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THE MINNEHAHA COUNTY COMMISSION CONVENEED AT 2:00 P.M. March 27, 2020, pursuant to adjournment on March 24, 2020. Commissioners present were: Bender, Beninga, and Karsky. Commissioners Barth and Heiberger joined the meeting via teleconference. Also present were Olivia Larson, Commission Recorder, and Margaret Gillespie, Senior Deputy State's Attorney.

## RESOLUTION

Jason Gearman, Emergency Management Director, provided an update on COVID-19. The local healthcare facilities currently have enough supplies and have not yet seen a surge in patients. Minnehaha County has a total of 18 positive test results for the virus. Mr. Gearman advised everyone to be patient and stay at home over the weekend. Rain is expected for the weekend, but a major flood event is not expected. Carol Muller, Commission Administrative Officer, reported that Minnehaha County Non-Essential Buildings are still closed to the public. Citizens are encouraged to utilize online and mail-in options to receive services. Commissioner Bender reported that the COVID-19 Response Committee conducts a daily call to problem solve and address issues. Ms. Muller, presented a resolution to address a public health crisis by recommending certain measures to slow the community spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19) and to declare an emergency. MOTION by Karsky, seconded by Beninga, to approve Resolution MC20-21. By roll call vote: 5 ayes.

**MINNEHAHA COUNTY RESOLUTION MC20-21  
A RESOLUTION TO ADDRESS A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS BY RECOMMENDING CERTAIN  
MEASURES TO SLOW THE COMMUNITY SPREAD OF CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) AND TO  
DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.**

*Whereas, The World Health Organization has designated COVID-19 a pandemic, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has declared a public health emergency; and,*

*Whereas, The CDC has issued guidance to state and local governments and all citizens recommending steps to prevent community spread and guard against the COVID-19 outbreak; and,*

*Whereas, Governor Kristi Noem, through Executive Order 2020-08, ordered and directed the recommendations contained in this Resolution to all South Dakotans; and*

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Minnehaha County Board of Commissioners that any enclosed retail business within Minnehaha County, outside of the exterior boundaries of an incorporated municipality, that promotes public gathering should modify business practices in order to ensure that not more than ten patrons are on the premises for on-site use of the services and/or consumption of the goods at any given time. Such businesses are encouraged to consider utilizing business models that do not involve public gathering, including takeout, delivery, drive-thru, curbside service, and off-site services.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution is deemed necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, and as an emergency measure this resolution shall become immediately effective upon approval.

Dated this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

Jean Bender

Jean Bender, Chair

Minnehaha County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Olivia Larson, Deputy

Minnehaha County Auditor

PUBLIC COMMENT

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Commissioner Beninga thanked Commissioner Bender for her leadership during this stressful time noting the great effort and the amount of time she has dedicated to the COVID-19 situation.

MOTION by Beninga, seconded by Karsky, to adjourn. 5 ayes.

The Commission adjourned until 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday March 31, 2020.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION:

Jean Bender

Chair

ATTEST:

Olivia Larson

Deputy Auditor