

Forman, North Dakota
March 31, 2020

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners reconvened at 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room with the following members present: Jason Arth, Lyle Bopp, and, Jerry Waswick. Also present was Jayne Pfau, State's Attorney; Wendy Willprecht, Emergency Manager; Denise Ferderer, Tax Director; Brenda Peterson, Health Unit Administrator; Travis Paeper, Sheriff; & Pam Maloney, Sargent County Auditor. Present via technology were: Bill Anderson, Commissioner; Richard Ruch, Commissioner; Cindy Klapperich, Extension; Candy Hansen, Extension; Melissa Seykora, Extension; Briana Spellerberg, Health Unit; Joyce Chapin, Health Unit; Alison Toepke, Treasurer/Recorder/Clerk of Court; Margie Johnson, State's Attorney Legal Assistant; & Mary Engst, Sargent County Teller.

Ms. Pfau had set up a GoToMeeting for those unable to attend in person.

Covid-19 employee absences were discussed. Motion to adopt Stutsman County's COVID-19 Employee Absences policy as presented by Ms. Pfau as it may be amended from time to time. (Anderson/Arth) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Next the commission discussed changing the current county sick leave policy to be in accordance with FMLA. Motion to remove the phrase "who resides in the employee's household" and to eliminate (See Section 318 for definition of "immediate family) and add "in accordance with the FMLA definition of qualifying family as amended from time to time". (Bopp/Arth) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Bopp and seconded by Commissioner Arth:

The Sargent County Commission operating under their authority provided by NDCC 16.1-04-02 & 16.1-11.1-01 and in consideration of the Governor's declared emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic hereby declares by resolution that all previous county polling locations shall be eliminated for the June 9, 2020 Primary Election as allowed by the Governor's executive order on March 26, 2020. The Commission encourages all qualified citizens to take every opportunity to vote by mail ballot prior to the June 9, 2020 Primary Election.

Upon roll call vote, resolution carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the policy and practices of the Sargent County District Board of Health concerning volunteers during the COVID-19 crisis including registration in the Public Health Emergency Volunteer Reserve/Medical Reserve Corps (PHEVER). (Anderson/Bopp) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Peterson also requested that county employees be allowed to be emergency couriers, if needed. Sheriff Paeper stated that the sheriff's department would be willing to make these runs when needed.

Ms. Peterson also stated that the District Health Unit staff is now trained for contact tracing.

Commissioner Bopp stated that the Governor, through executive order, has suspended NDCC 44-04-19 for the duration of this emergency. That section required governing bodies to also provide a physical location for members of the public to listen/view meetings.

There was lots of discussion on having a plan in place if the governor mandates closure of government buildings and/or an employee or household member of an employee is diagnosed with COVID-19. No decision was made, but it will be something addressed at future meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

JERRY WASWICK – CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

PAM MALONEY– AUDITOR