

The Banks County Board of Commissioners held a called meeting on April 2, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Banks County Courthouse Annex. The purpose of the meeting was to consider the Governor's Executive Order to Shelter in Place and to consider issuing a State of Emergency Ordinance.

**Members Present**

Chairman Jimmy Hooper  
Vice Chairman Charles Turk  
Commissioner David Duckett  
Commissioner Danny Maxwell  
Commissioner Sammy Reece

**Staff Present**

County Clerk Jenni Gailey  
Finance Officer Randy Failyer  
HR Director Arlene Ivey  
EMA/E911 Director Deidra Moore

**Media**

Angela Gary, Banks County News

**1. Call to Order**

Ch. Hooper called the meeting to order.

Ch. Hooper led in prayer.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve the agenda: Jimmy Hooper  
Second: Charles Turk  
Vote: 5:0  
All aye votes and motion passed.

**3. COVID-19 – Governor's Executive Order to Shelter in Place**

Ch. Hooper stated that county government must go on and in light of the Governor's Executive Order to be issued today for all citizens to Shelter in Place, he asked for a decision of the Board to err on the side of safety by authorizing that Banks County Government go on spring holiday to Shelter in Place from Friday, April 3, 2020 at 12 noon through Monday, April 13, 2020. Employees will return to work on Tuesday, April 14, 2020. He said at that point they would reevaluate the situation as to the possibility of rotating employees.

Motion to close Banks County Government offices to Shelter in Place effective Friday, April 3, 2020 at 12 noon to Tuesday morning, April 14, 2020 : Jimmy Hooper  
Second: Danny Maxwell  
Vote: 5:0  
All aye votes and motion carried.

**State of Emergency Ordinance**

Deidra Moore stated since the county is scaling back and taking steps toward Sheltering in Place, now is the time to activate the State of Emergency in case it is needed to enact any other emergency

management ordinances. The ordinance will activate the Local Emergency Management Operations Plan and will make those ordinances available should the Board choose to enact them.

Motion to approve the ordinance: Jimmy Hooper

Second: Sammy Reece

***(Copy of ordinance filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #10-3)2020-05***

Arlene Ivey asked if the Board will consider hazard pay for public safety employees. Ch. Hooper stated as far as he is concerned that would be considered later. Comm. Maxwell stated the Shelter in Place measures are for the employees to stay home and encouraged department heads to stress that to employees. Ms. Moore stated the need to document every measure taken by the county during this time in order to receive federal reimbursement that may come later.

Ms. Ivey read a section from H.R. 6201-18 Division E, Section 5102(a)(1) Employee Paid Sick Leave Act in regards to employee wages requirement as follows:

*(a) In General. – An employer shall provide to each employee employed by the employer paid sick time to the extent that the employee is unable to work (or telework) due to a need for leave because:*

*(1) The employee is subject to a Federal, State, or local quarantine or isolation order related to COVID-19.*

#### **4. Adjournment**

Ch. Hooper adjourned the meeting at 1:10 p.m.

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Chairman

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County Clerk

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