

HARDIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES – MARCH 16, 2020  
MONDAY - 8:15 A.M.  
COURTHOUSE LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM

Chair Lance Granzow called the emergency meeting to order. Also present were Supervisors BJ Hoffman and Reneé McClellan; and Matt Jones, Jessica Sheridan, Dave McDaniel, Bruce Dieken, Rocky Reents, Becca Junker, Lori Kadner, Darrell Meyer, Thomas Craighton, Justin Ites, and Angela Silvey.

The emergency meeting was called to order as allowed under Iowa Code Section 21.4(2) and 29C to address public health and safety following the discovery of COVID-19 community spread in Iowa and to begin mobilization efforts as recommended by federal and state agencies.

McClellan moved, Hoffman seconded to approve the agenda as posted. Motion carried.

Thomas Craighton, Emergency Management Coordinator, reviewed the need for a proclamation by the Supervisors and an integrated County response. Further, Craighton requested the Board authorize McClellan to serve as public information officer and liaison between the Board and Emergency Operations Center for the duration of the emergency. The matter will be acted upon at the Board's March 18, 2020 meeting.

Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to approve the following Hardin County Disaster Emergency Proclamation. Roll Call Vote: "Ayes" Hoffman, McClellan, and Granzow. "Nays" None. Motion carried.

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, one of the greatest responsibilities of any elected official is the protection of the electorate served and the protection of the greater public health and safety; and

**WHEREAS**, COVID19 poses a serious and potentially deadly threat to the public and the public health as the Federal Center for Disease Control ("CDC") has noted that serious illness occurs in 16% of cases with older people and people of all ages with severe chronic medical conditions — like heart disease, lung disease and diabetes, for example — seeming to be at a higher risk of developing serious COVID-19 illness and noting that the World Health Organization has determined COVID19 to be a pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, across the globe, the disease has been dramatically spread through contact by those with no known correlation to any affected areas or without contact with those known to be infected, called "community spread" and the Iowa Department of Public Health ("IDPH") has now identified community spread in the Des Moines Metro area and has issued new recommendations for individuals with underlying conditions, and all Iowans should be prepared for cancellations and disruptions in routine activities; and

**WHEREAS**, a high rate of infection has been shown to overwhelm medical systems throughout the world and numerous governmental entities and epidemiologists have stated that community spread in the United States poses the same risk of overwhelming American medical systems; and

**WHEREAS**, the IDPH has recommended the immediate implementation of several mitigation measures to have the most significant impact on slowing the spread of the virus, including avoiding large gatherings of more than 250 people, and considering adjustments for smaller gatherings with high risk groups;

**NOW, THEREFORE, IN CONSIDERATION OF THE FORGOING AND OTHER VALID EMERGENT CONCERNS, THE HARDIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCLAIM THE FOLLOWING:**

We hereby determine that a state of emergency or public danger exists.

We further strongly suggest—consistent with the recommendations of the IDPH—that private gatherings of 250 or more people on private property should be avoided and appropriate adjustment for smaller gatherings with high risk groups should be made.

We further authorize and direct all Hardin County Departments to cooperate and assist where possible Hardin County Emergency Management and Greenbelt Homecare for Hardin County Public Health as necessary to reduce affects from this disaster.

This Proclamation of emergency and public danger is part of an ongoing response of Hardin County to protect public health and safety and may be modified or superseded with more restrictive proclamations at any time as circumstances warrant.

PROCLAIMED THIS 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2020 by the AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CODE OF IOWA AND HARDIN COUNTY.

/s/ Lance Granzow

Lance Granzow, Chair, Hardin County Board of Supervisors

Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

/s/ Lance Granzow

Lance Granzow, Chair  
Board of Supervisors

/s/ Jessica Lara

Jessica Lara  
Hardin County Auditor