

Minutes from the June 12, 2020 Health Board Meeting

June 12, 2020

10:00 a.m.

Esmeralda County Courthouse

Commission Chambers

233 Crook Ave., 2nd Floor

Goldfield, Nevada

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL.

Tony Phillips -	County Health Officer
Ken Elgan -	Esmeralda County Sheriff/DEM
Beth Ennis -	Community Health Nurse
Tammy Ritter -	State Health Nurse
Timothy Hipp -	Commissioner District 1
De Winsor -	Commissioner District 2
Ralph Keyes -	Commissioner District 3
Cheri Bickham -	Clerk of the Board

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT.** (Discussion only. Action may not be taken on any matter brought up under this agenda item. It must be placed on an agenda, at a later meeting for action.)

No public comment.

3. ***DISCUSSION/DECISION:** State and County health update.

Beth Ennis is deferring to Tammy Ritter. Tammy stated there are ongoing events doing testing for symptomatic and asymptomatic individuals. She said the National Guard is going to do an event in Esmeralda County. Tammy will send an email to Ken regarding this.

4. ***DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Discussion/Decision/reassessment of the COVID-19 status for Esmeralda County. (Sheriff Elgan)

Sheriff Elgan wanted to thank all the offices in the courthouse for doing an excellent job with keeping sanitation up and with social distancing and dealing with the public in a safe manner.

Commissioner Keyes said he visited some establishments in Fish Lake Valley and they have their social distancing down and hand sanitizer when you walk in the door and he didn't see anything to be concerned about.

Judge Johnson said she has had people in Goldfield ask about reopening the Community Center. Sheriff Elgan said there is not a problem as long as people continue the social distancing. Just following the state rules. He wanted to hear from our state partners. Beth said just follow the rules, social distancing, masks, hand washing. Maximum of 50 people.

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Commissioner Hipp said there was an email from NACo last night the Nevada Cares month. Esmeralda County's portion of that is \$159,000. That money can only be spent on money we spent because of COVID and future preparedness because of COVID. He is going to talk to Judge Johnson this morning on how to prepare in the future for things like this.

Commissioner Keyes wanted to know if there was a square foot per person capacity that we need to follow. Sheriff said it is 50% of room capacity. D.A. Glennen said we should already have the capacity per building. Commissioner Hipp said Mike Anderson might know. Commissioner Keyes will call him.

Sheriff Elgan asked D.A. Glennen if the Health Board could make the decision to open or if they had to wait until a commissioner meeting. Mr. Glennen said it would need to be on a commissioner meeting.

Parks: 50 people or less and 6 feet apart. Play equipment. It is hard to keep the kids off. The signs are still up that it is closed. Virus can live on plastic and metals for 72-96 hours.

Leave park as-is. Playground equipment is still closed. If people use it, it is at their own risk.

Commissioner Hipp will reach out to the Visitor Center and see when they would like to reopen.

Commissioner Keyes asked if anyone had gotten in touch with the senior driver in Fish Lake Valley. Cheri said she hadn't but she will.

Next meeting 06/26/2020 at 10:00am.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT.** (Discussion only. Action may not be taken on any matter brought up under this agenda item. It must be placed on an agenda, at a later meeting for action.)

Judge Johnson said the Justice Court is requiring that everyone wear masks.

Beth Ennis let everyone know that he is retiring and will not be at the next meeting. Everyone thanked her very much for all her hard work and wished her the very best.

6. ***ADJOURNMENT:**

Commissioner Keyes made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hipp seconded the motion. All in favor: Motion carried.