

POSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 2020.

The Board of Commissioners held an emergency meeting on Friday, March 20, 2020 at the Posey County EMS building. Commissioners Carl Schmitz, Jay Price and Randy Thornburg; Auditor Maegen Greenwell and County Attorney Joe Harrison were in attendance.

Commissioner Carl Schmitz asked if Dr. Rapp would be the spokesperson for Posey County during this State of Emergency. Denny Schaefer contacted Dr. Rapp and he agreed. R. Thornburg made a motion to appoint Posey County Health Officer, Dr. Kyle Rapp, as the County spokesperson and a representative from the Health Department to be an alternative choice; J. Price seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

County Attorney, Joe Harrison, presented an Emergency Order for the Commissioners to sign regarding the closures of establishments such as barber shops, beauty salons, tanning facilities, gyms or fitness facilities, tattoo parlors, nail salons, and bowling alleys.

Commissioner Jay Price asked the Health Department to explain what this order means as far as what is considered close contact facilities.

Martye Fitts, Posey County Health Nurse, stated the establishments included are businesses whose operations include close contact. Mrs. Fitts stated for example, you cannot cut someone's hair without that close contact. Mrs. Fitts stated she has been in contact with other local business, whom this order doesn't pertain to, and given those companies guidelines to follow to help ensure the safety of their employees.

Mr. Harrison stated the Emergency Order in consideration would go into effect at midnight on March 20th and expire at midnight on March 27, 2020 but subject to further extension by the Posey County Commissioners.

J. Price made a motion to approve this emergency order adding tattoo parlors, nail salons and bowling alleys; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with vote of 3-0.

Bill Curtis, City of Mt. Vernon Mayor, informed the Commissioners that the City continues to operate with their public buildings closed to the public. Mayor Curtis stated he has stayed in contact with the Health Department.

Poseyville Town Council President, Bruce Baker, informed the Commissioners that the Town buildings in Poseyville remain closed to the public.

Posey County EMA Director, Larry Robb, stated he has been in contact with the State of Indiana regarding supplies that will be needed for Posey County. Mr. Robb informed the Commissioners the State of Indiana has a plan in place to distribute supplies from the strategic stockpile in Indianapolis to aid Counties at this time.

Posey County EMS Director, Chris Neaveill, informed the Commissioners they have closed all their buildings to the public. Mr. Neaveill stated the State has waived several procedures for his department; such as allowing them to use expired equipment, if needed and relaxing the requirements for who may drive the ambulance. Mr. Neaveill stated his department could use gowns, if the Health Department had any extra or knew where to get them from. Mr. Neaveill stated he is stocked on other PPE items. Mr. Neaveill stated phone calls into dispatch are still being screened before his crew will go into the house.

Posey County Treasurer, Vicki Peerman, stated the Commissioner's Tax sale that was scheduled for April 6, 2020 was postponed. Mrs. Peerman stated it would be rescheduled for a later date.

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J. Price stated Wessler Engineering has requested access to the Counties GIS program in regards to the Sewer District Project.

J. Price made a motion to sign this request; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.


ELECTION DAY HOLIDAY

J. Price made a motion to change the 2020 County holiday schedule to reflect the change in the Election day from May 5, 2020 to June 2, 2020; R. Thornburg seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

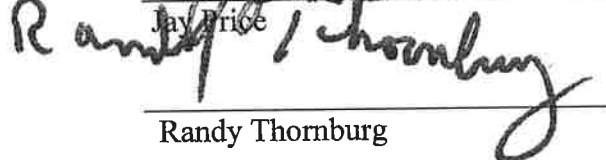
No other business was discussed and the meeting was recessed.



Carl Schmitz



Jay Price



Randy Thornburg



Attest: Maegen L. Greenwell