

BE IT REMEMBERED THE HENRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENRY COUNTY, INDIANA, met via Zoom teleconferencing in lieu of the Courthouse Circuit Courtroom, in the City of New Castle, Indiana on April 15, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Kim Cronk, Ed Yanos, Ed Tarantino, Debra Walker, Henry County Auditor, and County Attorney Joel Harvey.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge and a moment of silence.

Kim Cronk gave a special thanks to Health Department, Emergency Service workers and all hospital employees through this very trying time.

Angela Cox presented a Resolution regarding outdoor activity and amending the current ordinance in place. This would close parks, golf courses, racing venues and equestrian venues.

Greg Wensel from Royal Highland Golf Course explained what they are doing at this time and what they have in place for social distancing. Dr. Miller asked if they were allowing foursomes on the course at a time, and Mr. Wensel explained that he was, Mr. Wensel also explained that they are keeping people from congregating in the parking lots.

Ed Tarantino stated he was for keeping the golf courses open and allowing 1 person at a time in each golf cart. He explained that he feels the commissioners made a mistake in their currently ordinance by not allowing golf carts.

Dr. Miller asked if Mr. Wensel if he could submit the current plan they have in place.

Angela Cox read an email from Josh Estelle stating he was for keeping the golf course open but felt that it was best to have the golfer continue walking and not using the carts.

Angela Cox explained the current status of all the golf courses and parks in Henry County. At this time all golf courses are open but are not using golf carts, all city and county park playgrounds are closed and all state park play grounds and camping areas are closed.

Jeff Sanders owner of Tri County explained how they are keeping people safe at their golf course and he also owns a golf course in Madison County that were just opened on Monday.

Corey Murphy presented "NOT TO FAST" which is some guide to help business owner to prepare for the reopening of the economy. This was prepared by the Henry County Health Department, New Castle Henry County EDC, East Central Indiana Small Business Development Center, New Castle Henry County Chamber of Commerce, Henry County Community Foundation, and New Castle Main Street.

A motion was made by Ed Yanos and seconded by Ed Tarantino to accept "NOT TO FAST". Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Ed Yanos and seconded by Ed Tarantino to allow all golf courses, racing venues and equestrian venues to present an infectious control plan to the Health Department and Commissioners no later than Monday, April 20, 2020 at the close of business to be reviewed and discussed at the Wednesday meeting of the Commissioners. Motion carried unanimously.

Brooke Cowen, Health Board member explained that the board's main issue is the public health, they are not going after any business.

A motion was made by Kim Cronk to proceed with the current ordinance and have the Health Department work with the golf courses to come up with a plan to be discussed at the next meeting.

Mr. Yanos questioned the motion as to changing the motion that he had made and didn't want anything changed. Mr. Tarantino stated that he felt the Commissioners made a huge mistake in the ordinance not letting golf courses use golf carts. Mr. Yanos agreed. Mr. Yanos stated that if we were going to close the racing venue then we would have to close the truck stop as well.

Kim Cronk rescind his motion.

A motion was made by Mr. Yanos and seconded by Mr. Tarantino to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.