

The Board of Supervisors met on 4/10/20 at 10:00 a.m. in the Story County Administration Building. Members present: Linda Murken, Lisa Heddens and Lauris Olson, with Murken presiding. (all audio of meetings available at storycountyiowa.gov). Murken read the special note to the public: due to recommendations to limit gatherings to no more than ten (10) people in order to help slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus, public access to the meeting will be provided via conference call originating from the Story County Administration Building. Murken took roll call.

STATEMENT EXPLAINING WHY A MEETING IN PERSON IS IMPOSSIBLE OR IMPRACTICAL, PER CODE OF IOWA §21.8.1 – In order to slow community spread of COVID-19, no more than ten people can attend a Board meeting; all supervisors are on conference call and anyone may join via conference call.

STATEMENT OF NECESSITY OF MEETING TO BE HELD ON LESS THAN 24 HOUR'S NOTICE PER CODE OF IOWA §21.4.2(b) (IF NECESSARY) – Murken reported on relevant sections of the *Code of Iowa*. The County did give 24-hour notice for this meeting, however, some items were not listed on the posted agenda.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: Heddens moved, Olson seconded adopting the agenda with as presented. Motion carried unanimously (MCU) on a roll call vote.

RECOMMENDATION FROM STORY COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH (BOH) TO ISSUE COVID-19 PRESS RELEASE – Ethan Anderson, Assistant County Attorney, stated no approval is necessary. Heddens stated this is an informational item for the Board. Dr. John Paschen, MD, Chair of the BOH, reported on an upcoming item for the 4/14/20 regular Board meeting agenda. Discussion took place. Paschen requested a set time to present. Michelle Bellile, Clerk, stated Paschen can report at 10:15 a.m. Heddens noted that Leanne Harter, Special Projects Manager and County Outreach, has sent the press release.

Heddens moved, Olson seconded to adjourn at 10:09 a.m. Roll call vote. (MCU)

Story County Board of Supervisors
Agenda for Special Meeting
4/10/20

1. Originating From Administration Building, Story County Public Access Provided Via Conference Call

SPECIAL NOTE TO THE PUBLIC: Due to recommendations to limit gatherings to no more than ten (10) people in order to help slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus, public access to the meeting will be provided via conference call to listen to the meeting. Members of the public who would like to call in:

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**If you have called to listen to the Board of Supervisors meeting and you have a question or comment, You can now text us during the meeting at 515-451-7293

2. CALL TO ORDER: 10:00 A.M.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

4. STATEMENT EXPLAINING WHY A MEETING IN PERSON IS IMPOSSIBLE OR IMPRACTICAL, PER CODE SECTION 21.8.1

5. STATEMENT OF NECESSITY OF MEETING TO BE HELD ON LESS THAN 24 HOUR'S NOTICE PER CODE SECTION 21.4.2(B) - IF NECESSARY

6. UPDATES ON COVID-19

a) Staff

b)Supervisors

7. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD WITH REQUEST FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION:

I. Discussion And Consideration Of Recommendation From Story County Board Of Health To Issue Covid-19 Press Release

Department Submitting Environmental Health on Behalf of Board of Health

Documents:

BOH PRESS RELEASE.PDF

8. OTHER ITEMS:

9. PUBLIC COMMENT #1:

This comment period is for the public to address topics on today's agenda

10. ADJOURNMENT:

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race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. Persons requiring assistance, auxiliary aids or services, or accommodation because of a disability may contact the county's ADA coordinator at (515) 382-7204.



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 Board Member Initials: _____
 Meeting Date: 4/10/20
 Follow-up action: *[Signature]*

PRESS RELEASE
 FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
 April 10, 2020

COVID-19: A Note to Story County Residents

AMES, Iowa— The Story County Board of Health is urging residents to stay vigilant in protecting themselves against COVID-19, with additional cases being diagnosed within our county, and as cases in neighboring counties and throughout Iowa increase rapidly.

Although we are several weeks into the outbreak as a nation, we are just beginning the fight in central Iowa. Now, “flattening the curve” in our own community is more urgent than ever.

One of the most effective ways to prevent exposure to the virus—thus protecting individuals as well as our entire community—is to stay home when possible (and absolutely when ill) and eliminate unnecessary activities and contact with others outside the home. This is especially important because the majority of individuals who contract the virus show either no symptoms or mild symptoms, but can still shed the virus into their environment. We applaud those business owners, public sector leadership, and community members who have taken this seriously, allowing employees to work from home or implementing practices such as delivery services, and encourage all to maintain and strengthen these standards where possible for the protection of themselves and our community.

For our essential workers and those who must leave their home for things like food or medical care, practicing social distancing—staying a minimum of six feet away from other individuals—can make a difference in slowing the spread of disease. We urge Story County residents to support one another in social distancing, and are pleased to see our community implementing practices such as allowing staggered work schedules and implementing measures to maintain physical separation and one-way directional flow between individuals.

Additional measures important in preventing COVID-19 include frequent handwashing, avoiding touching your face, frequent washing and disinfecting of surfaces, and appropriate use of personal protective equipment, such as masks and gloves.

For the most up-to-date information, recommendations, and response activities, visit the [US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](https://www.cdc.gov), [Iowa Department of Public Health \(IDPH\)](https://www.idph.iowa.gov), or [Iowa COVID-19](#) websites.

The Story County Board of Health, in collaboration with Story County Public Health, is working closely with the Iowa Department of Public Health, Story County Emergency Management, Story County Board of Supervisors, and other entities to support the health of residents during the COVID-19 pandemic, but we can’t stop this disease on our own. As a Story County resident, YOU are our greatest defense, and we are counting on you to make the right decisions now, so that together, we can save lives and emerge from this pandemic stronger than ever. Keep up the good work Story County, and stay safe.

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