

**JEROME COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Wednesday, March 18, 2020

PRESENT: Charles Howell, Chairman  
Ben Crouch, Vice Chairman  
John Crozier, Commissioner  
Jane White, Deputy Clerk

Meeting convened at 3:40 P.M.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES, Continued from March 17**

Present was Emergency Management Director Tanya Stitt.

Attorney Mike Seib had submitted an Emergency Declaration in order to authorize the furnishing of aid as a result of the pandemic coronavirus.

❖ A Motion was made by Commissioner Howell to sign the Jerome County Emergency Declaration as presented by legal counsel. It was seconded and carried with unanimous ayes.

The Commissioners listened to an address from Governor Brad Little's office regarding the coronavirus. The Governor said the rate of the medical emergency was continuing to rise.

Governor Little and other State directors answered questions that had been submitted by county commissioners statewide. The director of the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare stated the primary resource regarding the virus is the Public Health District. He added that following the CDC [Center for Disease Control] guidelines was recommended to slow down the spread of the virus. Other topics addressed included testing, deadlines, open meetings, schoolchildren, loans, cost sharing, and evictions.

The State phone call was terminated.

Tanya Stitt discussed possible actions for the Commissioners to consider helping limit the spread of the coronavirus.

➤ The Commissioners determined to consult their legal counsel, and discussion of additional safety measures was later put on the March 23 agenda.

Stitt also requested to be able to expend County funds over \$500 without authorization in case of an emergency.

❖ A Motion was made by Commissioner Howell to authorize Tanya Stitt not to exceed \$30,000 for emergency disaster funds. It was seconded and carried with unanimous ayes.

**READ AND APPROVE MINUTES, Continued from March 16**

❖ A Motion was made by Commissioner Howell to approve the minutes of March 9 as read. It was seconded and carried with unanimous ayes.

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**INDIGENT MATTERS, Continued from March 16**

❖ A Motion was made by Commissioner Crouch to follow staff recommendations for indigent matters. It was seconded and carried with unanimous ayes. Approved was Case No. 1920-016. Denied were Case Nos. 1920-036 and 1920-034. An Order of Suspension was signed for Case No. 1819-134.

Meeting adjourned at 5:25 P.M.

Respectively submitted:

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Jane White, Deputy Clerk

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Charles M. Howell, Chairman

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A. Ben Crouch, Vice Chairman

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John Crozier, Commissioner