

Commissioner Tighe moved that the following Resolution be adopted:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

OF THE COUNTY OF JEFFERSON

STATE OF COLORADO

RESOLUTION NO. CC20-055

RE: Board of County Commissioners – First Extension of the Jefferson County COVID-19 Local Disaster Emergency

WHEREAS, on March 5, 2020, Jefferson County Public Health confirmed a case of COVID-19 in an out-of-state visitor to Summit County who was transported to Jefferson County;

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, the first Jefferson County resident tested positive for COVID-19, with two additional cases reported on March 11, 2020, and public health experts anticipate that, due to the contagiousness of the illness, over the coming weeks or months, Jefferson County will continue to see cases of the virus and its transmission within the community;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709(1), the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners declared a local disaster emergency because the cost and magnitude of responding to and recovering from the impact of the pandemic is expected to exceed Jefferson County's available resources;

WHEREAS, the effect of a declaration of local disaster emergency is to activate the response and recovery aspects of any and all applicable local and interjurisdictional disaster and emergency plans and to authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance under such plans, as set forth in C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709(2);

WHEREAS, defining clear roles for and direction to those responding to the local disaster emergency and operating under Jefferson County's emergency operations plan will allow a more effective response;

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709(1), "A local disaster may be declared only by the principal executive officer of a political subdivision. It shall not be continued or renewed in excess seven days except by or with the consent of the governing board of the political subdivision;" and

WHEREAS, the conditions that spurred the Chairman to declare the local disaster emergency have not abated.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners (the "Board") confirms, determines, and declares that the presence and likelihood of additional cases of the COVID-19 virus within Jefferson County and the State or Colorado constitute a local disaster emergency that warrants continuing the emergency response and furnishing aid and assistance to affected portions of the community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board recognizes that Jefferson County Public Health, by and through its director and in coordination with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, which is leading the statewide response to COVID-19, is currently incident command for the response to COVID-19 within Jefferson County. Jefferson County Public Health has authority under state law to issue orders and guidance and take other actions as necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare. The Board directs county staff to take such actions to effectuate the orders and guidance of Jefferson County Public Health as necessary, in consultation with the Board where appropriate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board recognizes the Sheriff of Jefferson County is a constitutional officer charged with maintaining public order within Jefferson County and is authorized under state law to enforce the orders of Jefferson County Public Health as well other governmental directives related to disasters and emergencies, all as reasonably necessary to protect the safety of the public. The Board requests the Sheriff to enforce the orders of Jefferson County Public Health and continue taking other actions as necessary to ensure the safety of the public during this local disaster emergency.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director of Emergency Management working in consultation with Jefferson County Public Health shall assist with coordination the countywide response to the disaster and shall take all necessary actions as authorized and set forth in the Jefferson County Emergency Management Policy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Jefferson County Manager manages the general operations of the county and serves as a liaison to municipalities within the county and others. The Board directs the County Manager to continue coordinating with internal and external partners and to direct county staff as appropriate and necessary to address the local disaster emergency. The Board also directs the County Manager to work with directors and managers within the county to develop and implement temporary policies to address the pandemic including, but not limited to, changes in state and federal law, staff illness, administrative leave, working remotely, and similar topics to ensure the continuity of operations within the county in consultation with the Board as appropriate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners requests the cooperation of all Jefferson County elected and appointed officials in following any temporary policies implemented by the County Manager to ensure fair and consistent treatment of all county employees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this local disaster emergency will continue for a period of 30 days, until April 16, 2020, unless sooner amended, extended, or rescinded by the Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution and Declaration shall be promptly filed with the Jefferson County Clerk and Recorder and with the Office of Emergency Management.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution and Declaration is necessary for the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the County of Jefferson, State of Colorado.

Commissioner Szabo seconded the adoption of the foregoing Resolution. The roll having been called, the vote was as follows:

Commissioner Casey Tighe	Aye
Commissioner Libby Szabo	Aye
Commissioner Lesley Dahlkemper, Chairman	Aye

The Resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Jefferson, State of Colorado.

Dated: March 16, 2020