

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-09

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING OPENING ACCESS TO COUNTY FACILITIES AND REVOKING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF RESOLUTION 2020-05 WHICH INCREASED AUTHORITY UNDER PURCHASING POLICY AND ALLOWED ADOPTION OF HUMAN RESOURCES POLICY

WHEREAS, Seward County Kansas declared through Resolution No. 2020-03 there was a state of local public health emergency on March 16, 2020, which was to continue and remain in effect for 60 days unless terminated earlier; and

WHEREAS, the state of local public health emergency was subsequently extended to July 16, 2020 by virtue of Resolution No. 2020-08; and

WHEREAS, in response to the evolving nature of the COVID-19 pandemic, Seward County adopted Resolution 2020-05 which authorized purchases up to \$50,000.00 without the necessity of complying with the informal bid process, so long as the purchase was approved in writing by the Seward County Administrator, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 2020-05 also authorized the County Administrator in coordination with the Human Resources Director to promulgate, adopt and enforce any and all emergency employment policies necessary to quickly adapt to the disaster emergency including but not limited to policies concerning employee leave, paid time off, alternative off-site work arrangements, and those policies necessary to comply with changing state and federal law; and

WHEREAS, it is determined that the expanded authority under the purchasing policy and authority to promulgate emergency employment policies is no longer necessary; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 2020-05 was to remain in effect until such time Resolution 2020-03, and all extensions thereof, which declared the state of local public health emergency was no longer in effect; and

WHEREAS, the governor issued a phased in approach to reopening to the State of Kansas known as "Ad Astra: A Plan to Reopen KANSAS;" and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this resolution is to transition away from limited access to county owned and operated facilities;

WHEREAS, it is further the purpose of this resolution to revoke the authority (i) for emergency purchases up to \$50,000.00 and (ii) to issue human resource policies contained in Resolution 2020-05.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SEWARD COUNTY, KANSAS, adopt the following:

Section 1. Revocation of Increased Emergency Purchasing Authority and Authority to Promulgate Human Resources Policies.

Section 5 and Section 6 of Resolution 2020-05 are hereby immediately revoked. The text of Section 4 of Resolution 05-09 shall therefore read as it was immediately prior to adoption of Resolution 2020-05.

Section 2. Phased in Opening of County Facilities.

The provisions of Section 1 through 4 of Resolution 2020-05 shall remain in effect until 12:00 a.m. June 1, 2020 at which time Resolution 2020-05 shall be deemed revoked in its entirety. From and after June 1, 2020, all Seward County facilities (herein "Facilities") other than the Seward County Courthouse and Seward County Fairgrounds Complex shall be fully opened as they were prior to adoption of Resolution 2020-05 except as follows:

- a. All individuals of the public accessing the Facilities will be subject to the Health Questionnaire developed by the local Public Health Officer pursuant to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment Guidelines and other screening the Public Health Officer deems necessary. If any question thereon is answered in the affirmative or other screening is failed, access shall be denied;
- b. Except during public meetings, access shall be restricted to no more than 5 members of the public at a time per Department, subject to social distancing requirements set forth herein. In the event social distancing cannot be maintained in a Department when 5 members of the public are present, then in that event, the number of members of the public allowed in a Department shall be restricted to the greatest number permitted that allows for social distancing of six (6) feet between each person;
- c. Social distancing shall be maintained by members of the public of a least six (6) feet between each person whenever possible;
- d. Members of the general public shall abide by all directives and orders of the Public Health Officer and county staff while in the Facilities;
- e. Department heads may develop department specific protocols to protect the continuity of county services such as implementing staggered shifts and the ability to telework; and
- f. Access to County Facilities shall at all times comply with all relevant governor's executive orders, including but not limited to all executive orders implementing phases of the governor's "Ad Astra: A Plan to Reopen KANSAS," except to the extent that this resolution may be determined more restrictive.

Section 3. Seward County Fairground Complex. The Seward County Fairground Complex is authorized to open for use by the public, so long as any such use thereof follows the governor's executive orders, including but not limited to all relevant executive orders implementing phases of the governor's "Ad Astra: A Plan to Reopen KANSAS." Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Seward County Ag Building shall not open to the public due to the fact that it continues to be used for Covid-19 testing at this time. The Seward County Administrator is hereby authorized to open the Seward County Ag Building at such time it is no longer used for Covid-19 testing, subject to the governor's executive orders as set forth in this section.

Section 4. Seward County Courthouse.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Seward County District Courthouse shall be subject to all Kansas Supreme Court Orders on the subject of opening courthouses. This resolution is not meant to supersede any such order. The County Administrator is authorized to work with the Chief District Court Judge of the 26th Judicial District or his designee in making policies limiting access to the building while still allowing the court to function as required.

Section 5. Resolution Not a Significant Disruption of Essential Functions.

It is hereby found and determined by the Board that this resolution does not significantly disrupt performance of essential functions outlined in the governor's Executive Order 20-16.

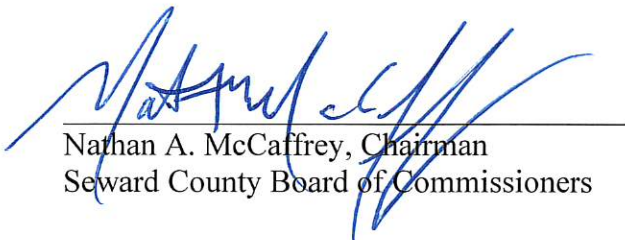
Section 6. Resolution Only Pertains to County Owned and Operated Facilities and Not Private Businesses and Facilities.

This Resolution does not in any way pertain to the opening of private businesses and private facilities but only deals with County owned and operated facilities.

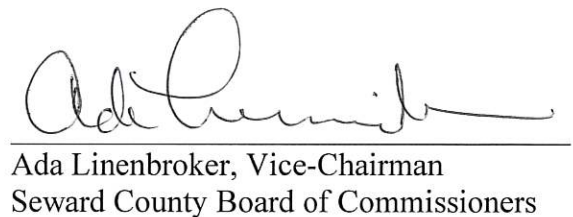
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED this 18th day of May, 2020.

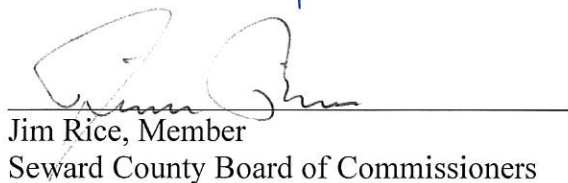
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