

WARRICK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
REGULAR SESSION
COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM
107 W. Locust Street, Suite 303
Boonville, Indiana
May 19, 2020
4:01 P.M.

The Warrick County Commissioners met in regular session with Dan Saylor, President; Robert Johnson, Vice President; and Terry Phillippe, Member. Attorney Todd Glass was in attendance.

Chief Deputy Auditor BJ Farrell and Recording Secretary Kristine Georges attended and recorded the minutes.

President Dan Saylor called the meeting to order at 4:01 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS SUSPENDED.

RESTATED RESOLUTION 2020-08

Commissioner Saylor: We'll call this regular session to order for May 19, 2020. So, we will pass on the pledge since the public's not here. This is not being broadcast, right? So, first item on the agenda or the only item on the agenda is the Restated Resolution 2020-08. Counselor?

Todd Glass: Thank you, Mr. President. This is a proposed Restated Resolution 2020-08. This original Resolution, passed Friday, May 8th, included some relaxed guidelines for public access to Warrick County facilities and buildings and included provisions for face coverings for health purposes. And after further consultation with various County Departments and the Sheriff's Office with input from members of the Board of Commissioners, we have in front of you a proposed edit. Instead of mandating public use face coverings, it is therefore resolved that people entering the buildings and facilities of the County shall be strongly encouraged to wear masks or other similar facial coverings for health purposes of both public and employees of the County. And you'll see that edit. I just need the Commissioners to discuss and consider through what date you want that requirement to remain in effect.

Commissioner Phillippe: I have kind of a question. So, there on page two (2), almost the middle of the page. Why are we changing? I know we don't have to change (inaudible), is there a line in the sand somewhere else from June 5th?

Todd Glass: Well, we were trying to figure that out exactly, Commissioner Phillippe, and I believe I just chose that date for you to consider. You can of course consider any other date. But that's the date right after the Governor's State of Health Emergency expires. But that doesn't mean that these restrictions on public access of County facilities can certainly continue and continue to any date you believe is appropriate. Certainly the end of June is another key date. We're all at Phase 4, actually, I think expires then.

Heather Soberg: And July 1st is the projected date for the Courts to begin some more jury trial type things and see more activity.

Commissioner Saylor: Granger's Court is going to see a trial or something on Friday, right?

Heather Soberg: Um hum. They're doing a sentencing.

Todd Glass: And in speaking with Judge Granger, he doesn't know exactly what all three (3) Judges are thinking, but in his opinion, he told me that he did not believe the courts were going to mandate face coverings, but were strongly encouraging them. Vanderburgh County's Courts, for some period of time that I couldn't tell you right off the top of my head, are mandating face coverings. But, you're getting different approaches by the Courts all over the board on that. But most other contiguous counties are not mandating. So, he did not think that Warrick County Courts would either.

Heather Soberg: And there wasn't anything in the document from the Supreme Court that mandated it. It was all a suggestion and up until July 1st, the suggestions for doing as much via the web and distance as opposed to having in person contact until that July 1st date. But, I do understand from a couple of employees within the Courts, they are going to start having some people in the building.

Todd Glass: Certainly, with proper signage encouraging facial coverings as they enter the buildings there would be, as a personal opinion, probably find most folks following those requests. The other changes you'll see also reference the early voting and that begins next Tuesday on the first floor of the Judicial Center and individuals of course we've added that category of access to the government facilities beginning next Tuesday just to also follow these guidelines, which if you pass it, you know, with this wording, also encourages facial coverings. I know that Commissioner Saylor spoke with Andrew Skinner with the Election Board today. They also have masks available to offer for use by the public for that early voting. So, I think, unless you come up with any other concerns, just the effective date through which these restrictions and the facial covering recommendation would run through.

Commissioner Saylor: Counselor, let me ask you this. So, so in question right now is June 5th. So, if we kept it at June 5th and we want to make a change, we have to have a meeting on June 5th? Could we, right?

Todd Glass: Or any time prior to June 5th.

Commissioner Saylor: Well, then June 8th is our regular scheduled meeting. Can we just change that to June at the end of the business or on June 8th, and then we can make a change on June 8th for June 9th?

Todd Glass: Certainly, 4:00 PM, June 8th and that change could...

Commissioner Saylor: Instead of June 5th on a Friday, where we would have to meet sometime up here, let's just kick it to the 8th, then we can take care of it with our regular session meeting.

Todd Glass: And that could be a further change to these guidelines relaxing further access requirements for the facilities, continuing them or anything...

Commissioner Saylor: So, we should just put, go ahead and put that, add that to the agenda for the June 8th regular session?

Todd Glass: Certainly.

Commissioner Saylor: Sound good, Counsel? Commissioners?

Commissioner Saylor: Sounds good to me.

Commissioner Phillippe: I'm good with that.

Commissioner Saylor: Any other, any other recommendations, Todd or...

Todd Glass: No, I haven't heard of any other concerns from Heather or Department Heads regarding the content of the Resolution. Other than that, that would probably put you in good shape between now and the 8th.

Commissioner Saylor: Okay. Alright. With that being said, do I have a motion?

Commissioner Phillippe: I make a motion to pass the Restated Resolution 2020-08.

Commissioner Saylor: I'll second.

Commissioner Saylor: First and a second. All in favor say, aye.

Commissioner Phillippe: Aye.

Commissioner Saylor: Aye.

Commissioner Saylor: Aye. Motion carries three, zero (3-0). That being said, motion to adjourn?

Commissioner Saylor: So moved.

Commissioner Phillippe: Second.

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

Commissioner Phillippe: Aye.

Commissioner Saylor: Aye.

Commissioner Saylor: Aye. Motion carries three, zero (3-0).

(Restated Resolution 2020-08 is located on Pages 3 through 4 of these Official Minutes)

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

WARRICK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



DAN SAYLOR, PRESIDENT



ROBERT JOHNSON, JR., VICE PRESIDENT



TERRY PHILLIPPE, MEMBER

ATTEST:



DEBORAH K. STEVENS, AUDITOR
WARRICK COUNTY, INDIANA

RESTATED RESOLUTION 2020-08

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WARRICK COUNTY, INDIANA, CONCERNING CERTAIN EMPLOYMENT POLICIES AND ACCESS TO COUNTY BUILDINGS DURING EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2020, the Governor of the State of Indiana declared a public health emergency as a result of the novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 ("COVID-19") outbreak in Indiana;

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the Board of Commissioners of Warrick County declared a local disaster emergency as a result of COVID-19 in Warrick County, which declaration has subsequently been renewed on March 24, 2020 and April 1, 2020;

WHEREAS, on April 5, 2020, the Governor of the State of Indiana renewed its declaration of a public health emergency, with such declaration to expire on May 5, 2020, unless further renewed;

WHEREAS, on April 6, 2020, the Board of Commissioners of Warrick County renewed its declaration of a local disaster emergency for Warrick County, with such declaration to expire in conjunction with the public health emergency as decreed by the Governor of the State of Indiana;

WHEREAS, as part of the Board of Commissioners of Warrick County's renewal of its local disaster emergency declaration on April 6, 2020, the Board of Commissioners prohibited public access to any and all County buildings or facilities until midnight on May 5, 2020;

WHEREAS, on April 6, 2020, the Board of Commissioners of Warrick County also adopted Resolution 2020-05, which implemented a certain workforce reduction plan and pay resolution for all County employees effective April 1, 2020 and expiring on May 5, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on May 1, 2020, the Governor of the State of Indiana ordered that the public health emergency declaration shall expire on June 4, 2020, unless further renewed;

WHEREAS, on May 5, 2020, the Board of Commissioners of Warrick County adopted Resolution 2020-07, which extended the prohibition of public access to any and all County buildings or facilities until 4:00 p.m. on May 8, 2020, and which also renewed the certain workforce reduction plan and pay resolution for all County employees to be effective through 4:00 p.m. on May 8, 2020;

WHEREAS, on May 8, 2020, the Board of Commissioners of Warrick County passed and adopted Resolution 2020-08, which permitted access to certain Warrick County buildings

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and facilities under specific circumstances, and which also ended the employee workforce reduction program effective 4:01 p.m. on May 8, 2020;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Warrick County desires to fully restate and replace Resolution 2020-08 with this Restated Resolution 2020-08; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of protecting the health and safety of employees of Warrick County, as well as the citizens of Warrick County, during the public health emergency as declared and subsequently renewed by the Governor of the State of Indiana, while also avoiding disruption of essential County services to which the citizens of Warrick County are entitled to continue receiving, the Board of Commissioners of Warrick County desire to permit access to County buildings and facilities for purposes specifically set forth in this Resolution, and to end the County employee workforce reduction programs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Warrick County, Indiana, that except as otherwise provided below, public access to certain Warrick County buildings and facilities shall continue to be restricted through 11:59 p.m. on May 31, 2020, whereby there shall be no public access to any County building or facility in accordance with the prior appointment. Notwithstanding the foregoing, beginning at 8:00 a.m. on May 11, 2020, the Board of Commissioners of Warrick County hereby permits access to certain County services for the following specific reasons:

1. Warrick County Judicial Center

- a. Clerk's Office
 - i. Individuals may access the Clerk's Office for the purposes of filing or performing actions related to:
 1. Motions; Orders;
 2. Minutes; and
 3. For other reasons by appointment only.

b. Community Corrections

- i. Individuals may access the Community Corrections office for purposes or reasons related to:
 1. Client Evaluations;
 2. Intake;
 3. Driver Testing; and
 4. For other reasons by appointment only.

c. Auditor's Office

- i. Individuals may access the Auditor's Office for the purposes of filing or performing other actions related to:
 1. Filing deductions for individuals over the age of 65 (65+);
 2. Determination of property lines;
 3. Searches of plat books or township books; and

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4. For other reasons by appointment only.

d. Guardian Ad Litem

- i. Individuals may access the Judicial Center for purposes of conducting one-on-one meetings as part of the Guardian Ad Litem program, and for other reasons by appointment only.

e. Early Voting

- i. Individuals may access the 1st Floor of the Judicial Center for purposes of participating in early absentee voting for the 2020 Primary Election, in accordance with the schedule for conducting early absentee voting as set forth by the Warrick County Election Board.

f. Other Offices and Departments

- i. Additional offices and departments located in the Judicial Center shall be by appointment only.

2. Warrick County Historic Courthouse

- a. Health Department
 - i. Individuals may access the Health Department facilities for the purposes of attending re-scheduled appointments with health care providers, current employees, and for other reasons by appointment only.

b. Purdue Extension Office

- i. Individuals may access the Purdue Extension Office by pre-scheduled appointment for the purposes of obtaining 4-H Supplies and other Project Manuals, and for other reasons by appointment only.

c. Veterans Affairs Office

- i. Individuals may access the Veterans Affairs Office by pre-scheduled appointment for the purposes of filing necessary documents or performing other required actions, and for other reasons by appointment only.

d. Other Offices and Departments

- i. Additional offices and departments located in the Historic Courthouse shall be by appointment only.

3. Office Offices and Departments

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a. Public access to the following offices and departments shall be according to the specific policies and guidelines set by such office or department:


- i. Warrick County Economic Development
- ii. Warrick County Sheriff
- iii. Warrick County Jail
- iv. Warrick County Highway
- v. Warrick County Animal Control

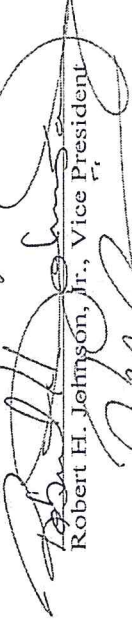
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Warrick County, Indiana, that, beginning 8:00 a.m. on May 11, 2020 through 4:01 p.m. on June 8, 2020, members of the public permitted access to County buildings and facilities in accordance with this Resolution, as well as all third party vendors and contractors retained by Warrick County to perform work inside County buildings and facilities, shall be strongly encouraged to wear a mask or other similar facial covering that adequately covers the individual's nose and mouth at all times while inside County buildings or facilities. Furthermore, individuals shall observe social distancing at all times while present inside a County building or facility, including, without limitation, maintaining a distance of at least six (6) feet from other individuals.

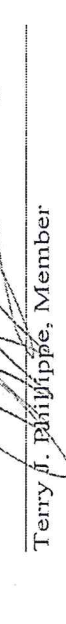
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Warrick County, Indiana, that the workforce reduction plan and pay resolution for County employees as contained in Resolution 2020-05 and extended in Resolution 2020-07 shall expire effective 4:01 p.m. on May 8, 2020. Therefore, beginning 8:00 a.m. on May 11, 2020 and continuing thereafter, all Warrick County offices and departments shall return to full staff. Except as otherwise provided in Resolution 2020-06 with respect to Emergency Leave benefits and other applicable law, any and all leave, paid-time off benefits, and/or other absences of an employee shall be governed by the Warrick County Employee Handbook.

The above Resolution is passed and adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Warrick County, Indiana, this 19th day of May, 2020.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF WARRICK COUNTY, INDIANA


Dan Saylor, President

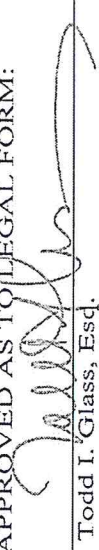

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Warrick County, Indiana

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