

May 11, 2020
HAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
MILLER COMMUNITY CENTER & FACEBOOK LIVE
MILLER, SOUTH DAKOTA

The Commissioners convened at 7:30 P.M. on Monday May 11, 2020 in special session to review and take action upon Resolution 2020-05, a resolution which pertains to Ordinance 2020-01 which pertains to the COVID-19 response in Hand County.

Chairman Jones called the meeting to order and instructed the clerk to take roll of the members present. The clerk called upon Commissioners Rodgers, Wernsmann, Eschenbaum, Palmer and Jones. The clerk reported to the chairman that all members were present.

Chairman Jones explained the purpose of the meeting was to consider adoption of Resolution 2020-05 [which will be published separately of these minutes] which offers changes to language found in Ordinance 2020-01, the ordinance outlining the county's response to the Covid-19 outbreak.

It was moved by Wernsmann, seconded by Eschenbaum to approve and adopt Resolution 2020-05. During the comment phase of action, Commissioner Rodgers asked that it be noted that he was not in favor of having the ordinance being an enforcement issue and thought it better to have it as an administrative or recommendation-based resolution. Rodgers added that he thought it put law enforcement in a poor position having to make judgment calls on so many items.

Commissioner Eschenbaum wanted it made part of the record that he wants the topic on the June 6th agenda for further consideration and possibly to act toward vacating or repealing Ordinance 2020-01, all being based on changes and circumstances between now and then. Eschenbaum added that he understood the purpose and intent of Ordinance 2020-01 and circumstances have changed.

Commissioner Palmer stated that he wants to be open to all options. Palmer wanted to make special note of his support and admiration for those who have sacrificed through these last several weeks and applauds their efforts and contributions.

Chairman Jones then called the question by rollcall vote. The clerk called upon commissioners Rodgers who voted "Nay", Wernsmann who voted "Yeah", Eschenbaum who voted "Yeah", Palmer who voted "Yeah" and Jones who offered a vote of "Yeah". The chairman declared the motion passed. Resolution 2020-05 was adopted as written and presented. [Resolution 2020-05 becomes effective at 2:00 A.M. on May 13, 2020.

It was moved by Rodgers, seconded by Palmer to adjourn the special meeting. All presented voted in favor thereof.

The next regular meeting will be held on June 6, 2020, the Thursday following the Primary Election. The time was 7:47 P.M.

Jim Jones, Commission Chairman

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Doug DeBoer, County Auditor