

**FORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL MEETING OF May 27, 2020**  
**MEETING NUMBER 2020-19**  
**COMMISSION CHAMBERS**  
**3:30 PM.**



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The Board of County Commissioners met in special session in the Commission Chambers at the Ford County Government Center.

Those present were:

Chris Boys, Chairman  
Ken W. Snook, Commissioner  
Shawn Tasset, Commissioner

J.D. Gilbert, County Administrator  
Debbie Cox, County Clerk

Chairman Boys called the meeting to order. Dr. Shawn Fletcher led the group in prayer. Chairman Boys then led the group in the pledge of Allegiance.

**Discussion Regarding Governor Laura Kelly's AD ASTRA: A Plan to Reopen Kansas**

County Administrator J.D. Gilbert presented Recommendations from County Administration, Health Officer and COVID-responsive Department Heads:

Health Officer Angela Sowers stated these are the same guidelines that they follow with any infectious disease and they would continue following for COVID- 19. If they should see something that would cause concern, they would notify the Commission and take the necessary action.

Chairman Boys would like to make a change under the heading, Continue the following: Individuals, # 2 Wear face covers while in public. He would like to add "maintain proper procedures depending on the mask chosen". It should also be added, "people should consult with personal medical providers"

Chairman Boys moved to approve with the requested changes the Recommendation from County Administration, Health Officer and COVID-responsive Department Heads for COVID-19 plan. Commissioner Tasset seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

(Attached is the approved recommendation)

Chairman Boys moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:05 p.m. Commissioner Tasset seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0**

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FORD COUNTY, KANSAS**

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Chris Boys, Chairman

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Debbie Cox, County Clerk

Ford County Administrative Services

**COVID-19**

**Recommendation from County Administration, Health Officer and COVID-responsive Department Heads:**

**County Administration:**

County Administrator and Public Information Officer: J.D. Gilbert

Assistant County Administrator: Shawn Fletcher

**Health Officer**

Angela Sowers

**COVID-19-Responsive Department Heads**

Emergency Manager: Rex Beemer

Chief Officer of Fire and EMS: Rob Boyd

Sheriff: Bill Carr

Communications Director: Elliot Linke

**Continue the following: Ford County**

- 1) Provide statutory and necessary services and resources to Ford County citizens through contact tracing and possible enforcement of quarantine and isolation procedures.
- 2) Provide non-congregate housing to the citizens of Ford County.
- 3) Provide COVID-19 testing at the Ford County Expo Center.
- 4) Monitor Ford County health metrics for upward trajectory.
- 5) Monitor local health systems for increased hospitalizations and/or deaths.
- 6) Retain the authority and ability to institute measures for Ford County to respond effectively to an increase of cases, hospitalizations, deaths or stress on local medical community, services and providers.
- 7) Observe and/or extend local disaster declarations.

**Continue the following: Local businesses and community partners**

- 1) Use and engage Ford County as a resource and service for guidance in relation to COVID-19.
- 2) If necessary, develop and institute restrictions specific to your business, event, etc. to best exercise individual control.

**Continue the following: Individuals**

- 1) Maintain social distancing.
- 2) Wear face covers while in public and maintain proper procedures depending on the mask chosen.
- 3) Practice proper handwashing procedures.
- 4) Remain home if ill or exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19.
- 5) Remain home if you are high risk and/or have chronic health conditions.
- 6) Make efforts to limit your personal exposure.
- 7) Monitor Federal, State and Local guidelines regarding COVID-19 information.
- 8) Consult with personal medical providers.

**Government Units in Ford County:**

- 1) Develop plans to institute specific measures to best exercise home rule and local control.