

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF NOBLES COUNTY,  
MINNESOTA**

The County Board of Nobles County met in emergency session per Minnesota Statute 13D.04 Subd. 3 this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020, in the Board of Commissioners Room, at the Nobles County Government Center, Worthington, Minnesota. The following Commissioners were in attendance: Justin Ahlers, Matt Widboom, Gene Metz, Donald Linssen and Robert Demuth Jr.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ahlers at 8:30 A.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

<b>1.0 Call to Order</b>	
<b>2.0 Pledge of Allegiance</b>	
<b>3.0 Approval of Agenda</b>	
<b><u>VOTING</u></b> It was duly passed to approve the agenda as presented. Motion by: Metz, Gene Seconded by: Widboom, Matt	
<b>4.0 County Emergency Declaration</b>	
<b>A.</b>	<b>County Emergency Declaration</b> <b><u>Attachments:</u></b> Resolution 202016
Tom Johnson, Nobles County Administrator, presented the Board with information regarding a temporary Declaration, Resolution (202015) that was signed by Commissioner Ahlers on 03/17/20. This Declaration is good for 72 hours which is why an Emergency Board meeting was needed to adopt a more long term Declaration. The Declaration makes the County eligible for reimbursements and financial support that may be available through the Federal and State Governments. The Declaration also allows the Emergency Manager/Administration to purchase needed supplies that might otherwise need board approval.	
<b><u>VOTING</u></b> It was duly passed to adopt Resolution 202016. Moved by: Widboom, Matt Seconded by: Linssen, Donald	
<b>5.0 Library Closure</b>	
Discussion was held on the closure of the public Library. The decision was made on 03/17/20 to not open to the public beginning on 3/18/20. There was discussion on remaining available to be partially open or offer certain services. However, it was ultimately decided to be completely closed to the public at this time until further notice. (See motion on item 7.0)	
<b>7.0 Possible Other Closures</b>	
Michelle Ebbers, Public Health Supervisor and Stacie Golombiecki, Community Services Director reported on their office and staff and plans that are being discussed because the majority of their staff is "essential". At this time there is no formal plan but one is being discussed on "what if" situations for all county staff if a closure is required. Sue Luing, Human Resource Director, reported that at this time there is no policy in place as far as leave and compensation regarding the Covid-19 but if an employee does not feel safe at work they can choose to stay home but would need to use their annual leave at this time.	

**6.0 Postponement of the ½ Cent Sales Tax Public Hearing**

Discussion was held on postponing the ½ cent sales tax public hearing to a later date to give the public the option to attend.

It was duly passed to postpone the ½ cent sales tax public hearings (both the 9:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.) to a later date to be determined.

Moved by: Metz, Gene

Seconded by: Widboom, Matt

**7.0 Possible Other Closures**

Discussion was continued on the closure of the county buildings including the Library and Prairie Justice Center.

It was duly passed to close all Nobles County facilities to the public until further notice with the exception of: Courts, County Attorney's office and Rock Nobles Community Corrections.

Moved by: Widboom, Matt

Seconded by: Demuth, Robert S.

**VOTING**

It was duly passed to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 A.M.

Moved by: Metz, Gene

Seconded by: Demuth, Robert S.



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(Chairperson)



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(County Administrator)