



Resolution No. 2020-11

Declaring Roosevelt County, New Mexico to be an Emergency Area as a Result of COVID-19; Authorizing the County Manager to Modify the County Personnel Policy and Establish Emergency Policies in Response to the COVID-19 Emergency; Ratifying Action Previously Taken; and Authorizing Other Appropriate Measures

WHEREAS, at least 624 New Mexicans, as of this date have tested presumptively positive for the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, including one resident of Roosevelt County; and,

WHEREAS, COVID-19, a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death, is caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus, which is a new strain of coronavirus that had not been previously identified in humans and can spread via droplets from person to person; and,

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the International Health Regulations Emergency Committee of the World Health Organization declared the outbreak a "Pandemic"; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has, on March 13, 2020, declared a nationwide national emergency pursuant to Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, Public Law 93-288, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq., and Related Authorities; and

WHEREAS, the CDC currently indicates there are 330,891 cases in the United States, and the New Mexico State Department of Health has now confirmed travel-related and community spread of COVID-19 in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020 Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham proclaimed a public health emergency and invoked all powers under the All Hazard Emergency Act, NMSA 1978, §§12-10-1 through 12-10-10, for a minimum of thirty (30) days; and

WHEREAS, Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham did, on March 15, 2020, announce further restrictions on food service, public meetings, public parks, and encouraged public employees to telecommute, if possible; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico Department of Health Cabinet Secretary Kathyleen M. Kunkel, on March 23, 2020, amended her public health issue to include further restrictions on public gatherings, closure of all non-essential businesses, and limiting sales of health care supplies and other necessary goods; and

WHEREAS, Roosevelt County has created the Department of Emergency Management, which department is responsible for the organization, administration, and operation of the civil emergency management program for the County; and

WHEREAS, The Roosevelt County Emergency Management is coordinating resources across local and state government to support the County and local and municipal officials in alleviating the impacts to people, property, and business and is assessing the magnitude and long-term effects of the virus with the New Mexico Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management; and



WHEREAS, the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 and the effects of its extreme risk of person-to-person transmission throughout New Mexico and Roosevelt county significantly impacts the life and health of our citizens, as well as the economy of Roosevelt County and is a public disaster that affects life, health, property, or the public peace.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Roosevelt County Commissioners that:

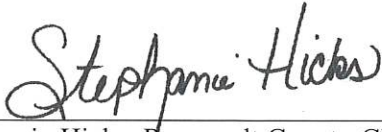
1. By virtue of the authority provided by local ordinances and by the All Hazard Emergency Management Act (NMSA 1978, §12-10-01 to §12-10-10), we do hereby declare Roosevelt County to be an emergency area as a result of COVID-19 for the purpose of exercising necessary emergency powers and expenditure of available resources and requesting aid, assistance, relief programs, and funds available from the State of New Mexico and the Federal Government.
2. County agencies and departments are directed to utilize County resources and to do everything reasonably possible to assist affected areas within the County, in an effort to respond to and recover from the outbreak.
3. As a result of this outbreak, it is the responsibility of Roosevelt County officials to control County resources and manage and coordinate those resources for the control of spread of COVID-119 and to maintain public health.
4. The County Manager may implement all necessary and proper measures to allow for the flexibility of time and location of work, including offsite and telecommuting for all non-essential employees during the period of this emergency as well as expanding the use of sick leave and unpaid leave where necessary. The County Manager may make any additional temporary alteration to the Roosevelt County Personnel Ordinance as deemed necessary.
5. Actions previously taken by the County Manager in response to the COVID-19 health emergency are, to the extent necessary, hereby ratified.
6. This Declaration is subject to ratification by the Board of County Commissioners.
7. This Declaration may be adopted by any municipality within the County by resolution. Any such action may include a provision authorizing its city to take such action regarding its personnel as deemed appropriate by its governing body.



PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 7th day of April, 2020.

**BODY OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ROOSEVELT COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

ATTEST:



Stephanie Hicks, Roosevelt County Clerk

Telephonically approved

Matthew Hunton, Chairman – District II
Voted: Yes No Abstained

Telephonically approved

Tina Dixon, Vice Chair – District IV
Voted: Yes No Abstained

Telephonically approved

Dennis Lopez – District I
Voted: Yes No Abstained

Telephonically approved

Lewis (Shane) Lee – District III
Voted: Yes No Abstained

Telephonically approved

Paul Grider– District V
Voted: Yes No Abstained

