

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

### **1. Roll Call**

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

### **2. Public Participation**

There was no public participation.

Comm. Keller asked to do the pledge of allegiance.

Comm. Gray asked if Archie Walker, who is in attendance, would give the invocation.

Archie Walker gave the invocation.

### **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: Approve the County Manager to send a letter to the Governor in response to the Governor's closures of businesses within Lyon County.**

County Manager Jeff Page reported the drafted letter is a reflection from the last meeting, requested by Comm. Dini. He read the letter into the record.

Comm. Dini stated the letter is well written. He expressed his condolences to the families that have been affected by COVID-19. He also is concerned for the financial impacts on the community, and the length of time receiving testing results. He testified it has taken approximately two weeks for results to be returned.

Comm. Hastings asked why the testing for a 150 per day is not meeting its requirement. Is it due to the lack of volunteers?

Jeff Page answered, yes, to both questions. The National Guard is no longer offering support for testing. He stated they have dates for testing scheduled in the future. He commented on the 14 day turn around for results. It is dependent on where the tests are sent, whether it is a state lab or a private lab. The private labs are taking more time to receive results. They are backlogged due to the amount of tests being sent in, where before, the labs had a significant amount less per year, let alone per month. He reviewed the White House report for the State of Nevada, and how to read the data. He is working on obtaining answers on the State required testing for employees.

Comm. Hastings stated the fines for non-compliance to businesses are significantly high. He questioned if that should be included in the letter, to address the amount of the fines.

Comm. Keller asked if the fines are a result of not only the employees not wearing masks, but also the customers. If employees can't question the public, it would be unfair they are being fined for that.

Jeff Page stated he was informed that OSHA will issue a citation, and that is not the final fee. There is a review by OSHA and that business before the final fine is determined. He stated OSHA does checks that are reported by the public. Citations are issued due to businesses not having proper signage, or the employees are not wearing masks, not because the public is not wearing masks.

Comm. Mortensen testified about an individual who was not showing symptoms or felt ill. He has not gone back to work and cannot get a negative test result after weeks of testing.

Comm. Gray did not agree with Jeff Page's statement on the enforcement from OSHA and the citation fees. Normally, fines are set in statute, but in this case we don't know how the amounts of fines are formulated. He does not agree with the amount of the fines. He asked to rewrite the last bullet point from, "The death rate in Lyon County if you contract covid-19 is 0.013%," to include, "identified positive test." There is not

a way to acquire an accurate percentage. Comm. Gray asked to change in the first paragraph, "as a real threat to the health," to, "as a threat to the health," removing the word, real. Lastly, he doesn't see as a benefit the asymptomatic testing, when you are not showing symptoms and then to test positive. It would be more beneficial to have antibody testing that is more reliable.

Comm. Keller agreed to remove the word, real. She doesn't agree to remove the death rate percentage, because those numbers are what have been reported.

Comm. Hastings agreed with either statement as a death rate.

Comm. Keller asked for public participation.

### **Public Participation**

Archie Walker stated that he is in support of the letter. He asked for the Board to keep the ambition in pressure to address the current status.

Stan Jolivet questioned the amount of testing and the process.

Lizzie Foster stated her concern with the accuracy of the testing.

Comm. Keller closed public participation.

Comm. Gray asked Comm. Keller if she would agree to change the last bullet point to, "Based upon the available data the death rate in Lyon County of identified positive covid-19 test is 0.013%."

Comm. Keller agreed with the change.

Comm. Gray moved to approve directing the County Manager to send a letter to the Governor in response to the Governor's closures of businesses within Lyon County, and to change, "as a real threat to the health" to "as a threat to the health", removing the word "real". Also, to change "the death rate in Lyon County if you contract covid-19 is 0.013%." to "based upon the available data, the death rate in Lyon County of identified positive covid-19 test is 0.013%."

Comm. Dini seconded.

The item passed 5-0.

### **5. Commissioner Comments**

The Commissioners thanked staff for the letter drafted.

Comm. Dini also thanked the additions given by Comm. Gray.

### **6. Public Participation**

There was none given.

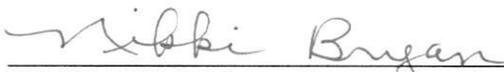
### **7. Adjourn**

Comm. Keller adjourned the meeting.

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VIDA KELLER, Chairman

**ATTEST**

  
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