



**COMMISSION SESSION MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2020, 12:30 PM**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Nolte called the meeting to order at 12:38 PM.

**2. INVOCATION**

Brad Garrett

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Recited

**4. ROLL CALL**

Commissioner Nolte requested the Clerk to call the roll.

A Quorum was established by the following roll call vote:

Commissioner Nolte – Here

Commissioner Ridgeway – Here

Commissioner Owen – Here

**5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Commissioner Ridgeway made a motion to approve the agenda as printed.

Commissioner Owen made a motion to amend the agenda with the addition of Resolution 2020-97 as the first item on the Commission Session Agenda.

County Counselor, Lowell Pearson, noted that Captain Will Akin, Emergency Management Director, declared a State of Emergency on the morning of March 18, 2020 and recommended that the Commission consider approving this Declaration so that no question of validity exists.

Commissioner Nolte – Yes

Commissioner Owen – Yes

Commissioner Ridgeway – Yes

The amendment Passed.

Commissioner Nolte made a motion to amend by removing Ordinance 2020-ORD-14 from the agenda.

Discussion took place.

Commissioner Ridgeway called the question.

Commissioner Nolte – Yes

Commissioner Owen – No

Commissioner Ridgeway – No



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The amendment Failed.

The motion on the floor is to approve the agenda as amended by the addition of Resolution 2020-97.

Commissioner Nolte – No  
Commissioner Owen – Yes  
Commissioner Ridgeway – Yes

The motion Passed.

**6. MEETINGS SCHEDULE**

- Commission Session Monday, April 6, 2020, 10:00 AM

**7. HONORARY RESOLUTIONS**

None

**8. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

**9. COMMISSION SESSION**

- 2020-97 Declaration of State of Emergency/Commissioner Ridgeway

Commissioner Ridgeway made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-97.

Discussion took place.

Commissioner Nolte – Yes  
Commissioner Owen – Yes  
Commissioner Ridgeway – Yes

The motion Passed.

- 2020-96 Approve COVID19 Protocol Outline/Commission

Commissioner Ridgeway made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-96.

Discussion took place.

Commissioner Ridgeway made a motion to amend Appendix A by replacing the first sentence under the heading Building Access Policies with the following:

Public buildings of Clay County shall be closed to the public and non-essential personnel until such time that the County Commission deems it safe to open the following facilities to public access.

Commissioner Ridgeway called the question on the amendment.



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Commissioner Nolte – Yes  
Commissioner Owen – Yes  
Commissioner Ridgeway – Yes

The amendment Passed.

Commissioner Owen made a motion to amend Appendix A by replacing the first sentence under the heading Personnel Policies with the following:

Essential employees performing repair and sanitation work during the state of emergency required by the county will be compensated through hazardous pay, to be determined by County Counsel specializing in employment matters and Assistant County Administrators.

Discussion took place.

Commissioner Ridgeway called the question.

Commissioner Nolte's phone connection failed.

County Counselor, Lowell Pearson, requested the Deputy Clerk to appoint a Commissioner in attendance to serve as Presiding Commissioner in the absence of Commissioner Nolte.

Deputy Clerk, Penny Banhart, appointed Commissioner Owen to serve as Presiding Commissioner in the absence of Commissioner Nolte.

Commissioner Nolte's phone connection was reestablished.

Commissioner Nolte – Yes  
Commissioner Owen – Yes  
Commissioner Ridgeway – Yes

The amendment Passed.

Commissioner Ridgeway called the question.

The motion on the floor is to approve Resolution 2020-96 as amended.

Commissioner Nolte – Yes  
Commissioner Owen – Yes  
Commissioner Ridgeway – Yes

The motion Passed.

- 2020-ORD-14 Reappropriate and Revise the Adopted Budget for Current Year/Finance & Administrative Services



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Commissioner Nolte made a motion to table Ordinance 2020-ORD-14.

Commissioner Nolte – Yes  
Commissioner Owen – No  
Commissioner Ridgeway – No

The motion Failed.

Commissioner Ridgeway made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-ORD-14.

Commissioner Owen called the question.

Commissioner Nolte – No  
Commissioner Owen – Yes  
Commissioner Ridgeway – Yes

The motion Passed.

**10. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

None

**11. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS SESSIONS**

None

**12. WRITTEN REPORTS**

None

**13. EXECUTIVE SESSION(S)**

None

**14. RECESS/ADJOURNMENT**

The Commission adjourned at 3:10 PM.