

The Honorable Board of Lyon County Commissioners met this day with the following present: Chairman Vida Keller and Commissioner Jay Dini. Called in: Vice-Chairman Joe Mortensen, Commissioner Bob Hastings, and Commissioner Ken Gray. Also present: County Manager Jeff Page and District Attorney Steve Rye.

1. Roll Call

Present: Vida Keller, Jay Dini
Phone/Video: Bob Hastings, Joe Mortensen, and Ken Gray.

2. Invocation given by Betty Weiser of the United Methodist

The invocation was given by Betty Weiser.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Time Certain

4.a. Time Certain at 9:00 A.M. Public Hearing- Bill No. 20-04: For Possible Action: Approve an ordinance amending Lyon County Code Title 2, Personnel Regulations, Chapter 2, Disclosure of Improper Governmental Action by changing the name of the Chapter to Whistleblower Protection; amending Subchapter 01 by expanding and clarifying the purpose; amending Subchapter 2 by adding definitions; adding Subchapter 3, to encourage reporting of improper governmental action and prohibiting reprisal or retaliation; adding Subchapter 4, specifying the duties and obligations of Lyon County Officers and Employees; adding Subchapter 05, providing an appeal process for employees aggrieved by reprisal or retaliation; adding Subchapter 06, governing appointment of a hearing officer for appeals provided in Subchapter 05; adding Subchapter 07, setting forth the process and requirements for appeal proceedings; renumbering subchapters that are unchanged; and, providing for the severability, constitutionality and effective date thereof; and other matters properly relating thereto.

Human Resource Director Eric Milavsky reported the update purpose of the revisions and definitions to be in compliance with State Law.

Comm. Gray moved to approve an ordinance amending Lyon County Code Title 2, Personnel Regulations, Chapter 2, Disclosure of Improper Governmental Action by changing the name of the Chapter to Whistleblower Protection; amending Subchapter 01 by expanding and clarifying the purpose; amending Subchapter 2 by adding definitions; adding Subchapter 3, to encourage reporting of improper governmental action and prohibiting reprisal or retaliation; adding Subchapter 4, specifying the duties and obligations of Lyon County Officers and Employees; adding Subchapter 05, providing an appeal process for employees aggrieved by reprisal or retaliation; adding Subchapter 06, governing appointment of a hearing officer for appeals provided in Subchapter 05; adding Subchapter 07, setting forth the process and requirements for appeal proceedings; renumbering subchapters that are unchanged; and, providing for the severability, constitutionality and effective date thereof; and other matters properly relating thereto.

Comm. Mortensen seconded.

Comm. Keller opened the meeting for public participation and there was none.

The motion passed 5-0.

4. b. Time Certain at 9:30 A.M: For Possible Action: Update on Lyon County's response to the COVID-19 pandemic and discussion on Lyon County's recovery plan in a safe and reliable manner consistent with CDC guidelines and the directives of Governor Sisolak. Possible action may include drafting a resolution, submitting a letter to Governor Sisolak to reconsider his Declaration of Emergency and directives as it may apply to Lyon County, or other actions that will address the financial and public safety impact of Governor Sisolak's Declaration of Emergency on the citizens of Lyon County.

Quad-County Public Health Preparedness Manager Jeanne Freeman gave a status report of the community based testing of asymptomatic persons. She received positive feedback, all participating volunteers have been scheduled, and appointments have been filled. The residents and staff of long-term care will be tested. They are collecting the data from the testing and will post the results when it is completed.

County Manager Jeff Page commented the challenge currently presented is how to open the County. It is working with the State and their statutes to open business. Lyon County started a draft for a process to plan a phase to reopen. NACO had recommended the County to hold on the plan to see what the Governor would

direct at his conference. From his understanding, the Governor will give the counties directives specific for their area.

Comm. Keller stated Nevada is a Dillon's Rule State. It doesn't give them enough to make decisions over the State's decisions and directives. Home Rule is broad and there is not enough leeway to help the County to give them the authority to change the directives being given.

Comm. Keller opened the meeting for public comment.

5. Public Participation

Ricky Ortega agreed with Comm. Dini to open the State and businesses. He questioned the reports given before and if the County is aware of other services that are being provided or should be.

Gina Lee is concerned with this plan and then waiting two weeks for another meeting

Jeff Page commented the Commissioners can request a special meeting, following what the Governor reports today in three days time.

Comm. Keller commented the Commissioners should meet or exceed what the Governor directs today, and agrees to schedule a special meeting.

Fernley Mayor Roy Edgington thanked staff, Jeff Page and the Commissioners. He did read the plan drafted specific to the County and is in support of it.

Comm. Gray stated the rural counties should be treated differently than the metropolitan areas. He proposed a special meeting as soon as possible.

District Attorney Steve Rye confirmed the special meeting could be scheduled the soonest for Wednesday May 13, 2020, if it was posted before tomorrow morning at 9:00 a.m.

Comm. Hastings agreed with Comm. Gray. He commented that the County is beholden to the state laws and where the counties get their funding from.

Comm. Keller agreed the business should be reopened and the community be responsible for themselves. She directed Jeff Page to schedule a meeting as soon as he can depending on what the Governor states. Their motion to be the earliest, whether it is Wednesday or Thursday.

Jeff Page confirmed he can have the meeting posted for Wednesday.

Comm. Gray made a motion to have a special meeting on Wednesday, May 13, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. to discuss the Governor's comments to be given later today, and to address any plans or action items.

Comm. Hastings seconded.

Comm. Hastings stated he asked to have an item for the stimulus funding to be transferred to the local jurisdictions to be added to the agenda.

Comm. Keller asked for any further public participation and there was none.

6. For Possible Action: Review and adoption of agenda

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

7. Presentation of awards and/or recognition of accomplishments

7.a. For Possible Action: Present awards to Deputy Ray Block and Deputy Bryan Parsons for retirement from the Lyon County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Hunewill gave an award to Deputy Ray Block and Deputy Bryan Parsons.

7.b. For Presentation Only: Present award to Kishora Panda for his successful completion of the Cornell Executive Leadership Program. - Certificate of Appreciation

Utilities Director David Bruketta presented an award to Kishora Panda for his successful completion of the Cornell Executive Leadership Program.