

**JEFFERSON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
EMERGENCY MEETING
March 18, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Pigg called the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Jefferson County Health Department to order at 1:14 PM.

It was necessary to conduct a meeting without twenty-four hours' notice to the public due to an emergency of the public body due to the nature of the health emergency created by the Covid-19 virus as set forth in the Emergency Declarations made by the President of the United States, the Governor of the State of Missouri and the County Executive of Jefferson County, Missouri which justified that departure from the normal requirements of Section 610.020 RSMo.

It was necessary to take votes by roll call in a meeting of the public governmental body, due to an emergency of the public body with members of the Board participating by telephone due to the nature of the health emergency created by the Covid-19 virus as set forth in the Emergency Declarations made by the President of the United States, the Governor of the State of Missouri and the County Executive of Jefferson County, Missouri which justified that departure from the normal requirements of Section 610.015 RSMo.

ROLL CALL

Tim Pigg, Chairman - Present
Dennis Diehl, Vice-Chairman – Excused
Dr. Amber Henry, Secretary-Treasurer – Present via phone
Dr. Vernon Cherry, Member – Present via phone
James Prater, Member – Present via phone

OTHERS ATTENDING

Kelley Vollmar, Director; Jennifer Pinkley, Administrative Services Manager

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dr. Henry made a motion to approve the agenda. Dr. Cherry seconded. Motion carried unanimously and Chairman Pigg announced the motion had passed.

VISITORS AND GUEST REMARKS

None

Emergency Health Order 20-03-18-01 for Jefferson County – COVID-19

The CDC now recommends that gatherings be limited in size to fifty (50) people or less and that events with fewer than fifty (50) people be permitted only if the organizers adhere to guidelines for protecting vulnerable populations, hand hygiene, and social distancing.

On March 16, 2020 President Trump and the White House Coronavirus Task Force issued new guidelines to help protect Americans during the Coronavirus pandemic. The initiative, called "15 Days to Slow the Spread," lays out guidelines for a nationwide effort to slow the spread of COVID-19. It calls for

the implementation of measures to increase social distancing between people at all levels of society. This is a massive proactive, preventive response to COVID-19. It aims to slow the spread and blunt the impact of this disease on the United States. All segments of U.S. society have a role to play at this time. People across the country are asked to stay home as much as possible and otherwise practice social distancing. This includes canceling or postponing gatherings of more than ten (10) people and closing schools in some areas as determined by local and state governments. It also includes special measures to protect those people who are most vulnerable to this disease.

By virtue of the authority vested in the Jefferson County Health Center by the Constitution and the Laws of the State of Missouri, Chapter 192 RSMo., the limited and temporary rules, regulations and restrictions on the use of certain places of public accommodation are hereby entered into on the date of the adoption of this ordinance.

The Director of the Jefferson County Health Center is hereby delegated the authority of the Jefferson County Health Center to promulgate orders, rules, or regulations consistent with this ordinance, which shall have the force of law to the greatest extent permitted by federal and state law.

Sections 2 through 9 of this ordinance, and their subsections, will take effect beginning Friday, March 20, 2020 at 12:01 a.m. CDT and continue for fifteen (15) days until 12:01 a.m. CDT Saturday, April 4, 2020, unless otherwise extended or modified.

Chairman Pigg explained we are working in collaboration with the Jefferson County Executive.

Mr. Prater made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 20-03-18-01 an Ordinance regarding the COVID-19 Virus Health Emergency. Dr. Henry seconded.

1st Reading – An Ordinance Regarding the COVID-19 Virus Health Emergency Whereas, with the evolving issues surrounding COVID-19, the Trustees of the Jefferson County Health Center find it proper and necessary to adopt this ordinance.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Pigg, yea; Dr. Henry, yea; Dr. Cherry, yea; Mr. Prater, yea.

2nd Reading – An Ordinance Regarding the COVID-19 Virus Health Emergency Whereas, with the evolving issues surrounding COVID-19, the Trustees of the Jefferson County Health Center find it proper and necessary to adopt this ordinance.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Pigg, yea; Dr. Henry, yea; Dr. Cherry, yea; Mr. Prater, yea.

Motion carried unanimously and Chairman Pigg announced the motion had passed.

ADJOURN

Mr. Prater motioned to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Henry seconded. Motion carried unanimously and Chairman Pigg announced the motion had passed. Meeting adjourned at 1:29 PM.

Dennis Beil
for
Secretary-Treasurer