

The Honorable Board of Lyon County Commissioners met this day in an emergency session with the following present: Commissioner Jay Dini. Called in: Chairman Vida Keller, Vice-Chairman Joe Mortensen, and Commissioner Ken Gray. Also present: County Manager Jeff Page and Deputy District Attorney Matthew Merrill.

1. Roll Call

Present: Jay Dini

Phone/Video: Vida Keller, Bob Hastings, Joe Mortensen and Ken Gray

2. Public Participation

There was no public participation.

3. For Possible Action: Review and adoption of agenda

Comm. Mortensen moved to approve the agenda as presented. Comm. Dini seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

4. County Manager

4.a. For Possible Action: Approve a Declaration of Emergency in response to the Coronavirus.

County Manager Jeff Page read into the record a document to declare Lyon County in a State of Emergency, Resolution 20-05. He reviewed that the State of Nevada had declared the State of Emergency that allows for funding for supplies and equipment. With the County also declaring a State of Emergency, it allows the County to limit the amount of people in the buildings, and to request emergency funding for financial impacts that will occur. At this time, there will only be essential hiring and all other positions will be held.

Comm. Mortensen asked if the City of Fernley and the City of Yerington should be added to line #2, since the Senior Centers are in the cities.

County Manager Jeff Pages stated the cities would not be included because the County does not have that authority. The Senior Centers are closed within those cities.

Comm. Keller commented that officials and management could be separated in the workplace and also call into meetings to help keep operations going. She suggested utilizing this process.

County Manager Jeff Page agreed and stated that following this meeting he will be creating and implementing an office procedure. His goal is to keep staff healthy and maximize operations.

Comm. Mortensen moved to approve a Declaration of Emergency in response to the Coronavirus, and Comm. Dini seconded.

Comm. Keller opened the meeting for public participation.

Public Comment:

Archie Walker asked how many verified cases are in the County? He is concerned with the reaction of the Government and County, and he does not think this is for the protection of people.

County Manager Jeff Page answered there is one documented case in Lyon County and has been isolated to his home in Washoe County. There are two residents in Lyon County that are isolated. There have been a number of people that reported symptoms and are being tested.

Comm. Keller closed public comment.

Judge Schlegelmilch reported there is a Supreme Court mandate to limit court appearances, access, jury trials, teleconferences, and services.

Comm. Gray asked if they cancel jury trials, will they be rescheduled? Also, if a person is in custody will they have to wait?

Judge Schlegelmilch replied, yes, the trials will be re-scheduled. For those in custody, depending on the type of hearing, they could have to wait.

Comm. Hastings asked what changes will come to the Board of Commissioner meetings?

County Manager Jeff Page stated that they will remove the cloth chairs and replace them with the hard surface chairs from the fairgrounds which are easier to clean and disinfect. Only thirty people will be allowed in the chambers at a time. He will have a teleconference available for the meetings.

The motion passed 5-0.

5. Commissioner Comments

Comm. Gray stated that he will help the Human Services as needed.

Comm. Hastings stated this is to error on the side of caution and to protect the residents.

Comm. Keller stated this is to protect the citizens and to follow State mandates.

County Manager Jeff Page stated that he will notify the Board and the public with updates occurring with the approval of this resolution. If the status should become worse he will go back to the Board for further direction. Should the presented concerns get better, than the Emergency Declaration will be cancelled.

6. Public Participation

There was no public participation.

7. Adjourn

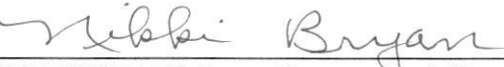
Comm. Keller adjourned the meeting.

LYON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Vida Keller, Chairman

ATTEST



NIKKI BRYAN, Lyon County Clerk/Treasurer