

**BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**RESOLUTION 03-20-3A**  
**DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, the Becker County Commissioners on March 17, 2020 passed Resolution 03-20-3 Declaring a State of Emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic event; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor of the State of Minnesota, Tim Walz, has implemented Emergency Executive Order 20-18 title Continuing the Closure of Bars, Restaurants, and other Places of Public Accommodation, Executive Order 20-19 Authorizing and Directing the Commissioner of Education to Implement a Distance Learning Period and Continue to Provide Safe Learning Environment for Minnesota's Students and Emergency Executive Order 20-20 titled Directing Minnesotans to Stay at Home on March 25 to address a pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, the Becker County Board of Commissioners authorize the County Administrator, in cooperation with Becker County Sheriff and Becker County Emergency Manager to perform duties to ensure the safety and security of the people of Becker County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Becker County Board Chair declared a continued local emergency according to MSS 12.29 Sub. 1 which is hereby extended until May 1, 2020 at 5:00 pm.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, for the reasons stated, the Becker County Commissioners here by order the following:

1. Authorize the Becker County Finance Committee to approve Emergency Warrants up to \$10,000 relating to this Emergency Order.
2. All Committee meetings consisting of non-elected officials shall be postponed until a date after April 10, 2020 at 11:59pm (unless otherwise required by state law).
3. As of the date of this Resolution all Becker County employees are considered Critical and are exempted from the Governors' Emergency Order in accordance with: Governors' Emergency Executive Order 20-20, Exemption 6.
  - a. All employees that can work from home using virtual measures or other means and are approved by their Department Head shall do so.
  - b. All employees can be reassigned to other Departments to serve the needs of the county to support all other government functions due to change in workload relating to health, safety, and welfare of the public, to preserve the essential elements of the financial system of government, and to continue priority services.
  - c. If workload decreases within the governmental services being provided, said employees shall be allowed to use paid or unpaid leave as approved by their Supervisor.

- d. The County Administrator shall be granted authority to reevaluate job classifications, which governmental services are critical and determine if the position is critical or not, until April 10, 2020 at 11:59 pm, unless otherwise extended.
4. County Operations will continue to provide services to the public. Operations may be reduced to comply with said Emergency Executive Orders. The following shall be in effect until April 10, 2020 at 11:59 pm.
- a. All Becker County Government operating facilities will be limiting access to all public buildings.
  - b. Exterior doors will be locked at the Courthouse, Human Services and the Highway Department. The Sheriff's Office Dispatch window will remain open for emergencies only. The only doors open for scheduled appointments and 7th Judicial Court operations will be located on Lake Avenue of the Becker County Courthouse.
  - c. While the buildings will be closed to the public for routine traffic, services and operation hours will continue to be provided to the citizens through phone, fax, e-mail etc. If said service cannot be provided remotely, they shall be conducted at the government facility by appointment only, after being properly screened.

***Properly screened non-governmental citizens may enter the Becker County Governmental Offices through prearranged entrance points.***

- d. Becker County provides many on-line services. Citizens are to first explore these options and utilize them whenever possible. Citizens are to call prior to coming to campus to ensure department/staff availability. A listing of department/agency contacts will be provided at each door. Public access to the courthouse will continue for court related business.
- e. All Health Care Providers and Emergency Responders are deemed exempt from the Families First Coronavirus Response Act. The County Administrator shall be granted authority to determine which specific job classification fall within these categories, consistent with any guidance provided by the Department of Labor.
- f. For those employees not eligible for FFCRA and who have no work or telework to perform, will be allowed to use all accrued paid time, including sick leave, through April 10, 2020. The County reserves the right to require Critical Sector Workers to continue to work during this time.

5. Environmental Services Refuse and Recycling operations shall have reduced operations.
  - a. Mixed Solid Waste operations shall be as follows:
 

Monday – Friday: 8:00 am till 4:30 / Saturday 8:00 am till 12:00 pm
  - b. Household Hazardous Waste and the Osage Solid Waste transfer station will continue winter hours or as otherwise determined by the Becker County Environmental Services Committee.
  - c. Recycling drop off sites will remain open for health and safety; however, pickup of recyclables will be delayed.
6. Department of Motor Vehicles shall be closed until April 10, 2020 at 11:59 pm. This order follows the Division of Minnesota Department of Public Safety Driver and Vehicle Services.
7. Other Departments. Other government operations may be adjusted as deemed appropriate by the County Administrator in consultation with the appropriate Becker County Board subcommittee.

Duly adopted this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020, at Detroit Lakes, MN.

COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Becker County, Minnesota

ATTEST:

/s/ Michael M. Brethorst

/s/ Ben Grimsley

Michael M. Brethorst

Ben Grimsley

County Administrator

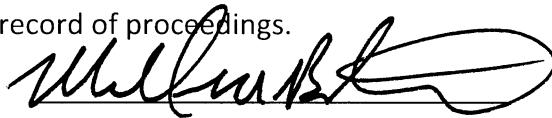
Board Chair

State of Minnesota)

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County of Becker)

I, the undersigned being the duly appointed and qualified County Administrator for the County of Becker, State of Minnesota, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution passed, adopted, and approved by the County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held March 27, 2020, as recorded in the record of proceedings.



Michael M. Brethorst

County Administrator