

The Traill County Commissioners came to order in special session on 03-25-20 at 3:45 pm with the following commission members present by conference phone: Commissioners Eblen, Elliott, Nesvig, Young and Amb. Members of the Traill/Steele Unified Command Group present in person: Traill District Health Director Brenda Stallman, Sheriff Steve Hunt; present by conference phone: Agassiz Valley Human Service Zone Director Kim Jacobson. Others present either by phone or in person: Charlie Stock, Randy Lemn, Mike Beltz, Carla Swanson, John Wright, Cole Short, Jim Johnson, Jim Murphy & Alyssa Short. Chairman Eblen called the meeting to order.

Stallman gave updates with daily meetings being held. Kelly Radebaugh, Health District RN has been appointed to be Operations Manager and will be conducting the fit testing for emergency personal. Stallman's office is being trained by the State Health Department to help with interviewing individuals, should the state become overwhelmed with patients.

Stock discussed the federal guidelines for standard practices & essentials services and will provide more information at the next meeting. He also requested that the county continue the office hours as Monday-Thursday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 pm and closed on Fridays. He also requested that the county buildings continue to be closed to the public.

Jacobson noted that her department continues to work closely with the public as needed and is requesting her employees be fitted with the N95 masks.

Murphy informed all that the Public Information Website called Traill-Steele Joint Information, is up on Facebook and press releases will be in the papers this week. A big thank you to Alyssa Short for her work in the design of the website.

The Commissioners agreed to continue the shortened office hours and have all county buildings closed to the public until further notice.

Glenda Haugen, Auditor will contact the department heads and have them put together a plan, should the Governor decided to close the offices. Haugen explained the letter that was sent to Governor Burgum on behalf of the North Dakota County Auditors Association. The auditors are requesting Governor Burgum to close all polling locations for the June Primary Election. Discussion was held on reducing Traill County's polling sites from two to one.

Commissioner Amb introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption which motion was seconded by Commissioner Young:

Traill County Resolution Regarding June 9th 2020 Primary Election Process

The Traill County Commission operating under their authority provided by NDCC § 16.1-04-02 & 16.1-11.1-01 and in consideration of the Governor's declared emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic hereby declares by resolution that all previous County polling locations shall be consolidated into a minimum of one location for the June 9th 2020 primary election located at the Mayville Armory, Mayville ND.

The County Commission hereby grants authority to the County Auditor in their discretion to additionally suspend the polling location if State or Federal law otherwise suspends the polling location requirement.

The County Commission further declares under their authority provided by NDCC § 16.1-11.1-01 to the greatest extent possible for the county to conduct the June 9, 2020 primary election by way of mail in ballot. The Commission encourages all qualified citizens to take every opportunity to vote by mail ballot prior to the June 9, 2020 Election.

Upon roll call vote: Eblen Aye, Elliott Aye, Nesvig Aye, Young Aye and Amb Aye. This is to certify that the above resolution was adopted and passed at a meeting of the Board of Traill County Commissioners on March 25, 2020.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:21 p.m. to meet again in special session on Wednesday, April 1, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. via conference call.

Attest:

Glenda Haugen, County Auditor

Thomas Eblen, Chairman