

**SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MARCH 16, 2020 AT 10:00 A.M.**

**The following Fountain County Commissioners were present at the meeting:
Craig Stalter, Don Hesler and Tim Shumaker.**

Department Heads were in attendance to share concerns with the Commissioners.

The purpose of this meeting was to review and discuss information regarding workforce guidance for Fountain County. What can Fountain County do to protect the employees and citizens of the county during this difficult time of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Items discussed:

- Policy concerning people being paid if they are home sick due to the corona virus, quarantined and if they purposely place themselves in a position to possibly being infected.
- Departments such as EMS and Sheriff, who are more likely to be exposed, should not have to use their own time, if they have to be quarantined.
- Courts, Probation and Prosecutor are working from home or are having telephonic visits, hearings, etc.
- Dr Sharma's recording was shown to everyone describing in detail what the realization of what the county has and doesn't have concerning the corona virus in cases and testing.
- 911 needs to be sure and ask specific questions to callers, so that when officers or emergency help arrives, they are adequately prepared to deal with the situation.
- Anything that has been spent because of the COVID -19 pandemic needs to be properly kept track of to be able to recoup any funds.
- Colleen Chambers would like to have a drop box for property tax bills to be paid without having to come in the building.
- Concerns about early voting and the election in general

No final decision was made to close the courthouse at this time. The Commissioners are taking all of the department head opinions into consideration concerning time paid off for their employees if affected by the virus.

They would like to see what the surrounding Counties are doing before making any final decisions. In the meantime, the courthouse will have limited access and it will be posted that it is suggested that citizens call before they come and do not come in if they are showing any signs of being sick. More decisions will be made as more information becomes available.



**ATTEST: Brenda Hardy
Fountain County Auditor**



Craig Stalter, President



Don Hesler



Tim Shumaker



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HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

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Local Public Health Emergency Declaration

Fountain County, Indiana

Authority

Whereas, Fountain County, Indiana has been impacted by or is immediately threatened by the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

At 7:00 a.m. on March 16, 2020, in recognition of the global COVID-19 pandemic and the significant risk to the health and safety of the citizens of Fountain County, the Fountain & Warren County Health Department hereby declares a public health emergency for no less than 30 days and;

Now, therefore, we, the Fountain County Board of Commissioners, declare that a local public health emergency exists in the County and that we hereby invoke and declare those portions of the Indiana Code which are applicable to the conditions and have caused the issuance of this proclamation, to be in full force and effect in the County for the exercise of all necessary emergency authority for protection of the lives and property of the people of this County and the restoration of local government with a minimum of interruption.

This Declaration was approved by the Board of County Commissioners at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners held on Monday, March 16, 2020, conducted in accordance with Indiana's Open Door Law or at an emergency meeting of the Board of County Commissioners which complied with the Open Door Law requirements for such an emergency meeting in accordance with IC 5-14-1.5-5 (d).

Reference is hereby made to all appropriate laws, statutes, ordinances, and resolutions and particularly to Indiana Code 10-14-3-29.


All public offices and employees of Fountain County are hereby directed to exercise the utmost diligence in the discharge of duties required of them for the duration of the emergency and in execution of emergency laws, regulations, and directives—state and local.

All citizens are called upon and directed to comply with necessary emergency measures, to cooperate with public officials and response services in executing emergency operations plans, and to obey and comply with the lawful directions of properly identified officers.

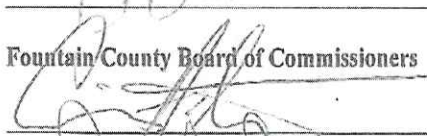
All operating forces will direct their communications and requests for assistance and operations directly to the Fountain County Emergency Operating Center.

This Declaration of Local Public Health Emergency shall remain effect for 30 days.


In witness, whereof, we have hereunto set our hand this 16th day of March 2020.



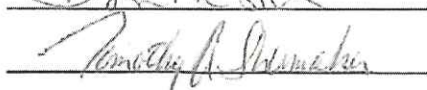
Health Officer




Fountain County Board of Commissioners



President



Member



Member

Attest:



Fountain County Auditor

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