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.

Dakota County, Nebraska
COVID-19 Press Release
Effective Thursday, March 19 to Tuesday, March 24, 2020
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 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
Chair Hohenstein adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting of March 19, 2020, at 8:25 a.m.

Dakota County Board of Commissioners

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Martin Hohenstein, Chair        Date signed

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Joan Spencer, County Clerk/Secretary      Date