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To: Scott County Board of Supervisors
From: Roxanna Moritz, Scott County Auditor
RE: Corona Virus exposure at polling places
Date: March 10, 2020

As we are all aware, the news about the corona virus disease (COVID 19) pandemic has created an extremely heightened public awareness. Currently public health officials report that most deaths from COVID 19 are elderly people and those with underlying health conditions. We do not know how long this pandemic may last or how intrusive it will be in the Scott County community. However, at this point in time it seems to be spreading in both Iowa and Illinois with more reported cases. Quarantines and other restrictions are being ordered in various areas of the world and could possibly be ordered in Scott County or areas near here.

In twelve weeks the Iowa 2020 Primary Election is scheduled to occur. My office is busy preparing for this election, including recruitment and training of poll workers, preparing election equipment and securing election polling places.

As part of those preparations we are receiving notices from the Office of the Iowa Secretary of State to take preventative measures to protect high risk individuals, specifically the elderly, from spread of the disease. Most poll workers are elderly and protecting them should be a high priority for all of us. Also, many of those who vote in primary elections tend to be older people.

One way to help protect the public in general and higher risk individuals in particular is to encourage absentee voting. Reports say the virus does not last very long on surfaces, and we can take extra precautions to protect workers who would handle returned ballots.

Consequently, I am requesting that the Board authorize the mailing of absentee ballot requests to all voters in Scott County for the upcoming Primary Election. As the situation evolves I will have additional information and will attend the next Board meeting to provide an update and answer any questions you may have.

**THE COUNTY AUDITOR'S SIGNATURE
CERTIFIES THAT THIS RESOLUTION
HAS BEEN FORMALLY APPROVED BY THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON _____.
DATE**

SCOTT COUNTY AUDITOR

R E S O L U T I O N

SCOTT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

March 19, 2020

**APPROVAL OF MAILING ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUESTS TO ALL
SCOTT COUNTY VOTERS FOR THE JUNE 2, 2020 PRIMARY ELECTION**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Scott County Board of Supervisors as follows:

Section 1. The Scott County Board of Supervisors recognizes that the novel Corona virus, COVID 19, presents a serious health risk to the people of Scott County, and that limiting the spread of the virus through personal contact by persons at the polling places of Scott County is in the public interest.

Section 2. The Scott County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Scott County Auditor to mail absentee ballot requests to all registered Scott County voters for the June 2, 2020 Primary Election.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.