

Minutes from the July 31, 2020 Health Board Meeting

July 31, 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 – by phone
Ken Elgan -	Esmeralda County Sheriff/DEM – by phone
Tammy Ritter -	State Health Nurse – by phone
Timothy Hipp -	Commissioner District 1 – by phone
De Winsor -	Commissioner District 2
Ralph Keyes -	Commissioner District 3 – by phone
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. *APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE June 26, 2020 Esmeralda County Health Board meeting.

Commissioner Winsor made the motion to approve the minutes from the June 26, 2020 Esmeralda County Health Board meeting. Commissioner Keyes seconded the motion. All in favor: Motion carried.

4. *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION: Status and any updates on COVID-19 within Esmeralda County. (Sheriff Elgan)

Sheriff Elgan said a couple of weeks ago we thought we had a case, but that was actually from a different area code, so to his knowledge we have not yet had a positive case as of yet. He said all of the offices in the courthouse are doing an excellent job. He said we have the hand sanitizers at the front and back doors.

Sheriff Elgan said he checked in with Julie and he thinks the biggest problem with doing testing out here is going to be with the National Guard going to three places. He believes that the National Guard was going to stop assisting today? Ms. Ritter said that was correct; and said it has been extended but it is much more difficult now to get them to come in for specific times.

Commissioner Keyes talked about the meeting with Loneer last week at the park and they had plenty of distance between people. There were only about 50 people there. He asked, if someone wanted to be

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tested here in the county, what the procedure would be. Sheriff Elgan said they would make an appointment with Tonopah Primary Care or the clinic in Tonopah. Commissioner Keyes said if you look at the website it says there have been over 60 tests in our county. He said he hadn't heard of any tests being done in Fish Lake Valley so he asked what areas were being focused on. Sheriff Elgan did not know. He said he only knew about 3-4 people in the courthouse that had been tested. Ms. Ritter said she would check on this and let them know.

Commissioner Keyes then asked, if we do end up with a case, how do we deal with the HIPPA laws, etc. He said he asked the D.A., but hasn't received a response yet. How do we answer public questions? We cannot give names, of course. The information would be very generic.

Commissioner Hipp asked, since the National Guard is not doing the tests anymore, are there any other resources who can come in and do testing? Ms. Ritter said she can look into it possibly her group or Sierra Serenity out of Chemital can help. She will let us know. Sheriff Elgan wondered how to put out the word, flyers, radio. Ms. Ritter suggested social media as well.

Commissioner Hipp asked about the CARES fund. He said we got \$159,000 and asked if she knew where the money should be spent; what the county should be purchasing. She said maybe purchasing testing supplies; swab test for flu and COVID.

5. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Schedule next Health Board meeting.

Commissioner Winsor made the motion to have the next meeting on August 14, 2020 at 10:00am. Commissioner Hipp seconded the motion. All in favor: Motion carried.

6. **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.

7. ***ADJOURNMENT:**

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