

Minutes of Le Sueur County Board of Commissioners Emergency Meeting March 18, 2020

The Le Sueur County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. in the Courthouse at Le Center, Minnesota. Those members present were: John King, Dave Gliszinski, Steve Rohlfing, Lance Wetzel and Danny O'Keefe. Also present were Darrell Pettis and Brent Christian.

On motion by Wetzel, seconded by King and unanimously approved, the Board approved the agenda.

On motion by Wetzel, seconded by O'Keefe and unanimously approved, the Board approved the following resolution:

LE SUEUR COUNTY DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, there is a global COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has declared a National Emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Minnesota has declared a Peacetime Emergency; and

WHEREAS, subject matter experts have determined that proactive measures must be undertaken to reduce the impact of the COVID-19, and activity will be beyond the usual resources of Le Sueur County; and

WHEREAS, response and support to affected individuals, communities, medical systems, businesses and government has caused significant impact to Le Sueur County as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the County Administrator and the Emergency Management Director recommends the County Board of Commissioners declare that a state of emergency exists in Le Sueur County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Le Sueur County Board of Commissioners, hereby declare a local state of emergency in the County of Le Sueur, Minnesota, as of March 19, 2020, due to ongoing and expected responses to and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED The County Administrator and the Emergency Management Director to coordinate such actions and activities as necessary and

request such local, state and/or federal assistance as needed to protect lives and public and private property in Le Sueur County and the recovery of Le Sueur County from the impacts resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic to the extent practicable and allowed by law, ordinance and resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Effective March 19, Le Sueur County is closing all public-facing County services at our Court House, Justice Center, Environmental Services and Highway Department through April 6, 2020, however, the lobby area for the Sheriff's Office will remain open to the public, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Commissioners hereby directs county staff to undertake a period of planning now through April 6, to define creative solutions for serving our residents that do not require person-to-person contact, but deliver these important services. Government services must continue to function, but in a very different way in these times.

On motion by O'Keefe, seconded by Gliszinski and unanimously approved, the Board adjourned the meeting.

ATTEST: _____
Le Sueur County Administrator **Le Sueur County Chairman**