

**EFFINGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES**  
**(VIA TELECONFERENCE)**

*March 26, 2020*

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The Board of Commissioners of Effingham County, Georgia, Mr. Wesley Corbitt Mr. Mr. Forrest Floyd, Mr. Jamie Deloach, Mr. Reginald Loper and Mr. Phil Kieffer participated via teleconference for a Special Called meeting at 3:30 pm on Thursday, March 26, 2020 in the Commissioners Meeting Room at the Effingham County Administrative Complex. Mr. Roger Burdette was not present.

**STAFF ATTENDING THE MEETING**

Mr. Tim Callanan – County Administrator, Mr. Edward Newberry - County Attorney, Ms. Stephanie Johnson – County Clerk and Mr. Clint Hodges – EMA Director

**PERSONS ATTENDING THE MEETING (announced via telephone)**

Gg Rigsby, and LaMeisha Kelly.

**I - CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Corbitt called the meeting to order at 3:35 pm.

**II – AGENDA APPROVAL**

Vice Chairman Deloach made a motion to approve the agenda as read. Commissioner Floyd seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**III – NEW BUSINESS**

**CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE FIRST READING TO AMEND THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE (01):**

County Manager Callanan explained the proposed changes to the ordinance include to name a designee of authority and to list the personnel policies approved at the March 20, 2020 special called meeting.

Vice Chairman Deloach made a motion to approve the First Reading. Commissioner Kieffer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE SECOND READING TO AMEND THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE (02):**

Vice Chairman Deloach made a motion to approve the Second Reading. Commissioner Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY ARISING DUE TO COVID-19, AN ORDINANCE TAKING IMMEDIATE EMERGENCY MEASURES (03):**

County Manager Callanan explained a resolution for enactment was passed at the March 20, 2020 special called meeting. Now the emergency ordinance has been amended, Staff request approval of a resolution to declare a local state of emergency to be effective upon the vote.


There was discussion about implementing a voluntary shelter in place order. Chairman Corbitt advised Staff to draft a summary strongly recommending our citizens to practice voluntary social distancing. The collective also discussed if the Sheriff is able to enforce social distancing within the county based on the 'no more than 10 people gathering' order issued by the state.


EMA Director Hodges stated State Health Officials are mostly leaving the decisions regarding business in the hands of local authorities.

Vice Chairman Deloach made a motion to approve the Resolution of declaration. Commissioner Floyd seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**IV - ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, at 4:03 pm, Commissioner Kieffer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chairman Deloach seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

  
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Wesley M. Corbitt, Chairman

  
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Stephanie D. Johnson, County Clerk