

Press Release

All County Buildings and Facilities Closed to Public

THIEF RIVER FALLS, MN – All Pennington County buildings and facilities are closed to the public effective March 20, 2020, at 16:30 until March 30, 2020 at 08:00 or until further notice. The decision was made by the Pennington County Board of Commissioners who held an emergency meeting in the Pennington in the Pennington County Board Room on March 17, 2020 at 09:00 to discuss appropriate prevention and protection measures in response to the expanding COVID-19 pandemic. This was done in consultation with Emergency Management Director Erik Beitel and the Director of Inter County Nursing Service, Kayla Jore.

In taking these measures, Pennington County remains in line with guidance for social distancing strategies recommended by both the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) and Center for Disease Control (CDC) in addition to the Governor of Minnesota and the Commissioner of Health. This action will also help protect staff and the general public from being exposed to potentially sick individuals and spreading the virus to our friends and families.

While the buildings will be closed to the public, normal county services and operations will continue to be provided to the community on the same schedule, through both phone and email. Many services can also be done online if necessary and citizens are encouraged to explore those options. A listing of department contacts can be found on the county webpage: <http://co.pennington.mn.us/> or by calling the Emergency Management Department at 218.683.7087.

Thank You,

Ryan,

This closing was extended to 08:00, April 13, 2020 at the regular board meeting on March 24th.

We also agreed to meeting in special meeting as full board each Thursday at 09:00. Beginning with all department heads at 09:00 and taking up items, if any, with the full board following the department head meeting.

Hope you're doing well.

Darryl