

PROCEEDINGS OF THE STEELE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

SPECIAL SESSION

March 18, 2020

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
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COUNTY OF STEELE )

The Steele County Board of Commissioners met in an Special Emergency Session at 3:00 p.m. on March 18, 2020 with Commissioners Brady, Krueger, Gnemi and Glynn present. Commissioner Abbe was absent. Also present were County Attorney Dan McIntosh, County Treasurer Cathy Piepho, IT Director Dave Purscell, Human Resources Director Julie Johnson, County Recorder Rick Kvien, County Sheriff Lon Thiele, Chief Deputy Sheriff Scott Hanson, Emergency Management Director Mike Johnson, Public Health Director, Amy Caron, County Administrator Scott Golberg and County Auditor Laura Ihrke.

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Commissioner Krueger, seconded by Commissioner Gnemi to approve the agenda with changes. Ayes all.

Commissioner Krueger offered the following Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Gnemi

Resolution Requesting a State of Emergency in Steele County

WHEREAS the World Health Organization has declared the COVID-19 flu as a Pandemic, and the President of the United States has declared a Peace Time Emergency for COVID-19 and the Governor of the State of Minnesota has declared Emergency Executive Order 20-01 declaring a Peacetime Emergency in the state for COVID-19; and

WHEREAS the Steele County is a public entity within the State of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS the Public Health Emergency for COVID-19 flu exists in Steele County on the date of March 18th, 2020, and does impact the population of the Steele County; and

WHEREAS the Public Health Emergency for COVID-19 flu is has the potential to cause a significant impact on the public services we provide and essential functions of the county; and

WHEREAS the Emergency Management Director requests the Steele County Board of Commissioners to declare a State of Emergency for the COVID-19 Flu as of March 18th, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Steele County Board of Commissioners declare Steele County in a State of Emergency for conditions resulting from the Public Health Emergency for COVID-19 Flu of March 18th, 2020.

Adopted by the Steele County Board this 18th day of March 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Emergency Management Director and the Public Health Director are authorized to implement emergency plans for this public health emergency. The Emergency Management Director will work in conjunction with the County Public Health Director to implement a coordinated response to take appropriate actions during this public health emergency.

Upon the vote being taken, 4 Commissioners voted in favor thereof, Commissioner Abbe absent and not voting. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Auditor's office.

Motion by Commissioner Gnemi, seconded by Commissioner Glynn to adopt the Steele County Utilization of Paid Leave during a Public Health Emergency Policy. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Krueger, seconded by Commissioner Gnemi to limit public access to County facilities effective March 19, 2020 at 7:30 am through April 17, 2020 at 5:30 pm. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Gnemi, seconded by Commissioner Krueger to adjourn at 3:20 p.m. Ayes all.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:
AUDITOR