

EFFINGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
EMERGENCY CALLED PHONE CONFERENCE MEETING MINUTES
(with the municipalities elected officials and managers)

April 1, 2020

The Board of Commissioners of Effingham County, Georgia, Mr. Wesley Corbitt Mr. Roger Burdette, Mr. Forrest Floyd, Mr. Jamie Deloach, Mr. Reginald Loper and Mr. Phil Kieffer participated via teleconference for a Special Called phone conference meeting at 3:00 pm on Wednesday, April 1, 2020. The host for the meeting was the Effingham County Administrative Complex.

STAFF ATTENDING THE MEETING

Mr. Tim Callanan – County Administrator, Ms. Stephanie Johnson – County Clerk and Mr. Clint Hodges – EMA Director, Mr. Matt Gill – EMS/Fire

PERSONS ATTENDING THE MEETING (via telephone)

Mayor Ken Lee, Ms. Ann Daniel, Mayor Russ Dean, Mayor Pro Tem Michael Johnson, Mr. Brett Bennett, Mr. Matt Morris, Mayor Barton Alderman and Mrs. Hursula Pelote

Chairman Corbitt opened the conference stating the purpose of the call to be to collaborate with municipal and county officials and managers to devise an unified ordinance to be adopted by the county and each of the municipalities.

The elected officials of the municipalities and the county discussed possible topics of implementation to an emergency measures ordinance related to COVID-19. Topics of discussion were: shelter-in-place order, curfew, public and private gatherings, restaurant and dining restrictions, public parks and facilities restrictions, fines and penalties and closure of public swimming pools.

Mr. Darrell O'Neal of the Department of Public Health offered a recommendation to issue a shelter in place for the county based on information and data related to COVID-19.

Mayor Russ Dean and Commissioner Jamie Deloach supported the recommendation of the Department of Public Health. Commissioner Forrest Floyd expressed concern for placing mandates on the citizens. All others on the call made general comments and/or offerings of possible options.

The result of the call was for each city and the county to formulate a list of potential items to be included in the declaration ordinance and forward to County Manager Tim Callanan. A draft ordinance based on the comments received would be emailed to the cities prior to noon on April 1, 2020.

The call ended at 4:28 pm.



Wesley M. Corbitt, Chairman



Stephanie D. Johnson, County Clerk