

**Dakota County Board of Commissioners
Emergency Meeting**

Monday, March 19, 2020, at 8:00 a.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 8:08 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present at Roll Call: Hohenstein, Gomez (telephonic), Gill. Absent: Rohde and Albenesius. 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 Thursday, March 19, 2020, at 8:00 a.m.

The Agenda shall be for the Board to state the nature of the emergency which is to address the amount of public access to the Courthouse in response to the COVID-19 preparedness precautions.

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. Approve amending the amount of public access to the Courthouse in response to the Covid19 preparedness precautions per state and federal regulations.

2. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hohenstein restated the reason for the emergency meeting.

Chair Hohenstein moved, seconded by Commissioner Gomez, to excuse Commissioners Rohde and Albenesius from the emergency meeting. ROLL CALL VOTE: Gomez- yes, Gill- yes, Hohenstein- yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Chair Hohenstein stated that after yesterday's decision to close the courthouse to the public and conduct all business electronically that we needed to make accommodations for the courts and be open to comply with the Open Meetings Act when conducting board meetings. He also had a telephone conversation with Larry Dix, Nebraska Association of County Officials, and he said we also need to accommodate certain court proceedings and allow public to conduct essential business. Commissioner Gill moved, seconded by Chair Hohenstein, to amend yesterday's motion to allow public access by appointment only and to post signage with office contact information. ROLL CALL VOTE: Gill- yes, Hohenstein- yes, Gomez- yes, Rohde- absent, Albenesius- absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

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COVID-19 Press Release

Effective Thursday, March 19 to Tuesday, March 24, 2020

Dakota County will implement the following strategies to protect their workforce from 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 or the Emergency Manager's Facebook page '*Dakota County Emergency Management*'

- The Courthouse will remain staffed to conduct business by appointment, telephone, U.S. mail, FAX and on-line services. The Courthouse doors will be locked. All walk-in Public will be limited to entry into the Courthouse by appointment only:
- 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 1505 Broadway Street, Dakota City
Road Department	402-632-5006	dakotacoroad@nntc.net 1863 North Bluff Road, Hubbard
Planning & Zoning	402-632-5006	dakotacoroad@nntc.net 1863 North Bluff Road, Hubbard

Chair Hohenstein adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting of March 19, 2020, at 8:25 a.m.

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Martin Hohenstein, Chair

Date signed

Joan Spencer, County Clerk/Secretary Date