

WARRICK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
EMERGENCY SESSION
COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM
107 W. Locust Street, Suite 303
Boonville, Indiana
March 17, 2020
4:06 P.M.

The Warrick County Commissioners met in emergency session with Dan Saylor, President; Robert Johnson, Vice President; and Terry Phillippe, Member. Attorney Todd Glass and Administrator Roger Emmons were in attendance.

Auditor Debbie Stevens and Chief Deputy Auditor BJ Farrell attended and recorded the minutes.

Also present were Aaron Franz, Warrick County Health Department Director; Dave Woolen, Warrick County Emergency Management; Sheriff Mike Wilder, and Chief Deputy Sheriff Paul Kruse.

President Dan Saylor called the meeting to order at 4:06 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATION 2020-01

Commissioner Saylor: Today, we have called a special emergency meeting to address the very fluid COVID, Coronavirus 2019, COVID-19 situation in Warrick County. And of course it's facing the U.S. and our State. So, with that being said, that's the first order of business and I think our Legal Counsel, will you go ahead and read the Proclamation that is before us today?

Todd Glass: Reading the local Proclamation into the record, this is the Local Emergency Proclamation 2020-01 for Warrick County, Indiana.

(Attorney Todd Glass read the following into the record)

**LOCAL EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION
FOR WARRICK COUNTY, INDIANA**
2020-01

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus 2019 ("COVID-19") is a severe respiratory illness that was first detected in the City of Wuhan. Hubei Province, China; and

WHEREAS, COVID- 19 is a rapidly spreading virus that is transmitted from human to human and results in symptoms ranging from fever, cough, acute respiratory distress, pneumonia and even death; and

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2020, the Governor of the State of Indiana declared a public health emergency for COVID-19 pursuant to Executive Order 20-02; and

WHEREAS, the Public Health Officer Designee of Warrick County, Indiana, Aaron Franz, has recommended Warrick County declare a local emergency as a result of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Warrick County, Indiana has been or is immediately threatened by COVID- 19; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Indiana has issued additional directives with respect to COVID-19 which supplements Executive Order 20-02, and it is anticipated the Governor will continue to issue directives as needed until this emergency has passed; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Warrick County desire to do as much as possible to help flatten the curve of the spread of COVID-19 and, in an abundance of caution, desires to support the actions taken by the Governor of the State of Indiana and to issue additional directives concerning specific governmental operations by and which impact Warrick County, Indiana.

NOW, THEREFORE we, the Board of Commissioners of Warrick County, declare that a state of emergency exists in Warrick County and that we hereby invoke and declare those portions of the Indiana Code which are applicable to the conditions that have caused the issuance of this proclamation, to be in full force and effect throughout Warrick County, Indiana, for the exercise of all emergency authority for the protection of the lives and property of the people of Warrick County and with the goal of the restoration of local government with a minimum of interruption.

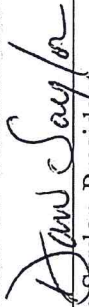
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

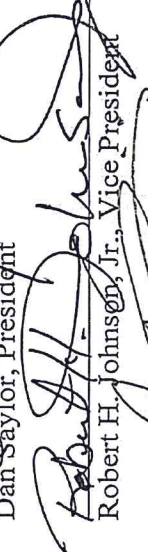
1. All public offices and employees of Warrick County, Indiana, are hereby directed to exercise the utmost diligence and discharge of duties required of them for the duration of the emergency and the execution of emergency laws, regulations and directives -- state and local.


2. All citizens of Warrick County are called upon and directed to comply with necessary emergency measures to cooperate with public officials and disaster service forces and execute emergency operation plans and to obey and comply with the lawful directions of properly identified officers.
3. From and after 5:00 p.m. on March 17, 2020, there shall be no public access except by prior appointment to the Warrick County Historic Courthouse, the Warrick County Jail, or any other County building or facility during the pendency of this proclamation. Furthermore, there shall be no public access to the Warrick County Judicial Center except for necessary individuals attending emergency Court proceedings as directed by the Courts, or by prior appointment to all other County offices.
4. This Proclamation shall remain in full force and effect for a period of twenty-one (21) days, expiring at midnight on April 7, 2020, subject to amendment or extension by the undersigned Board of Commissioners.

Passed and adopted by the Warrick County Board of Commissioners this 17th day of March, 2020.

WARRICK COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


Dan Saylor, President


Robert H. Johnson, Jr., Vice President


Terry J. Phillippe, Member

ATTEST:


Deborah K. Stevens, Auditor

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:


Todd L. Glass, Esq., County Attorney

Todd Glass: I would mention, Mr. President, that we amend your item number three (3) to include, no public access except by prior appointment also to the Judicial Center because of the public offices located there.

Commissioner Saylor: Right.

Todd Glass: In addition to individuals, parties, witnesses, and counsels as directed by the Courts that are attending emergency court proceedings.

Commissioner Saylor: Okay.

Todd Glass: So, if you wish to make a motion to adopt Emergency Proclamation 2020-01 with that amendment.

Commissioner Saylor: Okay, Commissioner, do I have a motion to adopt the...?

Commissioner Johnson: I'll make that motion.

Commissioner Saylor: Okay. I have a first.

Commissioner Phillippe: I'll second.

Commissioner Saylor: So, I have a first and a second. Any discussion? All in favor signifying by saying, aye.

Commissioner Johnson and Commissioner Phillippe: Aye.

Commissioner Saylor: Aye. Motion carries three, zero (3-0). So, with that being said, that was the only order of business that we had for this meeting. So, with that being said, I need a motion to adjourn.

Commissioner Johnson: Second.

Commissioner Saylor: First and a second. All in favor by signifying saying, aye.

Commissioner Phillippe: Aye.

Commissioner Johnson: Aye.

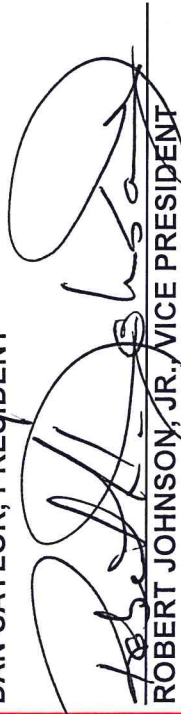
Commissioner Saylor: Aye. Motion carries three, zero (3-0). Meeting's adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 4:10 P.M.


WARRICK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



DAN SAYLOR, PRESIDENT



ROBERT JOHNSON, JR., VICE PRESIDENT



TERRY PHILIPPE, MEMBER

ATTEST:


DEBORAH K. STEVENS, AUDITOR
WARRICK COUNTY, INDIANA

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