

COLES COUNTY BOARD
Special Meeting
May 18, 2020

The special meeting of the Coles County Board was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present Juan Barron, Brandon Bell, Travis Coffey, Denise Corray, John Doty, Jeremy Doughty, Brian Marvin, Stan Metzger, Nancy Purdy, Rick Shook, with Chairman Mike Zuhone presiding. The meeting was held by Webex.

Pledge to the Flag.

APPOINTMENT TO THE COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT #6 - JEREMY EAST

Zuhone appointed Jeremy East to fill the position of County Board District #6 until November 30, 2022 with the consent of the County Board.

AYES: Barron, Bell, Coffey, Corray, Doughty, Doty,
Marvin, Metzger, Purdy, Shook, Zuhone (11)
NAYS: None (0)
ABSENT: None (0)

COLES COUNTY BOARD DECLARATION

Chairman Zuhone called for a recess at 6:08 p.m. for the board members to view the Coles County Board Declaration

Out of recess at 6:13 p.m. to hear comments from the Board Members regarding the Declaration.

For a copy of the Declaration see pages 4583 -4584

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments were heard from the following:

Gaylon Swango	Angela Griffin	Charles Stodden	James DiNaso	Brandon Wright
Matt Bower	Matt Fredrick	Nicki Davidson	Diana Stenger	Josh Fredrick
Kirk Allen	Rob Perry	Todd Reardon		

ADJOURNED

Upon motion by Metzger, seconded by Marvin, the Coles County Board was adjourned at 8:57 p.m. with the consent of the County Board.

AYES: Barron, Bell, Coffey, Corray, Doty, Doughty,
East, Marvin, Metzger, Purdy, Shook, Zuhone (12)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSENT: None (0)

ATTEST:

_____ County Clerk

Coles County Board Declaration

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Illinois Executive Order 2020-10 is continued and extended in its entirety for the duration of the Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamations, which currently extends through May 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Coles County Declaration of Public Health Emergency remains in effect and will remain in effect until the Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation ends; and

WHEREAS, the health and wellbeing of the citizens of Coles County remains a constant concern for all officials of Coles County and continued prudent self-protection and temporary safeguards as directed by the Illinois Department of Public Health for social distancing, face covering, disinfecting and other safety protocols are warranted and strongly advised; and

WHEREAS, The Coles County Board and Coles County Department of Public Health agrees with the Governor of Illinois' efforts to protect those most at risk through continued quarantine of Nursing, Group and Assisted Living facilities and the closure of schools for the remaining school year; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 global pandemic in itself has negatively impacted the economy of Coles County, the Country and the World and has significant and potentially long-lasting negative impact on the economy of Coles County; and

WHEREAS, the Coles County Board is not encouraging businesses to open up prior to the Governor's Restore Illinois phase in plan, each business, church and individual remains responsible for their own compliance with Illinois State regulating bodies and are wholly responsible for their own liability in conducting business; and

WHEREAS, guidelines for safe operation and patronage for businesses, churches and individuals are available from the CDC, IDPH as well as plans such as the Governor of Illinois Regional Re-Open Plan; and

WHEREAS, The Coles County Board understands that some local businesses and places of worship desire to 'reopen' ahead of The Governor of Illinois' Executive Order 2020-10 Phase in Schedule; and

NOW THEREFORE, The Coles County Board declares that we support the Coles County States Attorney's Statement on May 13th, 2020 to not prosecute businesses and churches that open prior to The Governor of Illinois' Executive Order 2020-10 Phase In Schedule.

ADDITIONALLY, The Coles County Board asks that all businesses that choose to open either in accordance with, or prior to The Governor of Illinois' Executive Order 2020-10 Phase In Plan schedule, implement all reasonable and prudent safety guidelines and protocols as provided by the CDC and IDPH in order to provide for the safety of business owners, employees and patrons a like. The Coles County Board also asks that all patrons and customers of the aforementioned businesses, respect all safety guidelines and protocols adopted by those businesses as well as following the personal safety protocols provided for by The CDC, IDPH and The Governor of Illinois' Executive Order 2020-10,

FURTHER, The Coles County Board in concert with the Coles County Department of Public Health, and the States Attorney of Coles County will continue to monitor the continued COVID-19 crisis and its impact on Coles County in the furtherance of this action.

So says The Coles County Board on the 18th day of May 2020.

You are encouraged to contact the Governor's Office @ 217-782-6830 or 217-782-6831. Or email Voice An Opinion @ <https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/gov/contactus/pages/voiceanopinion.aspx>