CALL TO ORDER
Chairman Barry Moore called the meeting to order.

INNOVACION
The meeting was opened in prayer by Member Jason Miller.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Barry Moore.

ROLL CALL
Chairman Barry Moore stated that Commissioner Miller is present in the office and Commissioners Wallace, Massey and Hester are present via telephone conference.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
Chairman Moore stated that he was in the process of finding out the process regarding having our upcoming work session and meeting due to COVID-19 and would let everyone know as soon as possible.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
It is on motion of Mr. Chris Wallace, second by Mr. David Hester, unanimously ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Board that the overall agenda be approved as presented.
NEW BUSINESS

CONTINUING RESOLUTION CONCERNING COURTHOUSE AND COUNTY OPERATIONS

Chairman Moore asked each Commissioner if they would like to make a statement regarding the COVID-19 situation.

Commissioner Wallace suggested that residents to avoid essential places such as gas stations, the grocery stores, and dollar stores, etc. when they are busiest. He recommended that if you arrive at a store that is busy to leave and go back later to see if they are less busy to lessen the risk of being around as many people. He said from what he understood from doctors is that the only medications that will fight the coronavirus are a Z pack and Hydroxychloroquine. He asked citizens to just stay away from others as much as possible.

Commissioner Miller stated that he has full confidence in the President and Governor that they’re doing all that can be done. He added that he didn’t take it seriously at first but definitely is now. He urged citizens to practice good hygiene and that he had learned from conference calls that it is passed from droplets from being in close contact. And that it is especially dangerous to the elderly, those with heart disease, diabetes, and lung disease. He asked that everyone use common sense, stay calm and pray.

Commissioner Massey said that the coronavirus has hit home to him personally, he has had a former co-worker pass away and another former co-worker’s spouse is very sick with the virus. He stated that he and his wife have self-quarantined for their safety to minimize contact. He wanted to second Commissioner Miller in being in prayer and added that we needed to use self-discipline and self-quarantine as much as possible.

Commissioner Hester agreed with the Commissioners’ statements and asked that everyone keep their hands wash and limit their visits to a minimum. He suggested going to stores early to avoid crowds. He added that everyone should take advantage of the extra time with their families and to pray for those who are unemployed.

Chairman Moore thanked the doctors, nurses, EMS workers, Fire Departments and Law Enforcement personnel for their hard work during this unprecedented time. EMA Director Mary Hallman-Glass has gone above and beyond to work with schools to help to continue to provide meals for students and the hospitals to ensure they have the essential medical supplies all while staying up to date through conference calls on the ever-changing coronavirus information. He added that there is an abundance of information from the Center for Disease Control and Alabama Department of Public Health in regards to the coronavirus or COVID-19. Along with these agencies, the Commissioners are participating in webinars through the Alabama County Commission Association and through the Federal and State governments. He said the main concern for the County Commission is the public health and safety of the citizens of the community and our county employees. He said we are in a public health crisis that we have no control over, we want to encourage citizens to practice social distancing (keeping 6 feet apart), wash your hands for 20 seconds with soap and warm water, cover your coughs and sneezes, keep gatherings to a minimum, only go out when it’s necessary and go out by yourself (not make it a family trip). He said we want to keep the spread of the virus to a minimum. Along with the CDC and the ADPH, we want to flatten the curve. We want to keep people from being agents of spreading this virus to their friends and family. He added there are some protocols that other counties and cities have done that have done and each County must do what the feel is right to
protect its citizens. We here in Franklin County do not want to take this action at this time so we are encouraging citizens to practice social distancing and minimizing travel. With this dilemma we are faced with, we want to encourage the citizens of Franklin County to help with the two C’s of 2020: stop the spread of COVID-19 and complete your Census. Of course with COVID-19, continue social distancing and good hygiene habits. Social distancing leads to time to complete the 2020 Census. Please take this time to fill out your census form for the benefit of the citizens of Franklin County and the State of Alabama. Use this time to teach your children the importance of the census for the future. We will survive this pandemic and economic downturn. The United States is a strong nation and Alabama is a strong State and Franklin County is a strong County that will withstand this with the help of our great citizens. We are in this together.

It is on motion of Mr. Rayburn Massey, second by Chris Wallace, unanimously ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Board authorize the Chairman to sign the Resolution concerning Courthouse and County Operations which closes the Courthouse and County Buildings until further notice. Offices will remain closed to the public with employees continuing to work. Resolution concerning Courthouse and County Operations as follows:
ADJOURNMENT

It is on motion of Mr. Chris Wallace, second by Mr. Jason Miller, that the meeting be adjourned.

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Barry Moore, Chairman

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Chris Wallace, District I

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Jason Miller, District II

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Rayburn Massey, District III

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David Hester, District IV