

RESOLUTION 20- 07

WHEREAS the Elk County Commission is pursuant to K.S.A. 65-201 designated as the Local Health Board for the County; and

WHEREAS it is the Commission's duty and obligation to protect the public health and welfare; and

WHEREAS President Donald Trump, Governor Laura Kelly, CDC, KDHE and the Local Health Officer have strongly recommended closure of most public gathering places and to implement social distancing to help prevent the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19).

WHEREAS social distancing is an important component to stem pandemics and its effectiveness primarily occurs prior to widespread infection within the community.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Elk County Commissioners in consultation with Elk County Health Officer, and at the recommendation of President Donald Trump, the Governor, CDC and KDHE hereby direct that the Elk County Courthouse operations will be modified to prohibit public access as outlined below effective immediately and indefinitely. The Elk County Courthouse is indefinitely closed to the public and all meetings will be conducted via zoom with a public link. This resolution shall be reviewed during the regularly scheduled commission meeting on a meeting to meeting basis. This is additionally consistent with the closure of Kansas public schools and the closure of most court functions throughout the state except those functions that are deemed essential.

The following are included as additional restrictions and shall be closed pending further order: All public playground equipment, public outdoor sports venues such as volleyball, basketball, tennis courts, municipal swimming pools, RV and campgrounds at any State Park or Municipal park, public swimming areas at public lakes, and indoor gyms.

No one is permitted to travel to Elk County to quarantine that is not a resident of Elk County.

That the modifications of the courthouse operations to limit public access shall mean the following: That all employees shall continue to report to work as normal unless they show any symptoms or signs of illness. That anyone showing signs of illness should self-quarantine and not report to work for 14 days from the commencement of the self-quarantine (COVID-19). That the public is encouraged to do their business with the courthouse which can be accomplished through the following methods: courthouse dropbox, via mail, online transactions, facsimile and by telephone. That personal appearances will not be permitted unless authorized by a department head to support an essential business. That department heads who are housed within the Courthouse shall have authority to modify their staffing consistent with the present workload and to maintain a healthy staff. Reduced work hours will not affect hourly employees regular paycheck.

County departments may be contacted through the County's main telephone number of (620) 374-2490. The facsimile telephone number will be provided upon request.

That the commission meetings will currently occur on the regular scheduled meeting dates and times; however, the commission may conduct such meetings via teleconference or video conference and will reduce the number of individuals permitted to attend to comply with the six foot separation that is being recommended by most public health officials.

The Commission again reminds and further recommends to all citizens to implement the policy of social distancing, to avoid unnecessary travel, handshaking, and attempt to do as much business and interaction as is necessary virtually or by teleconference in an effort to slow the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19).

A violation of this Resolution will be a Class C Misdemeanor.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ELK COUNTY, KANSAS

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