

**EMERGENCY MEETING
FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 2020
OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PICKAWAY COUNTY, OHIO**

The Pickaway County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session at the Emergency Operation Center located at 160 Island Road, Circleville, Ohio, on Friday, March 20, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. with the following members present: Mr. Harold R. Henson, Mr. Brian S. Stewart, and Mr. Jay H. Wippel. April Dengler, County Administrator, Marc Rogols, Deputy County Administrator, Darrin Flick, EMA Director, Tom Swisher, Deputy EMA Director, Judy Wolford, Prosecutor and Lt. Jon Rhoads, Sheriff's Office was also in attendance. Teleconferencing option available.

In the Matter of Pickaway County and COVID 19

**In the Matter of
Report Provided by Darrin Flick:**

The following is a summary of the report provided by Darrin Flick, EMA Director & Pickaway County 911 Coordinator.

- 119 cases in Ohio, over 246,000 worldwide – going up rather quickly now, yesterday had the largest spike to date. USA is trending more toward Italy than China.
- PPE supplies are up to date. Donations from anyone who has PPE's. Received some donations from industry and private donors. Checking supply lines for additional PPE's. Still able to purchase some to increase capacity of what we have on hand.
- Since Berger is being resupplied by the Ohio Health chain, our priorities are EMS workers and law enforcement, home healthcare and hospice. There is no large cache of equipment anywhere. 60 days out for a resupply of stores.
- Talking through legal issues on Monday with County Prosecutor and law enforcement to talk through issues that we are seeing and how to equip security at Berger etc. for community members who are trying to seek meds by claiming coronavirus.
- This morning's 8:30am huddle – there was news that a drive thru testing facility was open at 104 and Southern Point, the plan is to open one, but no date is available. They are still waiting on swabs and test kits and don't want to open until they have the anticipated supply. That site will only be for Ohio Health affiliated patients, doctors, etc. More to follow.
- The health provider must determine that that person should be tested, cannot do a test without a doctor's order.
- Continuing to lean forward in planning efforts and contingency plans for vulnerable community members, long term health care, etc. we are actively planning on how to treat those individuals if we would need to relocate. The generator is in place at Heritage Hall and ready to go if needed.
- Plea for help for blood. Blood shortage – please donate Mon-Fri. 8-6 blood drive at Amvets.
- City declared a state of emergency yesterday, we will continue to monitor and coordinate with them. Was declared as a formality so that the mayor's personnel could get paid. We are working closer with the city to keep everyone informed and streamline communications.
- Governor declared that he activated the national guard to help with food deliveries and nothing more. If we see increased illnesses, we might request with helping deliver food for school children, etc.
- 8:30am and 4:00pm huddle every day – sending out dial in information so that more people can attend and be safe. Darrin will send out more information regarding the call-in details.
- Three new VOIP phones at the EOC – dedicated lines not through Frontier. These are the best lines to use to reach anyone at the EOC.

**In the Matter of
County Administrator Report:**

The following is a summary of the report provided by April Dengler, County Administrator:

- FMLA changes and sick time changes that might be coming down the road. More information to follow.

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**In the Matter of
Report Provided by the Commissioners:**

The following is a summary of the report provided by the Commissioners:

- Commissioner Stewart – keep everyone working together and keeping conversations going.
- Commissioner Henson and Commissioner Stewart were on a conference call with CCAO – working on legislative fixes to try to make things better for the next 90 days to make county governments – some amendment to the open meeting laws to allow for telecommunicating meetings and allow decisions to be made. Trying to determine if this change will be for this emergency or for all declared states of emergency going forward. Reach out to your association if there are changes you would like to see made.
- The county offices should keep track of what you are spending on COVID-19, tracking timesheets, etc. to capture that information for reimbursement later.
- OCU has 300 beds in their dorms for use by the hospital if needed.

**In the Matter of
Sheriff's Offices Report:**

The following is a summary of the report provided by Lt. Jon Rhoads, Pickaway County Sheriff's Office:

- All deputies now have PPE's. Everyone was fitted for the masks, tybek suits, gloves, dispatch centers are screening all callers for the virus who call ems – taking a lot of reports by phone that are non-emergency, suspended the webcheck and ccw because of the number of calls received. Can still issue emergency ccw's if needed.
- Screening new entrees to the jail, no visitation, no contact. Arrest policies have not changed in Pickaway County. Non-violent offenders have been or are being released if possible.

**In the Matter of
Steven Collins, Circleville Herald's Report:**

The following is a summary of the report provided by Steven Collins, Circleville Herald:

Mr. Collins heard a rumor that the Sheriff will issue road closures due to state of emergency?

Answer from the Sheriff = No plans to do so at this time.

Tuesday's Commissioners meeting – next Tuesday at the Commissioner's office – will have call in information attached to the agenda for call in info at 1:30 for elected officials and department heads only.

With there being no further business brought before the Board, Commissioner Stewart offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Henson, to adjourn at 10:43 a.m. Voting on the motion was as follows: Commissioner Stewart, yes; Commissioner Wippel, yes; Commissioner Henson, yes. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

Harold R. Henson, President

Brian S. Stewart, Vice President

Jay H. Wippel, Commissioner
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Attest: April Dengler, Acting Clerk