

STATE OF TEXAS

MARCH 27, 2020

COUNTY OF JOHNSON

COMMISSIONERS COURT

BE IT KNOWN that on the 27th day of March 2020, the Honorable Commissioners Court of Johnson County, Texas, met in Special Session at the Courthouse thereof, in the City of Cleburne, Johnson County, Texas, for the purpose of transacting any and all business that may lawfully be brought before the same. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present, and the following items, having been lawfully posted and filed for record in the office of the County Clerk on March 23, 2020 at 4:45 P.M. were considered:

County Judge, Roger Harmon opened the Meeting with a prayer and then began the discussion of the current status of the Coronavirus Outbreak.

Commissioner Bailey, Precinct #1 addressed the Court to announce that he received communication from Matt Smith, with The Cleburne Times Review, that he was watching the live stream of the Commissioners Court Meeting.

Johnson County Emergency Management Coordinator, Jamie Moore stated that his office has developed a Daily Situation Report; which is being sent out to local leadership and being posted on the Johnson County website. He addressed the discrepancy with the information released by his office and the information provided on the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) website and stated that at this time there are two (2) positive cases, five (5) Persons under Monitoring (PUMs) and one (1) death in Johnson County. Moore discussed the anonymous donation of N95 masks, his office's request to the State of Texas for supplies to fill critical needs and his discussion with the schools and municipalities.

County Judge, Roger Harmon announced that Commissioner Ricky Bailey, Precinct #1 would have to leave shortly in order to attend a Tobacco Board Meeting.

Johnson County Emergency Management Coordinator, Jamie Moore commented that, as a general rule, in regards to the release of information about a Coronavirus Case, he is fully engaged with each municipality and he lets them decide on how to release the information based on what is best for their community. In response to a question, Moore clarified what is meant by "Persons under Monitoring".

County Judge, Roger Harmon commented that although this morning's comments have been positive, he doesn't want to mislead the Public. He stated that the situation can change quickly and that he is watching it very closely. He commented that future orders will come if cases in Johnson County start spiking. He also commented that there is not a drive-thru testing site in the County, so there could be a lot of people who have the virus that the County does not know about. The Judge commented that he heard about the possibility of a private firm creating a drive-thru testing site in Burleson.

Johnson County Emergency Management Coordinator, Jamie Moore commented that his office has looked into what it would look like to centralize testing in Johnson County.

Commissioner Bailey, Precinct #1 left the Commissioners Court Meeting at 9:32 A.M. to attend a Tobacco Board Meeting.

Johnson County Emergency Management Coordinator, Jamie Moore, responding to a question from Commissioner Stringer, commented that the State has to verify information about the individual being tested and jurisdiction; which is why you see a delay in posting, but the person is still being monitored and quarantined. He noted that the Governor did mandate a travel quarantine for anyone traveling from the New York tristate area and New Orleans. And, in

response to a question from Commissioner Woolley, Moore stated that if anyone is symptomatic, they should call their doctor and the doctor will make the determination for testing. He stated that testing is being done on those who meet the CDC criteria and those who do not are being told to quarantine; noting that the County would not know about those cases. He also noted that the state's ability to test has seen exponential growth and that there is a tremendous amount of testing being done in Johnson County. He commented that at this time, it's not about the test kits but the labs capacity to process those tests.

Commissioner Woolley, Precinct #4 addressed the Court to discuss his concerns with the number of hospital beds and the limited hospital resources of the surround southwest counties. He commented that it will not take long for the County to max out when the numbers start spiking.

City of Cleburne Mayor, Scott Cain addressed the Court and discussed the City's approach for their response to the Coronavirus outbreak. He stated the City is in constant communication with the doctor's and the issue right now is the backlog of tests and getting those processed. Mayor Cain said it was his understanding that they are ten (10) plus days behind. In response to Commissioner Woolley's concerns about hospitals, Mayor Cain commented that he has been in communication with Jerrod McGhee of Fun Time RV about bringing RV's to the hospital for support if needed. He stated that he has looked at three basic principles when managing this situation, how do I protect the most vulnerable, how do I keep the panic level down and how do we recover.

Johnson County Medical Authority, Dr. Shaw addressed the Court to provide an update about the Coronavirus Outbreak (COVID-19). He stated he is notified by DSHS daily about who is positive, who is being monitored and who is released.

County Judge, Roger Harmon thanked the Sheriff for working with the Judge and Dr. Shaw and for providing a Deputy to deliver and enforce quarantine orders when they are issued by Dr. Shaw.

In response to a question from Commissioner Stringer, Johnson County Sheriff, Adam King stated that the jail has put measures in place to respond to and manage the situation. They are monitoring and limiting those who come into the jail, they have stocked piled cleaning supplies, ordered specialty air filters, made arrangements with La Salle incase Federal prisoners need to be moved, and they have set aside 6 different zones for quarantine. Sheriff King commented that due to the nature of the jail, they do have experience dealing with infectious diseases.

County Judge, Roger Harmon commented that 98% of his time is dedicated to this issue and he is watching it closely.

Johnson County Personnel Director, Randy Gillespie addressed the Court to provide an update about the Family First COVID-19 Response Act. He stated that the regulations were not drafted and hopefully, he will be able to update the Court Tuesday. He also provided the Court with Temporary Tele-Commuting Policy.

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. DISCUSSION AND TAKE ANY ACTION NEEDED DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK (COVID-19)

Comm. Stringer, seconded by Comm. Howell, made a motion to approve the Johnson County Temporary Telecommuting Policy as presented by Personnel Director, Randy Gillespie, effective today, March 27, 2020.

All voted aye; motion carried.

County Judge, Roger Harmon commented for Court Record that Commissioner Rick Bailey, Precinct #1 had to leave in order to attend a Tobacco Board Meeting.

2. CONSIDERATION OF COUNTY OF JOHNSON, TEXAS, COUNTY JUDGE SECOND AMENDMENT TO DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

Comm. Woolley, seconded by Comm. Stringer, made a motion to approve the County of Johnson, Texas, County Judge Second Amendment to Declaration of Local State of Disaster due to Public Health Emergency.

All voted aye; motion carried.

3. CONSIDERATION OF ORDER #2020-18 - "ORDER OF COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVAL OF COUNTY OF JOHNSON, TEXAS COUNTY JUDGE SECOND AMENDMENT TO DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY"-COUNTY JUDGE

Comm. Woolley, seconded by Comm. Howell, made a motion to approve **Order #2020-18** - "Order of Commissioners Court Approval of County of Johnson, Texas County Judge Second Amendment to Declaration of Local State of Disaster due to Public Health Emergency"-County Judge.

All voted aye; motion carried.

II. WORKSHOP

The Commissioners Court did not convene into Workshop Session.

There being no further business before the Court concerning this agenda, Commissioners Court adjourned at 11:03 A.M.

Approved by:



Roger Harmon, County Judge

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I, Becky Ivey, Johnson County Clerk, attest that the foregoing is a true and accurate accounting of the Commissioners Court's authorized proceedings for March 27, 2020.



FILED & RECORDED
April 13, 2020
Commissioner Court Minutes


Becky Ivey, County Clerk
Clerk of Commissioner's Court
Johnson County, Texas