

November 24th, 2020

The Board of Supervisors of Shelby County, Iowa, met pursuant to law and rules of said board in special session at 12:00 noon via a virtual connection to permit distancing. The following members were present Charles Parkhurst, Chairman; Darin Haake, Vice-Chairperson; Supervisor Steve Kenkel and Mark Maxwell, Clerk.

This meeting was made available at ZOOM at

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87305378085?pwd=b0FaNXp4SEVqcE1MK0l1eXduYy85Zz09>

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The meeting was called to order and it was asked by the Chairman about any conflicts of interest. None were stated.

A motion was made by Kenkel and seconded by Haake to approve the Agenda as presented and legally posted. A unanimous vote in favor of the agenda was then counted.

Policy discussion was then held by the Supervisors concerning the proposed Resolution regarding implementing Shelby County health guidelines.

Charles Parkhurst Supervisor Chairperson stated that the resolution originated at the Shelby County Board of Health recommendation. Dr Brian Andersen who sits on the Board of Health, said that a reasonable consideration should be given for the most vulnerable, by wearing masks. He noted that regional and local hospitals are being stressed many ways by the pandemic. Barry Jacobsen CEO of Myrtue Medical Center reiterated Dr. Andersen's comments and that the hospital is encouraging the mandate to relieve some of the stresses the hospital is experiencing. Lori Hoch of Shelby county Public Health shared current statistics and that her employees have experienced many examples of the hurdles that Covid has presented. Alex Londo Shelby County Emergency Management Director stressed the need for everyone to wear a mask when appropriate.

Supervisor Darin Haake said that common courtesy should drive more to wear a masks and to try and protect others. Haake noted that even though a Resolution will not be considered, the Supervisors wanted the Public Health Board to have the chance to make their motives known.

Comments were heard from many attendees with varying opinions, some regarding personal experiences and perspectives.

Steve Kenkel Shelby County Supervisor representing Shelby County on the Shelby County Board of Health said everyone is becoming weary of Covid and that an Iowa Attorney General had ruled against local mask mandates Kenkel added that such actions may put the county at risk for lawsuits.

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:43 PM

Charles Parkhurst, Chairman

ATTEST:

Mark L. Maxwell, Clerk to the Board of Supervisors