUTHORITY
TO THE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR ABOUT EMERGENCY POLICY
DECISIONS REGARDING COVID-19 RELATED ISSUES**

WHEREAS, on Friday, March 13, 2020, Kristi Noem, Governor of the State of South Dakota, per Executive Order 2020-04, declared a state of emergency in all counties in the State of South Dakota; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a severe respiratory disease transmitted by the person-to-person spread of the novel coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a public health emergency posing conditions that may endanger the public health, safety and welfare of all persons within the borders of Pennington County, SD; and

WHEREAS, new developments have the potential to occur at a rapid pace; and

WHEREAS, county operations include facilities that operate twenty-four hours a day; and

WHEREAS, decisions regarding employees and operational closures may require swift and timely decision making; and

WHEREAS, under SDCL 7-8-20 (7), the Board of County Commissioners has the power to superintend the fiscal concerns of the county and secure their management in the best possible manner; and

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WHEREAS, under SDCL 7-8-20 (10), the Board of County Commissioners has the power to perform such duties and acts as it is or may hereafter be required to do and perform; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners finds it is in the best interests of Pennington County to delegate its authority to the Chair and Vice Chair to perform such duties and acts as set forth in this Resolution in order to ensure swift and timely decisions in response to the present public health emergency;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Pennington County, South Dakota, the Chair and Vice Chair are hereby authorized to make emergency policy and operating decisions regarding COVID-19 related issues; and

BE IT FURTHER IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Pennington County, South Dakota, deem the passage of this resolution to be an emergency measure in the best interest of the public health, safety and welfare and therefore said resolution shall take effect immediately upon approval.

Dated this 21st day of March, 2020.

Pennington County Board of Commissioners
/s/ Deb Hadcock, Chair

Attest:
/s/ Cindy Mohler, Auditor

FAMILIES FIRST CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE ACT (HR 6201): PENNINGTON COUNTY POLICY

ANY AND ALL OTHER BUSINESS RELATED TO COVID-19 VIRUS

MOVED by Drewes and seconded by DiSanto to schedule a special meeting at 9:00 a.m. on March 27, 2020. ROLL CALL VOTE: DiSanto, aye, Drewes, aye; Hadcock, aye; LaCroix, aye; Rossknecht, aye. Motion carried 5 – 0.

MOVED by LaCroix and seconded by Drewes to continue Families First Coronavirus Response Act (HR6201) – Pennington County Policy to the special meeting on March 27, 2020. ROLL CALL VOTE: DiSanto, aye, Drewes, aye; Hadcock, aye; LaCroix, aye; Rossknecht, aye. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Commissioner Mark DiSanto left the meeting at 3:45 p.m.

MOVED by Drewes and seconded by LaCroix to direct Holli Hennies, Commission Office Manager, to create a communication with our congressional representatives urging them to include

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counties and local governments in any direct assistance funding related to COVID-19. Vote: Unanimous.

ADJOURN

MOVED by Drewes and seconded by Rossknecht to adjourn the meeting. Vote: Unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

/s/ Cindy Mohler, Auditor

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