

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING  
Wednesday March 24, 2020  
7:00 P.M.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE  
CALL TO ORDER  
ROLL CALL  
ACKNOWLEDMENT OF GUESTS

1. Extend the Declaration of Disaster – COVID-19 PANDEMIC

**\*\*\*OPPORTUNITY FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD\*\*\***

## OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

### WASHINGTON COUNTY SPECIAL COUNTY BOARD MEETING

MARCH 24, 2020

The reconvened and adjourned meeting of the County Board of Washington County, Illinois was held at the Washington County Courthouse in Nashville, Illinois on March 24, 2020 for the purpose of addressing the COVID-19 pandemic.

Present and presiding were Chairman Meyer and Nancy Heseman, County Clerk and Clerk of the Board.

Following the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairman Meyer called the meeting of the Washington County Board to order at 7:05 p.m.

This meeting was a Tele-A-Conference meeting. Chairman Meyer requested that during roll call members would state if present are present by phone.

Roll call was taken by Clerk Heseman with 14 members present. Those present at the meeting were, Meyer, Brammeier, Suedmeyer, Shemonic and Ibendahl. Those present by phone were Todd, Hohlt, Klingenberg, Bening, Shubert, Unverfehrt, Lamczyk, Muentner and Small.

Guest present was Matt Bierman, those present by phone were Natalie Lynch, Sharon Mewes, Dan Bronke, Sheriff Campbell, John Felchlia, Elizabeth Lehde, and Leah Williams – Nashville News.

A motion was made by Brammeier and seconded by Shemonic to extend the Declaration of Disaster. Motion carried. **Declaration of Disaster (See Exhibit A)**

Chairman Meyer explained what has taken place in the last week. There was a meeting on Wednesday, March 18 with all office heads, elected and appointed to discuss COVID-19 and what measures need to be taken, it was decided then that the Courthouse and other County Departments would be limiting access and everyone was to enter in the front door and the hallway would be monitored. The Personnel and Finance Committee did meet prior to the meeting with the office holders to discuss what measures the County needs to do. A meeting was held with the same group of office holders on Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. It was agreed to close the County, except for essential work, only the front door will be used and a deputy will be posted at the door, everyone will have to sign in and out. The Judicial system is limiting their cases. The Ambulance Department is on lock down. Employees are working ½ staff, 2 weeks on 2 weeks off, this is in the case someone does get sick the entire department does not have to shut down, this also includes the Highway Department employees. The 2 weeks was a recommendation from the Health Department. Meyer stated that he has talked to other County Chairmen from different parts of the state with different populations and we seem to be taking the same precautions as they are. Everything needs to be documented by all departments. Meyer asked if Matt Bierman would like to make any comments. Bierman stated he is working on paper work, putting in request for needed items regarding Hospital etc..., Public Assistance Grant and FEMA. Meyer then asked if Elizabeth Lehde would like to make any comments. Lehde stated the County has 1 confirmed case, but state wide numbers are increasing, right now less than 10 have been tested for the virus in Washington County, but expect numbers to be increasing. She is also requesting supplies so that Washington County can be prepared when it hits here.

Meyer stated the purpose of this meeting tonight is to extend the Declaration of Disaster that he signed on Wednesday. He asked if there were any questions or comments. No questions or comments were made.

**RESOLUTION 2020-10: RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING CONSENT TO THE RENEWAL OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY DISASTER DECLARATION OF MARCH 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2020 PERTAINING TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC. (SEE EXHIBIT B).** A motion was made by Suedmeyer and seconded by Ibendahl to approve the resolution as presented. Roll Call vote was taken with 14 ayes, 1 absent and 0 nays. Motion carried.

Meyer stressed NO committee meetings unless absolutely necessary and if a meeting is necessary to do it remotely. Brammeier will help you get a tele-a-conference meeting set up if necessary. Brammeier did state he has a FOP meeting set up this Thursday at 7:00 and it will be a Tele-A-Conference meeting.

Meyer stated to keep track of Board Members per Diems and note if the meetings are due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. There might be grant money for the extra expenses.

Chairman Meyer asked if the public would like to address the Board. No one addressed the Board.

A motion was made by Brammeier and seconded by Shemonic to adjourn. Motion carried

The Special County Board meeting ended at 7:33 p.m.



County of Washington,  
State of Illinois  
DECLARATION OF DISASTER

Under the authority vested in me pursuant to Section 11 of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, I, David A. Meyer, Chairman of the County Board of Washington County, Illinois, upon recommendation of the Director of the Emergency Management Agency, hereby declare that a disaster exists in said County of Washington, State of Illinois due to the following reasons:

**COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

Matt Bierman Director of the Emergency Management Agency, and Elizabeth Lehde Health Dept. Administrator for the County of Washington, State of Illinois, is ordered to proceed with haste to bring said disaster to a rapid conclusion for the safety and best interests of the residents of the County of Washington pursuant to the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act of 1992 and the Washington County Emergency Management Agency Ordinance.

By this declaration the Washington County Emergency Operations Plan shall be activated and all departments and agencies of the County shall furnish all aid and assistance thereunder.

This declaration is effective March 18, 2020 and shall expire March 25, 2020 unless extended pursuant to Section 11(a) of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act.

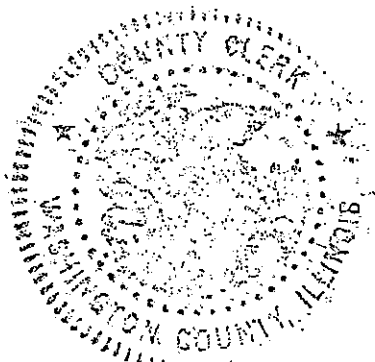
Dated this 18th day of March, 2020

BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD:

David A. Meyer  
David A. Meyer Chairman of the  
Washington County Board

I, Nancy Heseman, County Clerk of  
said County of Washington County, State of  
Illinois, do hereby certify that this Declaration  
of Disaster was filed in my office on the 18  
day of March, 2020

Nancy Heseman  
County Clerk





RESOLUTION NO. 2020 10

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING CONSENT TO THE RENEWAL  
OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY DISASTER DECLARATION  
OF MARCH 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 PERTAINING TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

WHEREAS, The Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act (IEMAA"), 20 ILCS 3305/1, *et seq.*, enables the principal executive officer of a political subdivision of the State of Illinois to declare a local disaster. Pursuant to Section 11 of the IEMAA, declarations of this type shall not be continued or renewed for a period in excess of 7 days except by or with the consent of the governing board of the political subdivision.

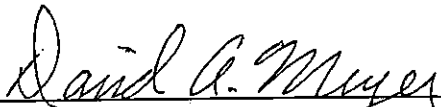
WHEREAS, on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020, County Board Chairman David A. Meyer exercised the authority vested in him by Section 11 of the Illinois Emergency Management Act and issued his *Declaration of a Disaster in the County of Washington, Illinois*, relating to the COVID-19 Pandemic, an action activating the emergency operations plan for Washington County.

WHEREAS, the concerns pertaining to COVID-19 put forth by Chairman Meyer in his Declaration of the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020 are concerns of this body collectively, and for the continuing effort to control the outbreak of COVID-19, additional resources must be made available to ensure that effects are mitigated and minimized for the safety and wellbeing of Washington County residents and visitors.

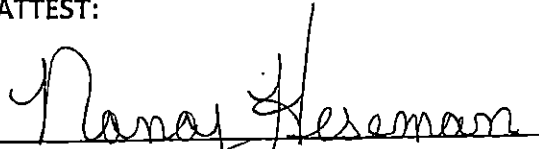
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Washington County Board approves the continuation and renewal of the County disaster declaration made by Chairman Meyer on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020, as required by Section 11 of the IEMAA for the continued activation of the emergency operations plan of Washington County, unless and until further action of this Board.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED at this emergency meeting of the County Board of Washington County, Illinois, this 24<sup>th</sup> day March 2020.

14 Aye  
0 Nay  
1 Absent

  
Chairman David A. Meyer

ATTEST:

  
Washington County Clerk



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