

March 17, 2020

The Keya Paha County Commissioners met in an emergency session on March 17, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm by chairman Tuerk with Commissioners Nilson and Ritterbush, Clerk Wentworth and Deputy Emergency Manager Wyrick, Treasurer Thiede and Custodian Crawford present. The meeting was held to take action to protect the health and safety for the county officials, employees and citizens of Keya Paha County in the midst of the Covid-19 Corona Virus Pandemic.

After discussion, the final decision was to close the courthouse to the public effectively immediately and continue through March 31st, 2020. The situation will be monitored and the closure may be extended beyond April 1st, 2020. Though the courthouse is closed to the public, the officials and staff will continue to keep regular hours. Provisions will be made to handle the day to day business over phone call and emails and mail. There will be a depository set up in the south entry way that will be available for patrons to leave business. Urgent matters will be handled individually and by appointment only. All courthouse staff will be provided with needed personal protective equipment.

The county road crews will continue to work from their home locations on an as needed basis. The road shop will be closed to the public, the road department employees will be provided with personal protective equipment.

The commissioners appreciate the public's cooperation during this unprecedented time.

At 3:00 pm the chairman declared the meeting adjourned until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on Tuesday, March 24th 2020 at 10:00 am in the courthouse meeting room. A current agenda is on file in the Clerk's office and available online at <https://co.keya-paha.ne.us/>.

Suzy Wentworth, Clerk

Mike Tuerk, Chairman