

**MARCH 20, 2020
EMERGENCY MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Carol Shank, Chairwoman. Those present were Robert McDougal and Larry Rackley, Commissioners; Bryce Shields, District Attorney; Karen Wesner, Administrative Assistant; and Lacey Donaldson, Clerk.

It was noted that this meeting was called outside of the Open Meeting Law under emergency circumstances regarding the novel coronavirus, COVID-19.

Mr. Shields gave the Board a draft Resolution declaring a State of Emergency in Pershing County due to COVID-19 to review. The Board would like to remove the date of April 6, 2020 and replace it with "suspended until further notice". The Board will reevaluate the situation at their regularly scheduled meeting on April 1, 2020. They would also like employees who are diagnosed with COVID-19 to be paid though Administrative Leave and not have to exhaust the employee's sick or vacation leave. Mrs. Shank would also like to authorize the Recorder-Auditor's office to be able to continue processing accounts payable and payroll.

Mrs. Shank asked if anyone had anything else to add. Sheriff Allen stated that they are already seeing a shortage of PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) supplies and his supplies are out of stock.

Mr. McDougal made a motion to adopt Resolution #20-0302 declaring that a State of Emergency exists in Pershing County due to COVID-19, as amended to change the time period from April 6th to until further notice, allow compensation with Administrative Leave, and authorizing the Recorder-Auditor to be able to continue processing accounts payable and payroll. Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley and passed.

Charlie Sparke, Emergency Management Director, stated that all drive-through testing pods that had been scheduled throughout the state have been cancelled.

Sheriff Allen also informed the Board that he participated in a teleconference yesterday with BLM (Bureau of Land Management) and BRC (Black Rock City) regarding the 2020 Burning Man event. An item will be put on the April 1st agenda to discuss further.

As there was nothing further to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:14 a.m.

Approved 4/01/20: _____/s/
Carol Shank, Chairwoman

Attest: _____/s/
Lacey Donaldson, Clerk