

The Board of Brown County Commissioners met in special session with the following members present: Chairman Dwight A. Kruse, Keith Olsen, and Richard L. Lehmkuhl. Also present were Brown County Clerk, Melissa Gormley. Brown County Attorney, Kevin Hill, was present via video conference. Chairman Kruse opened the meeting at 8:30 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all. Richard Lehmkuhl led the meeting with a prayer.

**COVID-19**

Commissioner Kruse reminded that the special meeting is being held to discuss COVID-19 and reopening of the county. Chastity Schumann, NEK Health Department, and Don Pounds, Brown County Emergency Manager were available via video conference to speak with the commissioners. Brown County Elected Officials and Department Heads were also present for the meeting. Discussion was had over Governor Kelly’s press conference and the Phases of opening.

Discussion was had about placing restrictions on restaurants. The commission discussed having a plan in place to reopen businesses that have been closed. This does not include businesses that have been open during the pandemic. Commissioner Lehmkuhl wants the restaurants to be priority to be able to serve people. Pounds stated that he would send out the Governor’s rules to the owners and request a floor plan.

The commission wants plans submitted electronically to Pounds. Commissioner Lehmkuhl stated that the owners should train their employees to abide and understand the rules. The number of patrons in an establishment should follow social distancing rules.

Commissioner Lehmkuhl discussed churches and the social distancing.

Motion by Keith Olsen to pass Phase 1 effective May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 12:01 a.m. All businesses in Brown County will abide by Phase 1 of the governors orders. Restaurants will need to submit an application and seating chart to Don Pounds, Emergency Manager. No self-serve buffets or drinks will be allowed. That will not apply to prepackaged food. Restaurants will maintain social distancing subject to governor’s orders. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried.

The commissioners stated the courthouse will remain closed to the public until May 19, 2020. Treasurer Cheryl Lippold stated the plan agreed to by the department heads follows the governor’s orders, only that it is two weeks behind. The commissioners will review the proposal. Attorney Kevin Hill stated the commission will need to contact Judge Patton and Judge Weingart regarding the proposal.

Motion by Keith Olsen to allow Don Pounds to purchase emergency supplies as needed for the courthouse. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried.

Motion by Richard Lehmkuhl to increase Don Pounds’ credit card limit to \$15,000.00 due to COVID-19. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried.

Motion by Richard Lehmkuhl to adjourn. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:52.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, May 4, 2020, at 8:10 a.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED BY:

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MELISSA GORMLEY, COUNTY CLERK

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DWIGHT A. KRUSE, CHAIRMAN

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KEITH OLSEN, MEMBER

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RICHARD L. LEHMKUHL, MEMBER