

The Honorable Board of Lyon County Commissioners met this day in a special meeting with the following present: Chairman Vida Keller, 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: Joe Mortensen, Bob Hastings, and Ken Gray

2. Public Participation

There were no public participation.

3. 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.

4. County Manager

4.a. For Possible Action: Update on Lyon County COVID-19 pandemic response and discussion on Lyon County's response to Nevada United: Roadmap to Recovery. Possible action may include drafting a resolution, submitting a letter to Governor Sisolak to further reconsider his Declaration of Emergency and directives as it may apply to Lyon County, Lyon County businesses, Lyon County places of worship, and Lyon County authority to address these issues in the various communities located in Lyon County; submitting a letter and/or recommendations to the Local Empowerment Advisory Panel, or "LEAP; adopting plans specific to Lyon County or communities within Lyon County for lifting restrictions in a manner consistent with public health and safety and Nevada law; or other actions that will address the financial and public safety impacts of the Pandemic in Lyon County. (County Manager)

County Manager Jeff Page reported facilities staff will be installing Plexiglas at customer service windows. Masks have been ordered. He anticipated opening the offices for the public by next week. Quad County Emergency Operation Center & Coordination group is working to transition back to Carson City Health and Human Services. They will no longer be fulfilling PPE supplies and entities will need to order those from vendors. A Phase one directive is to not gather in groups of more than 10 people. Night in the Country is cancelled along with other public events leading up to September at this time. Counties have the authority to stricthen compliance by not to lessen them.

Comm. Dini quoted John Hancock.

Comm. Gray stated that he had hoped to receive more latitude from the Governor, but that is not the case. He is favor to open the counties more.

Comm. Hastings agreed with the statements before him. He questioned if the County can enforce the directives, and what that liability could be. He is in favor of the State enforcing their own directives and not the County.

Jeff Page stated the County has received many phone calls with concern of enforcing the Directives given by the State. The State has given the County the ability to enforce the directives. The County's stance is direct the enforcement to the State.

Comm. Gray asked the Board and staff to send a letter to the State to reconsider their directives.

Jeff Page stated there is a concern where the County could need to enforce.

Comm. Gray moved to send another letter from the Board to reconsider directives and to allow counties to reopen as they see fit for their needs.

Comm. Dini seconded.

Comm. Dini stated the County should be able to determine if an event should happen.

Comm. Keller opened the meeting for public participation.

Public Participation:

Gina Lee wanted to see if the rural counties can have different procedures than the State.

Comm. Keller closed public comment. She asked if Comm. Gray's motion is to lesson restrictions and to have the County Manager sign the letter. She had sent a letter previously, who is signing the letter.

Comm. Gray responded that he wanted the Governor to reconsider allowing the counties to only stricken the directives and to give the County more autonomy of how to re-open and to have all the Commissioners sign the letter.

Comm. Keller closed public comment.

The item passed 5-0

4.b. For Possible Action: Update on Stimulus proposals in Congress or at the State for funding to state and local governments. Possible action may include drafting a resolution, submitting a letter to Governor Sisolak, state legislators, and/or the Congressional delegation with Lyon County positions or recommendations. (Requested by County Manager)

County Manager Jeff Page stated there is funding coming from the State to local governments. Senator Cortez Masto has asked for a letter of support from the counties.

Comm. Gray asked if the letter to support the stimulus is passed will the funding will go to the County. He is concerned the next stimulus package isn't in favor of supporting the package.

Jeff Page confirmed if it does pass it will go to the counties.

Comm. Hastings stated if there is a stimulus package, the funding or part of will help to offset the loss of funding such as C-tax.

Comm. Gray stated he would be in support of the funding at the County level. However, the package stated it was for building. That he wouldn't support.

Comm. Keller and Comm. Dini agreed with the prior statements.

Comm. Hastings moved to send a letter to the Nevada Congressional representatives stating that the board, though not necessarily in support of a new federal stimulus package, strongly believes that if the federal government does choose to pass a new stimulus bill that monies must be set aside for individual counties with an emphasis on rural counties.

Comm. Gray asked for an amendment to that motion, for it to state Lyon County is not in favor of a stimulus four package. If it is passed for it to be sent to the counties with how they see fit.

Comm. Hastings agreed.

Comm. Mortensen seconded.

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

The motion passed 5-0

4.c. For Possible Action: Direct the County Manager to draft a letter for Board Signature to our Congressional delegation to thank them for their support and efforts in addressing issues with SBA Loans, PPP Loans and other federal programs that have assisted our businesses and constituents. (requested by County Manager)

County Manager Jeff Page reported the need and requests he has heard to move forward and send in a letter for assistance.

Comm. Gray asked for Jeff Page to include Robin Titus, James Settelmeier, and a person from the White House to be included in the letter.

There were no objections.