

February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
Finley, ND

The Steele County Commission special meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm. Present were Chairman Richard Strand, Commissioners Ted Johnson, Russell Walcker, Brandon Krueger and Commissioner Brian Tuite via Webex. Ben Gates, Wayne Beckman, Charlie Stock and Kathryn Good were also present.

Public Health Nurse, Kathryn Good, met with the board to discuss the county wide mask mandate. There was discussion regarding the current percentages of vaccinated citizens as well as outreach by members of the public on both sides of the topic. Good stated that the schools in the county will continue to keep the mask requirement regardless of the county mandate. Chairman Strand also reached out to a few businesses in town regarding their thoughts. Good advised the board that the state would like to see 70% of the population vaccinated to move into the recovery phase.


Leaving the mask mandate as is for now until next meeting.

911 position was discussed as current 911 Coordinator, Don Huso, has put in his resignation as of March 1<sup>st</sup>. Emergency Manager, Ben Gates, does not see it being an issue for him to take over the duties. Discussion was held regarding the board not wanting Gates to be overwhelmed with several duties. Gates does not feel this will be an issue and would like to try it out for a while. Chairman Strand thanked Don Huso for his time with the county as Deputy Sheriff, Coroner, Emergency Manager, and most recently, 911 Coordinator.

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Krueger to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned.



Chairman – Richard C. Strand



Auditor – Emily Wigen