

Traverse County Commission  
Special Board Meeting  
April 10, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Commission Chairman Mark Gail. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. This is a Special meeting being conducted pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.021, which allows a meeting be conducted by telephone or other electronic means during a health pandemic by the governor of the State of Minnesota in Minnesota Statute Chapter 12. Appearing personally are Dave Salberg, Tom Monson, and Mark Gail. Appearing via Zoom are Kevin Leininger and Todd Johnson. Additionally, there are several members of the public here and listening in through Zoom. The purpose of today's meeting is to discuss COVID-19.

Governor Tim Walz extended the Executive Order Directing Minnesotans to Stay at Home until May 3, 2020 at 11:59 p.m.

The Board approved unanimously that the County Highway Department, Courthouse Offices and Social Services Offices will remain closed to the public and only the hallway between Social Services and the Commissioner room and the lobby at the Law Enforcement Center will remain open until further notice upon a motion by Salberg and second by Monson. The public is encouraged to call and discuss their County business with employees. There is a drop box located between the Courthouse and Social Services by the elevator doors if someone would like to drop something off. Employees will continue to come to work or telework if possible. The Department Heads have the discretion to allow their employees to work from home. The Board strongly recommends working from home during this time as long as they have work that can be done remotely, they have the equipment needed and the security measures in place. The Board is requiring employees to maintain a 6 foot distance from others when in the workplace. All essential meetings should take place virtually or by telephone.

Lynn Siegel, Emergency Manager, gave a Community update, she also informed the Board that the Emergency Operations Center trailer is up and running.

Our next Board meeting is scheduled for April 21, 2020 which will be held over Zoom.

Salberg made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Monson and approved unanimously.

Gail adjourned the meeting at 3:12 p.m.

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Lisa Zahl, County Coordinator

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Mark Gail, Board Chairman