

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

1. Roll Call

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

2. Invocation given by Andrew Montgomery

The invocation was given by Andrew Montgomery.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Time Certain

4.a. Time Certain at 9:15 AM: For Presentation Only: Carson Water Subconservancy District General Manager Edwin James to give a presentation on Water Supply Picture in the Carson River Watershed.

Carson Water Subconservancy District General Manager Edwin James gave a presentation of groundwater levels, usage, and stream flows. He reported there will be a Carson City Workshop October 14th for the public and officials to attend virtually. A panel of experts will participate to report the State's water issues.

4.b. Time Certain at 9:45 A.M: Presentation on the South Dayton Valley Area Drainage Master Plan by the Carson Water Subconservancy District and JE Fuller.

Representative Mike Kellogg gave a report of the prior public meeting held virtually. His presentation included the project funding, elements, data collection, topographic mapping, assessments, and flood risks.

Comm. Hastings asked if there are costs for the other two plans that were considered. With six retention basins built into the plan, how often will they need to be cleaned and what are the costs for cleaning?

Mike Kellogg responded there are cost estimates for the alternatives. He reported the costs for the alternatives are not significantly different. One being a right of way acquisition. For this to work, the County would need a right of way from every property owner in the Ranchos. It would be problematic and costly if one property owner did not agree. This being an alternative plan not chosen.

5. Public Participation

Comm. Keller opened the meeting for public participation. There was no public participation at this time.

6. For Possible Action: Review and adoption of agenda

Comm. Keller asked to remove item #20.d from the agenda.

Comm. Mortensen moved to approve the agenda, minus item #20.d. Comm. Hastings seconded, the motion passed 5-0.

RECESS TO RECONVENE AS BOARD OF HEALTH

Comm. Keller stated that Assemblywoman, Dr. Robin Titus was not able to be in attendance today.

7. Public Participation

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

8. Time Certain at 9:30 A.M.

8.a. For Possible Action: Report from Quad County Public Health Preparedness and seeking Health Board recommendations regarding COVID-19 in the Lyon County area. (Jeanne Freeman or her representative from Quad County Public Health Preparedness)

County Manager Jeff Page stated for the record, by statute Assemblywoman Dr. Robin Titus is the Public County Health Officer and the Board of Health Chairman. He wanted to clarify why she was not in attendance today.

Quad-County Public Health Preparedness Manager Jeanne Freeman gave a report of COVID-19 Surveillance Summary in Lyon County from August 2-15, 2020. She reported the cases, ages, statistics, 4 hospitalizations, and 2 deaths. She stated the definition of a possible exposure and management. The challenge is the State has mandated testing, and some of the residents of Lyon County do not want to be tested.

Comm. Gray asked of the amount of cases, how many are asymptomatic positive tests?

Jeanne Freeman answered every positive test result is considered a case. Less than 1% of cases are asymptomatic within the Quad Counties, and stay a true asymptomatic during the quarantine period.

Comm. Gray asked if this is above the national normal.

Jeanne Freeman answered it is not. The antibody testing shows that 5-8 times the amount of people tested have come in contact with the virus that are asymptomatic or symptoms that were insignificant.

Comm. Gray asked what the false positive rate of the swab testing is.

Jeanne Freeman responded the accuracy is 95%.

Comm. Hastings asked how many hospital beds and what amount of supplies are being used for COVID cases?

Jeanne Freeman replied she does not have an answer to that question. The Nevada Hospital Association does break out the statistics.

Comm. Dini asked what the turnaround time for test results is. He stated the slow turnaround time may result in an employee hesitating to get tested. Specifically if the employer does not allow the employee to return to work until the results are in. What are the new saliva tests and what is involved?

Jeanne Freeman stated it is a challenge with Laboratory turnaround times with the increase of requests. Private labs can take up to 15-18 days to deliver results. The saliva test is being considered for validity and process. She stated every year the needs surge at the hospitals during the flu season, this illness has added to their operations.

9. Public Participation

Comm. Keller opened the meeting for public participation. There was no public participation at this time.

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10. Presentation of awards and/or recognition of accomplishments

There was none given.

11. Commissioners/County Manager reports

Comm. Hastings reported the Regional Transportation Commission met, and the annual chip seal project was approved.

County Manager Jeff Page stated the City of Fernley approved the mediated settlement agreement for the redevelopment Agency. This will be brought to the Board for discussion and action for approval. He and the Sheriff conferenced with OSHA, and clarified their process of compliance. That information has been shared on the Lyon County Social Media accounts for public review. He asked for the public to understand that businesses asking their employees to request the public to wear masks are doing their jobs. Fernley senior Center grand opening is November 2, 2020. The Animal Shelter should be opening close to that time also. The recent storms have created challenges with power and the IT Department. Lyon County has had several small wild fires. Some were the result of human error. He thanked staff for supporting Department Heads while they have been away on vacation. Doug Homestead has taken over as the Facilities Director.

Attorney Brad Johnson reported the City of Fernley approved the settled terms. Moving forward, the settlement agreement will be written into a final document for a vote of approval from the Board.

12. Elected Official's reports

There was none given.

13. Appointed Official's reports