

March 30, 2020
Guthrie, Oklahoma
9:00 A.M.
Emergency Meeting

The Board of Logan County Commissioners met in Emergency Session with Chairman Monty Pearcy present, Member Michael Pearson present and Member Marven Goodman present and transacted the following:

The Agenda was posted at 4:36 P.M. on March 27, 2020 at the Courthouse, Courthouse Annex and LoganCountyOK.com.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

The flag salute was given.

The emergency meeting was called to address the COVID-19 pandemic and an order by the State Supreme court that called for the closure of all 77 courthouses in the state.

Discussion was held with county officers and department heads about closing county offices to the public due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Commissioner Pearcy stated the Supreme Court ordering closure of all 77 courthouses. He said he believes the intent was the closure of the court systems.

Commissioner Goodman said that he believes the actions already taken by the county is sufficient for our current situation.

Commissioner Pearson said that he believe there should be a consensus of the elected officers. He said he believes the limited access to the public is sufficient.

County Clerk Troy Cole said that the Court Clerk and other court related offices are closed by order of the Supreme Court. She said that DHS Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) has deemed the maintenance of roads and bridges, elections personnel, law enforcement and land records as essential services. She said that foot traffic into the courthouse has decreased. She said she believes the abstractor has to be allowed to bring documents. She said that anyone who needs to access tract indexes will be handled on an as needed basis.

County Treasurer Sherri Longnecker said that she has placed baskets outside of her door for the collection of mail and documents. She said anyone needing to enter the office will be limited to one person who may not pass the counter. She said she would like to restrict people who really don't need to enter the offices if they can use the drop box.

Court Clerk Cheryl Smith said that they are staffed. She said no one can come to their windows.

Clerk Cole said that the deputies may stop people at the door to determine if they need to access an office. If so, the deputy may contact each office to decide if access is necessary.

Commissioner Goodman said that he will not support closing access to the public. He said making changes administratively should be decision of each elected officer based on the situation of their office.

Commissioner Pearson asked if the public could make appointments for access. Clerk Cole said the question become who needs access. She said tax payment can be done online or left in the drop box. She said deeds, or other documents, may be left in the drop box. She said she needs the ability to assess if someone needs access to the tract indexes and allow them in the vault.

Commissioner Goodman said that the Court Clerk, judiciary and District Attorney are state offices. He said the county offices should not restrict the public from access to county offices.

Commissioner Pearson said he agrees with the restricted access, he does not want to close.

There was no formal action on this item.

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MOTION TO ADJOURN

Marven Goodman made the motion which was duly seconded by Michael Pearson with the voting as follows: Pearson-AYE, Piearcy-AYE and Goodman-AYE;

THAT, there being no further business to come before the board the meeting was adjourned until 9:00 A.M., March 31, 2020.

Approved by the Board of County Commissioners of Logan County, OK

ATTEST: Troy Cole
Logan County Clerk

Monty Piearcy
Chairman, Board of Logan County Commissioners