Special Commissioners’ Meeting

May 1, 2020

In Person Attendees: James Crowl, Lynne Liechty, Kim Meyers, Crystal Dadura, Alicia vanEe.

Telephonic Attendees: Bill Schmidt, Jen Sharkey, Ed Reter, Mike Marturello, Josh Odom, Frank Charlton, Rita Wolfrum

James Crowl said they have just heard from the Governor and the Commissioners will follow his plan as directed. Commissioner Crowl said starting next Monday, May 4, 2020, County Employees will be back at full staff except those that can work from home. On May 11, 2020, the public may enter County Buildings by appointment only. James Crowl said social distancing should be practiced and masks will hopefully be worn. He said County Employees will be wearing masks.

Commissioner Crowl said the Campground will open on May 24. Frank Charlton asked if the campers could mow their yards. Lynne Liechty said it is closed until May 24.

Alicia vanEe said anyone whom is living permanently in an RV or a cabin are excluded from the order.

Lynne Liechty said golf courses are open, social gatherings with no more than ten (10) people are allowed and carryout is permitted as well. Commissioner Liechty said religious services may convene inside places of worship on May 8.

James Crowl said the rules and regulations for the various stages are listed at www.backontrack.in.gov. Lynne Liechty said there are four (4) stages and there are a lot of changes that go into effect in the later stages.

Mike Marturello, Herald Republican, asked for clarification regarding the public wearing masks. James Crowl stated the Commissioners are requiring the public to wear face masks. Mr. Marturello also asked if the recommendations from the Health Department are being followed as well. The Commissioners said those recommendations are to be followed as well.

Bill Schmidt asked how this effects the sandbar and the lakes. James Crowl said the sandbar is off limits and it doesn’t exist until the Governor says so; however, the DNR is controlling that. Alicia vanEe said under the Governor’s order that came out today, it does say that boating is permitted as long as social distancing is followed, but the DNR controls the sandbar and as long as the stay at home order is in effect, the sandbar will remain closed and patrolled. Ms. vanEe said more information will be coming from the DNR.

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Kim Meyers, Steuben County Auditor