

June 23, 2020  
Cottonwood County Board of Commissioners  
Special Meeting  
Minutes

The Cottonwood County Board of Commissioners met in special session on Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. at the Cottonwood County Courthouse in Windom, MN. Present in person or via teleconference for all or portions of the meeting were: Commissioners Kevin Stevens, Tom Appel, Donna Gravley, Norm Holmen, Larry Anderson; County Attorney Nick Anderson, County Coordinator Kelly Thongvivong, Auditor/Treasurer Donna Torkelson, Kathy Marsh, Paul Johnson, Kathy Kretsch, Nick Klisch, Jason Purrington, Wayne Wormstadt, Mark Schenk, and Joel Alvstad.

Chairman Stevens called the meeting to order. The purpose of this special meeting was to discuss further information that may be available to the board regarding the COVID-19 pandemic and the CARES Act.

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Paul Johnson, Emergency Management Director, updated the board on COVID related items. Cottonwood County's number of cases has been going up, but hospitalizations numbers are staying low and there have no deaths from COVID.

Johnson presented a COVID-19 Preparedness Plan for approval. Motion by Gravley, second by Holmen, unanimous roll call vote to approve the COVID-19 Preparedness Plan for Cottonwood County.

Johnson led discussion regarding the CARES Act monies for counties. Johnson stated that the House and the Senate are in disagreement and it is not known when the monies will become available and how much.

Johnson led discussion regarding Phase 2 of opening. After discussion, consensus of the board is to keep things the way they are and discuss again at the July 7<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.

Johnson also gave a short update on the animal composting.

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Kelly Thongvivong, County Coordinator, asked if the board wanted to continue with the Webex portion of the meetings due to notification that we will be charged starting in July if we continue. Consensus of the board is to continue with Webex at least for the month of July.

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Kathy Kretsch, County Recorder, gave a short update on how the appointment process has been going in her office.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:38 a.m.

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Donna Torkelson, Auditor/Treasurer

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Kevin Stevens, Board Chair

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Kelly Thongvivong, County Coordinator