



Nuckolls County Board Minutes



MARCH 18, 2020 PROCEEDINGS OF THE NUCKOLLS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS EMERGENCY MEETING

The Nuckolls County Board of Commissioners met Wednesday, March 18, 2020 in the Board Meeting Room at the Courthouse, Nelson, Nebraska, adjournment of March 16, 2020. Zikmund, Keifer were present for the meeting. Blackstone joined via Telephone. The agenda of said meeting was remitted available media sources and posted at the door. Chairman Zikmund announced the ‘Open Meetings Act Law’ as posted in the Commissioners Board Meeting Room and handouts are available.

The nature of the emergency meeting is to approve a response to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic on behalf of Nuckolls County with respect to the continued provision of county services and availability and use of public buildings, facilities, and community assets.

The board reconvened at 3:00 p.m. Commissioner Zikmund, Commissioner Keifer, County Attorney Hodge, County Clerk Miller were all present. Commissioner Blackstone was present by phone.

County Attorney Hodge explained that Commissioner Zikmund called this Emergency Meeting in order to determine what if any, action Nuckolls County offices should take, regarding the Nuckolls County Employees and Nuckolls County Patron’s health and safety to limit Covid-19 risks and exposures. Hodge explained that he and Zikmund had met previously and Zikmund had signed the Nuckolls County State of Emergency Declaration presented by Emergency Manager Elledge. After being notified that the Nebraska Governor had declared a State of Emergency for Nebraska the previous week and surrounding counties were enforcing inter-office policies to attempt to keep Covid-19 virus exposure to a minimum.

A motion was made by Keifer to approve Nuckolls County Resolution No. 2020. Seconded by Zikmund. Zikmund, Keifer and Blackstone all voted aye. 0 voted Nay. Motion Carried.

NUCKOLLS COUNTY EMERGENCY RESOLUTION NO. 2020

WHEREAS, the potential spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) presents an existential threat to the employees and elected/appointed officials who are located in the Nuckolls County Courthouse, 150 S Main Street, Nelson, Nuckolls County, Nebraska, Nuckolls County Extension Office, 825 S Main Street, Nelson, Nuckolls County, Nebraska, and Nuckolls County Highway Department, 251 S Park Street, Nelson, Nuckolls County, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the most effective means by which to protect these employees and elected/appointed office officials is to limit public access to the Courthouse Building, Extension Office, and Highway Department; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists necessitating immediate action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Nuckolls County Board of County Commissioners that effective at Wednesday on the 18th day of March, 2020, and until further notice, all public access to the Nuckolls County Courthouse, Extension Office, and Highway Department is restricted to the South entrance for only those members of the public arriving for Court proceedings scheduled with the exception of the necessity for handicapped access which shall be restricted to use of the North entrance. All public access to the meetings of the Nuckolls County Board of Commissioners is restricted to the North entrance.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that all public access to the Courthouse, Extension Office, and Highway Department outside of scheduled Court proceedings shall be on an appointment basis only. Scheduled appointments must be made directly with the office for which the public access is necessary. Such limited access shall be permitted only after passing a screening process to determine whether such access should be denied based upon current health screening protocols.



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FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, public access to scheduled appointments with the Nuckolls County Clerks Office, Nuckolls County Veterans Services Office, Nuckolls County District Court Clerk Office, and Nuckolls County Attorney Office is restricted to use of the North entrance.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, public access to scheduled appointments with the Nuckolls County Treasurers Office and Department of Motor Vehicles is restricted to use of the East entrance with the exception of the necessity for handicapped access which shall be restricted to use of the North entrance.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, public access to scheduled appointments with the Nuckolls County Assessors Office, Nuckolls County Court Office, and Nuckolls County Emergency Manager Office is restricted to the South Entrance with the exception of the necessity for handicapped access which shall be restricted to use of the North entrance.

ADOPTED this 18th day of March, 2020.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS,
NUCKOLLS COUNTY, NEBRASKA**

Timothy Zikmund, Chairperson

ATTEST:

James W. Keifer

Carrie Miller, Nuckolls County Clerk

Hodge then explained that he would prepare a Press Release to notify the public and staff of the temporary changes in business routine.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:09 p.m. until Monday, April 6, 2020.

Timothy Zikmund, Chairman
By: Carrie Miller, County Clerk