

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

### **1. Roll Call**

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

### **2. Invocation given by Betty Weiser**

The invocation was given by Betty Weiser.

### **3. Pledge of Allegiance**

### **4. Time Certain**

#### **4.a. Time Certain at 9:05 AM: For Possible Action: Presentation and proclamation declaring September Suicide Prevention and Recovery Month.**

Human Services Director Shayla Holmes presented a PowerPoint of suicide prevention and recovery. She reviewed the statistics, risks, support and awareness, and impacts. She discussed other help and community activities that is available.

Executive Director Laura Yanez reviewed a program from the National Alliance of Mental Illness of Western Nevada (NAMI WNV). The program offers a hotline, family support, peer groups, and advocacy.

Mental Health and Advocacy Program Coordinator Amy Reha reviewed program details for Community Chest services and funding.

Comm. Keller read the proclamation declaring September Suicide Prevention and Recovery Month into the record.

Comm. Hastings moved to approve the proclamation declaring September Suicide Prevention and Recovery Month.

Comm. Dini seconded.

Comm. Keller asked for public participation and there was none, and the motion passed 4-0.

#### **4.b. Time Certain 9:10 AM: Presentation given by Matt Martensen with Silver Springs GID, on the possible grant submittal to Community Development Block Grant for FY21-22.**

Comm. Keller noted a clerical error, the item should read as the Silver Springs Mutual Water Company and not GID.

Matt Martensen presented his future request of a possible grant submittal to CDBG to replace mainline isolation valves. He gave an overview of the necessity for NAC compliance, costs quote, phase, and a map of 53 locations installation.

### **5. Public Participation**

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

### **6. For Possible Action: Review and adoption of agenda**

Comm. Mortensen moved to approve the agenda as presented. Comm. Hastings seconded, and the motion passed 4-0.

### **7. Presentation of awards and/or recognition of accomplishments**

#### **7.a. For Presentation Only: Present an Employee Spotlight Award to Jason Web and Tim Clark for their quick thinking and actions taken during the initial stage of a house fire in Dayton. (David Bruketta)**

Utilities Director David Bruketta thanked the water technicians for efforts in aiding with extinguishing a house fire while out on call.

The Commissioners unanimously thanked Jason Web and Tim Clark for their heroic efforts.

**7.b. For Presentation Only: Recognize Candis Rogers, Senior Office Assistant, for her flexibility and resiliency within the Human Services department.**

Human Services Director Shayla Holmes recognized Candis Rogers for her positive outlook and mindset.

The Commissioners unanimously thanked Candis Rogers for all that she does.

**8. Commissioners/County Manager reports**

County Manager Jeff Page reported the comprehensive report was turned into the State for COVID 19. Further discussion will occur with the State to evaluate the County's status and mitigate any problems. He advised that the State has this authority, not the County or Health Department. He reported on a recent softball tournament that was held within the City of Yerington. Following the event there was an increase of cases. The County has no authority over the cities or if they approve activities. He reported the Silver Springs Airport apron projects are moving forward. He also reported the challenges with the Supreme Court and bail hearings. The Dayton Justice facility is not conducive for trial hearings, this will be brought forward for a solution for a new location. The EDA Grant is being worked on for road improvements. He cautioned that the upcoming elections and recent events has created stress among the community.

Comm. Mortensen asked what is the percentage of the County's population that was tested resulted in a positive. His concern is those that are going to be tested are having symptoms. Because those that are asymptomatic are fearful of testing positive and volunteering, thus not accurate numbers are being reported.

Jeff Page answered the percentage is based on the amount of people tested and not the population as a whole. He stated there is a significant number of people being tested, especially through the drive thru testing locations. It is helpful for the community as a whole with more volunteer testing.

Comm. Hastings reported the ground breaking for American Battery Technology. The company is located in Fernley and is recycling lithium batteries. It is a new technology that is cleaner.

Comm. Dini reported Pioneer Crossing closed their business for now, due to a positive testing of COVID19. The casino chose to err on the side of caution to close temporarily to test all employees. He commented that businesses are monitoring their employees, for everyone's safety. One employee has been positive for COVID19 and that employee has been sent home and has no other reported issues.

**9. Elected Official's reports**

**9.a. Dayton Justice Court  
- Civil, Criminal & Monthly Statistics July 2020**

Clerk/Treasurer Nikki Bryan gave an update on the General Election. The sample ballots are scheduled to be sent out the fourth week of September. The ballots are scheduled to be sent the first week of October. There will be voting machines located at Dayton, Fernley, and Yerington, along with ballot drop boxes. Other polling locations will have only drop boxes for depositing ballots. Ballots can also be hand delivered to the Clerk's office in Yerington. She understands the public concern regarding mailing the ballots. The voting machines will be a challenge with the new guidelines for disinfecting after each person. There is only so much space available and limited electrical outlets for power.

Comm. Keller thanked Nikki Bryan for her plan and effort.

Comm. Mortensen asked the process for counting ballots.

Nikki Bryan stated the new Bill AB4 allows them to start counting ballots 15 days prior to the election. Each ballot received in the office will be scanned and counted by Election Day. Ballots can be received for 7 days after the election as long as they are postmarked by Election Day. There may be tentative results reported after the polls are closed on Election Day.

Comm. Keller stated in this case, the earlier the better for counting all the ballots, rather than waiting for Election Day to vote.

**10. Appointed Official's reports**

Comptroller Josh Foli reported a change order for the animal shelter that was previously reported for approximately \$400,000, to come forward. The CARES funding will be opening for small business grants through NACO. The senior centers have outdoor locations for meal distribution. The assessor new software should go live next week and the clerk treasurer will be soon after.