The Honorable Board of Lyon County Commissioners met this day, Monday, January 09, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the LYON COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX, 27 S. MAIN STREET, YERINGTON, NV 89447 for an EMERGENCY MEETING.

1. Roll Call

Present: Dave Hockaday

Via Zoom: Robert Jacobson, Wes Henderson and Scott Keller.

Staff: Interim County Manager Andrew Haskin and District Attorney Steve Rye.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Public Participation

There was none.

4. For Possible Action: Review and adoption of agenda

Comm. Keller moved to adopt the agenda as written.


The motion passed 4-0.

5. County Manager

5a. For Possible Action: Approve a resolution declaring an emergency for Lyon County due to winter weather and flooding.

Comm. Hockaday read the resolution into the record.

Interim County Manager Andrew Haskin reported that the national weather service expects rain for the next few days and with the snow we have had they are anticipating some flooding. They have already used some State resources. They have had the Nevada Division of Forestry out helping with sandbags in the Dayton Rancho’s area as they are already experiencing some flooding there. The County just wants to be prepared by issuing this emergency declaration. Washoe County, Reno and Storey County have already issued their emergency declarations.

Comm. Jacobson thanked Mike Workman for getting a notice out of possible trouble areas and Dustin Homan also. Comm. Jacobson had a resident ask him if there will be a backhoe or something by Old Dayton Valley Road just in case there is a log jam or something.

Andrew Haskin stated they are monitoring the river closely and will get resources there if needed. He also pointed out they do have an emergency operations center in Dayton. The phone number is 775-461-3757.

Comm. Henderson thanked staff for their hard work.

Comm. Hockaday thanked the emergency staff and Mike Workman for all their hard work.

Comm. Henderson made a motion to adopt resolution No. 2023-02 declaration of an emergency due to severe weather event and flooding in Lyon County.


The motion passed 4-0.

6. Commissioner Comments

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Comm. Jacobson thanked staff for preparing shelters, sandbags, communicating and hard work. He wished residents of Lyon County a safe atmospheric river event and hopes everyone makes it through this safely.

Comm. Henderson thanked the County staff for what they have done and in being proactive. He urged everyone to take precautions and if you don’t need to go out stay home and stay safe.

Comm. Hockaday also thanked staff and law enforcement and encouraged everyone to stay safe and drive safe.

7. Public Participation

Dr. Robin Titus, Public Health Officer, stated that she received calls from Dayton Residents about the power outages and questioned if there is some way to notify residents of emergency situations. She thanked the Commissioners for their forward thinking in keeping everyone safe.

Comm. Hockaday had to pause the meeting briefly due to individuals hacking into and disrupting the meeting.

Amanda Brinnand questioned if the emergency center was for all of Lyon County or just Dayton. Comm. Hockaday stated it is for all of Lyon County.

James Kinninger agreed that there needs to be a better form of communication. The power outage in Smith Valley not only interrupted their power, they also had no water because they are on wells. He stated many people, senior citizens, have pellet stoves and once they lose power they lose heat and if they were without power one more day people may have resorted to non-vented heating and that could result in asphyxiation and death. He suggested maybe some type of house to house notification in those types of situations. He emailed the Commissioners this morning and the Smith Valley Advisory Council. He hopes emergency funds will be used to create emergency power systems at the community hall or high school.

8. Adjourn

Comm. Hockaday adjourned the meeting at 09:28