

Summers County Commission

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EXECUTIVE ORDER FOR THE DECLARATION OF A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY *March 23, 2020*

WHEREAS, on February 11, 2020, the World Health Organization announced a name for a new strain of Coronavirus: COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Donald J. Trump, President of the United States of America declared Coronavirus, COVID-19, a “national emergency”; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, James C. Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia declared Coronavirus, COVID-19, a “state emergency”, and

WHEREAS, this situation has and will cause considerable hardship for the citizens of Summers County, West Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus, COVID-19, has demonstrated great potential to threaten critical infrastructure, as well as public and private assets in Summers County, West Virginia; and

WHEREAS, local government has the responsibility to protect the public health, safety and welfare, and to mitigate the effects of such events.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JACK DAVID WOODRUM, President of the Summers County Commission do hereby issue an Executive Order, by the authority vested in me by West Virginia State Code Section 15-5-1 and West Virginia Code Section 15-5-8, do hereby declare a **LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY** exist in Summers County, West Virginia for a period starting today Monday, March 23, 2020 until further notice, and direct that:

1. The local Emergency Operations Plan, as approved by the Summers County Commission, shall be fully executed to direct all local disaster and emergency response forces and operations in Summers County.
2. The Director of the Summers County Office of Emergency Management under authorities provided in West Virginia State Code Section 15-5-8, the local Emergency Operations Plan, and local orders or ordinances shall take immediate actions to protect public safety and direct the provision of such assistance as can be delivered from available local

resources and shall coordinate the response of all local agencies that provide assistance in Summers County.

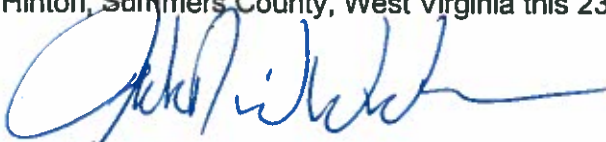
3. All agencies in Summers County should cooperate to the fullest extent with the Director for Summers County Office of Emergency Management and should provide such assistance as may be requested or required for response to this emergency.
4. Under this State of Emergency, as provided in West Virginia State Code Section 15-5, the Summers County Commission can wave procedures and formalities otherwise required by the law pertaining to:
 - a.) Performance of public work; and
 - b.) Entering into contracts; and
 - c.) Incurring obligations; and
 - d.) Employment of permanent or temporary workers; and
 - e.) Utilization of volunteer workers; and
 - f.) Rental of equipment; and
 - g.) Purchase and distribution of supplies, materials, and facilities; and
 - h.) Appropriation and expenditure of public funds; and
 - i.) The demolition and removal of damaged public and private structures.

AND FURTHER, the Summers County Commission in conjunction with the administrative orders of the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals under the March 16, 2020 state emergency declared by Governor James C. Justice and under the authority of EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 5-20 by the Governor, the Summers County Commission has temporarily suspended public access to the Summers County Courthouse and other facilities under its control by separate order effected March 20, 2020 until further notice. Please be advised that all county offices will continue operations with modifications to preserve the continuity of government so that we can continue to serve the needs of our community's. Please phone or email for further direction from the Summers County Courthouse staff. Please visit our county website at www.summerscountywv.gov .

IN WITNESS THEREOF, and in concurrence with:

Commissioner Bill Lightner and Commissioner Charles Saunders, I have hereunto set my hand.

DONE, at the County Seat, in the City of Hinton, Summers County, West Virginia this 23rd day of March, Two Thousand Twenty.



Jack David Woodrum, President
Summers County Commission

Attest:



Mary Beth Merritt
Summers County Clerk