

**Dakota County Board of Commissioners
Emergency Meeting**

Monday, March 18, 2020, at 1:00 p.m.
County Board Meeting Room, First Floor
Dakota County Courthouse, Dakota City, Nebraska

Chair Hohenstein called the Board of Commissioners emergency meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present at Roll Call: Hohenstein, Gomez, Rohde, Albenesius, Gill. Absent: None. Also present was Kim Watson, County Attorney and Joan Spencer, County Clerk, acting as Board Secretary. Chair noted the location of the Open Meetings Act.

PUBLIC NOTICE

An Emergency Meeting of the Dakota County Board of Commissioners has been called by Chair Martin Hohenstein for Wednesday, March 18, 2020, at 1:00 p.m.

The Agenda shall be for the Board to state the nature of the emergency which is to declare a State of Emergency for Dakota County and approve a Covid-19 Preparedness Plan for Dakota County in order to take necessary precautions.

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
ROLL CALL – Excused Absence

A current copy of the *Open Meetings Act* is posted on the east wall near the entrance of the County Board Meeting Room and is available for review by all citizens in attendance.

1. EMERGENCY BUSINESS

- a. Board to approve chair to sign the Official Notification for Dakota County State of Emergency for potential of suffering from county-wide damages resulting from the Covid-19/Coronavirus event.
- b. Prepare and approve a Covid19 Preparedness Plan for Dakota County in order to take necessary precautions.

2. ADJOURNMENT

NOTIFICATION: Posted: Dakota County Courthouse, Dakota City Post Office, South Sioux City Post Office, Dakota County Website, Agenda List(email Media)

Chair Hohenstein re-stated the purpose of the emergency meeting.

Commissioner Rohde moved, seconded by Commissioner Gill, to approve chair to sign the Emergency Declaration for Dakota County for potential suffering from county-wide damages resulting from the COVID-19/coronavirus event. ROLL CALL VOTE: Gomez- yes, Rohde- yes, Albenesius- yes, Gill- yes, Hohenstein- yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

DAKOTA COUNTY STATE OF EMERGENCY

Dakota County , Nebraska, with inclusion of all villages, business, schools and communities within, has a great potential of suffering from county-wide damages resulting from the Covid-19/Corona Virus event(s) that has/will occur beginning on January 31, 2020, and on-going and continuing indefinitely causing disruption of services, cost-incurred prevention and protection and the endangerment of the health and safety of the citizens and businesses of Dakota County.

Therefore, the Chair of the Dakota County Board of Commissioners has declared a state of emergency authorized under Nebraska State Statute R.R.S. 81-829.50 on behalf of Dakota County, and will execute for and on behalf of Dakota County, the expenditure of emergency funds from all available sources, the invoking of mutual aid agreements, and the applying to the State of Nebraska for assistance from the Governor's Emergency Fund and any other resources he deems necessary in the fulfillment of his duties.

WITNESS my hand and seal of my office

Martin V. Hohenstein, Chair
Dakota County Board of Commissioners

this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Date Dakota County Clerk

A COVID-19 preparedness plan was discussed at length. Chair Hohenstein moved, seconded by Commissioner Gomez, to approve the courthouse to remain open to conduct business electronically but closed to the public effective March 19 to 24, 2020; at which time it will be re-evaluated. ROLL CALL VOTE: Rohde- yes, Albenesius- yes, Gill- yes, Hohenstein- yes, Gomez- yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Dakota County, Nebraska
COVID-19 Press Release

Dakota County will implement the following strategies to protect their workforce form COVID-19 while ensuring continuity of operations. We will closely follow the Federal and State guidelines for controlling the COVID-19 virus. Please

understand that these guidelines may change rapidly. We will communicate changes as affectively as we can via website www.dakotacountyne.org

- The Courthouse will remain open to conduct business by phone call, mail, FAX and on-line service. Closed to the public effective Thursday, March 19, 2020, until Tuesday, March 24, 2020, at which time it will be re-evaluated.
- Office Phone Numbers and Email:

Assessor	402-987-2101	assessor@dakotacountyne.org
Attorney	402-987-2151	dakotacountyattorney@gmail.com
Clerk	402-987-2130	jspencer@dakotacountyne.org
County Court	402-987-2145	kerri.wiese@nebraska.gov
Sheriff/Jail	402-987-2170	
Treasurer	402-987-2131	dctreasurer@dakotacountyne.org
District Court	402-987-2114	phyllis.obermeyer@nebraska.gov
Driver Exam	402-494-8260	
Register of Deeds	402-987-2161	dbenton@dakotacountyne.org
Juvenile Coordinator	402-987-2157	sdeck@dakotacountyne.org
Public Defender	402-987-2139	publicdefender@dakotacountyne.org
Veterans Service	402-987-2120	bjohnston@dakotacountyne.org
Health Department	402-987-2164	dchd@dakotacountyne.org
Emergency Manager	402-987-2106	dhagberg@dakotacountyne.org
Extension	402-987-2140	tpetersen3@unl.edu
Road Department	402-632-5006	dakotacoroad@nntc.net
<u>Planning & Zoning</u>	<u>402-632-5006</u>	<u>dakotacoroad@nntc.net</u>

Chair Hohenstein adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting of March 18, 2020, at 2:00 p.m.

Dakota County Board of Commissioners

Martin Hohenstein, Chair

Date signed

Joan Spencer, County Clerk/Secretary Date