

APRIL 30, 2020

EMERGENCY SESSION

PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Pulaski County Commissioners met for an emergency session Thursday April 30, 2020 at 11:00am in the Pulaski County Highway Garage training room. Commissioners present were Ken Becker, Jerry Locke, Mike McClure plus Auditor Laura Wheeler and County Attorney Kevin Tankersley. Dr Rex Allman and Nathan Origer was also present.

Kevin reported that he had a phone conversation Wednesday with Commissioners Board President Ken Becker regarding quickly implementing some kind of measure in response to the increasing numbers of positive cases of COVID19 in Pulaski County. Kevin talked to Cass and White County, who have already put emergency measures in place, as well as different law enforcement agencies, Dr. Rex Allman, County Health Officer and Terri Hansen from Pulaski County Health Department.

The following order was presented to the Commissioners for their approval.

**PULASKI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2020-02**

WHEREAS, the Pulaski County Commissioners ("Commissioners") are the governing executive board of Pulaski County, Indiana; and,

WHEREAS, the President of the Pulaski County Commissioners has previously declared a local disaster emergency pursuant to 10-14-3-29(a)(1), due to the COVID 19 coronavirus ("Coronavirus") and the full board voted to extend the proclamation of a local disaster emergency indefinitely; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners have general powers to protect the public health pursuant to Ind. Code 10-14-3-7(a)(3); and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners desire to minimize an imminent threat of widespread injury or loss of life within the County; and,

WHEREAS, given that the Coronavirus has spread to every county in Indiana, and Coronavirus cases continue to increase within Pulaski County and especially in certain counties adjacent to Pulaski County; and

WHEREAS, a business is defined by this order to be any facility, building, structure, plant or other similar construction other than a private residence although any portion of a private residence utilized to conduct business with the public is considered a business by this order; and

WHEREAS, Federal, State and County health officials recommend implantation of mitigation strategies to increase containment of the Coronavirus by requiring safety measures; and

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby declared that any Business within the boundaries of Pulaski County shall adhere to the following:

1. Every employee or owner of a business where more than three people work at one time must wear a facial covering that covers the nose and mouth and is designed to restrict the expelling or inhaling of matter at all times.
2. Every employee or a business no matter the number of employees must wear a facial covering that covers the nose and mouth and is designed to restrict the expelling or inhaling of matter anytime there is a customer in the business.
3. Every non-employee who enters a business must wear a facial covering that covers their nose and mouth and is designed to restrict the expelling of inhaling of matter at all times.
4. The business owner/owners shall monitor these limitations and will be responsible for violations of this order.
5. Any person who knowingly, intentionally, or recklessly violates this Executive Order commits a Class B Misdemeanor punishable by up to 180 days' imprisonment and a fine up to \$1,000.00 pursuant to Code 10-14-3-34.

That this Executive will be in effect from the 1st day of May, 2020 and remain in effect until further order. All of which is Ordered this 30th day of April, 2020.

Kevin Tankersley said he tried to balance individual rights in the interest of public health so the order is limited to just facial mask. Further restriction can be implemented in the future if warranted.

Any violation of the executive order is classified as a misdemeanor and the County does not have authority to make it a lesser offense. Law Enforcement and the Prosecutor will have discretion.

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Mike McClure made a motion to approve Executive Order No. 2020-02 as presented, Jerry Locke seconded and motion carried unanimously.

The Workforce reduction order discussed briefly. Ken Becker made a motion that the workforce reduction order be extended for another two weeks until May 18 2020 at 11:59pm, Jerry Locke seconded and motion carried unanimously.

With no other business to discuss, meeting was adjourned at 11:15 AM.

Signed and approved this 18th day of May 2020.

PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Ken Becker

Jerry Locke

Mike McClure

ATTEST:

Laura Wheeler, Auditor, Pulaski County, IN