

**COOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Called Meeting

Teleconference Governor Kemp

March 23, 2020 5:00 p.m.

Present: Jeff Lane, Chairman  
Debra Robinson, Commissioner (via telephone)  
Lindsey Parrish, Commissioner (via telephone)  
Audie Rowe, Commissioner (via telephone)  
Dwight E. Purvis, Commissioner (via telephone)

Staff Present: Faye Hughes, County Administrator  
Vicki S. Parrish, County Clerk

Chairman Lane called the meeting to order.

The Commission listened to Governor Brian Kemp's teleconference regarding Georgia's stance on the COVID-19 virus and updates being done in the health care industry to aid Georgians as well as the statewide curfew to be imposed.

RESOLUTION OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DECLARING PUBLIC HEALTH STATE OF EMERGENCY: Commissioner Purvis moved to adopt the Resolution for the County State of Emergency, second Commissioner Robinson. Motion carried, 5 yes votes.

**RESOLUTION  
OF THE  
COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
DECLARING PUBLIC HEALTH STATE OF EMERGENCY**

THIS RESOLUTION, adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, Georgia.

Whereas, Cook County officials were notified on March 23rd, 2020 of presumptive positive cases of COVID-19 within close proximity of the area;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS and it is hereby resolved by the authority of same that due to the confirmed cases of COVID-19 immediately surrounding Cook County of which Cook County citizens frequent for work and resources, all county facilities be closed effective March 23, 2020 through April 6, 2020, staff of the facilities are in place and available for business at this time by phone. These actions taken under the authority of the Cook County Board of Commissioners.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that online services are encouraged and no late fees for county services will be incurred and services will not be suspended or penalized.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all public safety personnel, including Cook County 9-1-1, Cook County Sheriff's Office and Fire Rescue will continue to operate under normal guidelines.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) will be opened and staffed with mission critical personnel during regular business hours and will take calls through the county's EOC during normal business hours. County Administration will also be accessible to make decisions on other services being requested during the time of closure. Administration staff will also be available to ensure payments to vendors, employee payroll and official county clerical business is not interrupted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this declaration does not apply to the operation of the Clerk of Court, Magistrate Court, Probate Court, Superior Court or any court office or business of the court in Cook County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that County personnel will be compensated per the Cook County Personnel Policy Section 33. PANDEMIC LEAVE POLICY, as adopted by the Cook County Board of Commissioners on Friday, March 13, 2020. There will be no disruptions to benefits or accruals.

ADOPTED, this 23rd day of March, 2020.

Cook County Commissioners

  
Jeff Lane, Chairman



  
Vicki S. Parrish, Clerk

COUNTY EMPLOYMENT HIRING FREEZE: Commissioner Parrish moved to suspend hiring until further notice. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Purvis. Motion carried unanimously.

With all business concluded meeting adjourned.

COOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

This 6th day of April 2020.

/s/Jeff Lane, Chairman

/s/ Vicki S. Parrish, County Clerk