

DELAWARE COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S MEETING  
March 18, 2020

The Board of County Commissioners of Delaware County met in Emergency Session in the County Commissioner's meeting room in the Delaware County Courthouse at 1:00 p.m. on March 18, 2020. The Agenda was posted March 18, 2020 at 12:45 p.m. and placed in the kiosk located on the courthouse lawn.

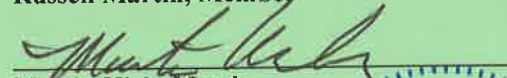
Members of the Board present were Commissioner David Poindexter-Chairman, Commissioner Russell Martin-Member, Commissioner Martin Kirk-Member and County Clerk Barbara Barnes-Secretary. The Board of Delaware County Commissioners is hereby authorized to act on the following items:

**AGENDA #1-** A motion was made by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner Kirk to approve to discuss emergency measures concerning COVID-19 Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes, Commissioner Martin-yes, Commissioner Kirk-yes. Motion carried. District Attorney Kenny Wright suggested a Courthouse protocol similar to Ottawa County in that as of March 19, 2020, the Courthouse will be closed to the public. Employees will be working with security only allowing people with essential business to enter. Criminal defendants must still appear for scheduled court dates. Criminal defendants failing to appear for court may have warrant issued for their arrest. Security will have a list of arraignments. Only the defendant and his or her attorney may enter the courthouse. No family or friends. No bondsmen. Security Officers will have the authority to use their common sense in the application of these rules. For example, if a young mother who is a defendant arrives with her 7-year-old child and there is no one in the car to watch the child, the child would be allowed to accompany the mother. Security Officers are encouraged to call the DA's Office for further guidance at any time. Elected officials must make the decision as to who has essential business and notify the Security Officer. Common sense must be used and there will not be much leeway as to who is allowed in. Essential business that cannot be done by phone, fax or e-mail will be handled on a case by case basis. All Law Enforcement Officers will be allowed to enter the Courthouse, such as Highway Patrol, OSBI, etc. Wright said that it is important to limit interaction with other offices Attorneys may only enter the building if they have specific business that cannot be conducted by phone, fax, email or other remote means. People wanting to make payments will not be allowed inside. Security officers will direct them to call the office they need to make a payment to or directed to drop boxes in front of the courthouse. When asked by Commissioner Poindexter how open meetings will be handled, Wright said there is emergency legislation signed by Governor Stitt allowing meeting to be streamed via applications such as Skype or Facebook Live to make meeting available to the public. Wright said we will need to take public comments off the agendas until the pandemic is over. Also, Wright recommended that the board purchase a computer for the Sheriff's Office to use for attorney/client conferences via Skype or Facebook Live. Commissioner Poindexter said he would help with the purchase of a computer for the Sheriff. Wright said these are the current procedures for the Courthouse, but subject to change depending on the day to day status of COVID-19. A motion was made by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner Kirk to accept the COVID-19 Delaware County Protocol for Front Door Security. Roll Call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes Commissioner Martin-yes Commissioner Kirk-yes. Motion carried.

**AGENDA #2-**A motion was made by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner Kirk to adjourn the meeting at 2:00 p.m. Roll Call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes Commissioner Martin-yes Commissioner Kirk-yes. Motion carried.

  
David Poindexter, Chairman

Russell Martin, Member

  
Martin Kirk, Member

  
County Clerk

