

The Honorable Board of Lyon County Commissioners met this day in regular session with the following present: Chairman Vida Keller, Vice-Chairman Joe Mortensen, Commissioner Ken Gray, and Commissioner Jay Dini. Also present: District Attorney Steve Rye and County Manager Jeff Page. Commissioner Hastings was absent and Comm. Gray called into the meeting.

### **1. Roll Call**

Present: Joe Mortensen, Vida Keller, Jay Dini, and Ken Gray (by phone).

### **2. Invocation given by Archie or Travis Walker of the Smith Valley Baptist**

Invocation was given by Travis Walker.

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

### **4. Time Certain**

#### **4.a. Time Certain at 9:30 AM: For Possible Action: Presentation and discussion on the County's preparedness for the Coronavirus.**

County Manager Jeff Page stated that he asked for Dr. Robin Titus and also Quad County to address and inform on the County's preparedness for the Coronavirus. This is not a Board of Health meeting but asked for their comments on the subject. He gave a report, the Lyon County Emergency Management Serious Infectious Disease Response Plan for the Coronavirus.

CCHHS Epidemiologist Dustin Boothe stated the situation is ongoing and changing daily. He reported 80 confirmed cases, and 9 related deaths in thirteen states as of last night in the U.S. Currently, there is not a vaccine, and best practice is hygiene and staying home when ill. He reviewed the testing process and time frame.

Dr. Robin Titus asked how many cases of the flu in the United States to date.

CCHHS Epidemiologist Dustin Boothe answered that within the three County surveillance area, it has been reported over 40 cases of hospitalization from the Influenza. In the nation it was reported over 100 child deaths. Last year it was reported over 41 million cases, and estimated 14 thousand deaths to Influenza.

Dr. Robin Titus wanted the public to be keep in perspective the amount of cases of the Coronavirus is minimal in comparison to Influenza. She encouraged the public to obtain the Influenza vaccine.

Quad-County Public Health Preparedness Manager Jeanne Freeman reported the process of preparedness and the interaction with the surrounding communities. She reviewed the programs, emails and resources used to educate and inform the public and entities.

Comm. Mortensen asked if there was a concern for water since he noticed a concern from the public with the amount being purchased. He wondered if it could it take a year to have a vaccine available and how affective it would be.

Jeanne Freeman reported there is no concern with water contamination. Regarding the vaccine, she stated that she wouldn't be able to make that assumption on the timeframe or the effectiveness.

Comm. Dini asked what effectiveness for decontamination on services with this virus is and what is their recommendation for disinfecting against this virus and how effective are hand sanitizers. Asked if this will be any greater concern of the past other diseases reported. He commented for the public not to be overly alarmed.

Jeanne Freeman stated they are compiling an electronic tool kit for business owners to be posted to inform the differences and needs for disinfection. She stated the hand sanitizers are not as effective but an option. Best option is to wash your hands. Most people do not wash long enough with proper technique. She recommended to sanitize all touch surfaces regularly. She commented that she couldn't say that it is a greater or lesser concern of other diseases prior. It will be monitored but not to be alarmed or panicked.

Dr. Robin Titus asked if the transmission has been changed from human to human, or human to surface contact. Previous information stated it was human to human contact transmission.

Jeanne Freeman stated that it has not been confirmed, whether it is community spread or droplet spread. The timeframe the virus can survive on a surface has not been confirmed.

County Manager Jeff Page stated there was a meeting with staff, entities and NACO. The report he had given is a reflection of the meeting and the desire to be prepared. He agreed with Comm. Dini not to be alarmed.

Dr. Robin Titus stated her appreciation for the meeting to educate the public.

Jeanne Freeman commented that information can be found at [gethealtycarsoncity.org](http://gethealtycarsoncity.org).

Comm. Keller opened the meeting for public comment.

**Public Comment:**

Keith Wood stated this isn't a concern but it could be a problem. He gave his understanding of vaccines and hand sanitizer.

Comm. Keller closed public comment.

**4.b. Time Certain at 11:00 PM: The Board will receive governance training from Wayne Carlson of the Nevada Public Agency Insurance Pool.  
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Comm. Keller noted a typo on the item, it should be, Time Certain at 11:00 A.M. and not P.M.

County Manager Jeff Page gave introduction to the item and the purpose to develop better practices.

Nevada Public Agency Insurance Pool representative Wayne Carlson gave a presentation for a better Governance Effectiveness. He gave a presentation of the citizen to leader, skills, governance, collaboration, positive governance, roles and responsibilities, strategy focus, policies, best practices, decision making, oversight, fiduciary duties, develop capacity, self-assessment, and dysfunction.

**5. Public Participation**

Jim Denning stated the recurring problems in the neighborhood at Rio Vista, Yerington, NV.

George Robinson testified the issue in his neighborhood and that law enforcement needs to address the problems.

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

Comm. Mortensen moved to approve the agenda as presented. Comm. Dini seconded and the motion passed 4 – 0.

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

Human Services Director recognized Marian Zarazua for her diligent efforts in the Women and Children program located in Silver Springs.

**8. Commissioners/County Manager reports**

Comm. Gray stated that he will have a comprehensive report after he returns from the NACO conference.

Comm. Dini thanked Pastor Walker, the Smith Valley Baptist Church, and the Sheriff's office for the Celebration of Life for the former Sheriff Jim Vick. He commended the Smith Valley Advisory members for their work and pride in their community.

County Manager Jeff Page stated that the new Code Enforcement Officer Doug Homestead has been hired and started. He is working on following up with current and back cases. The Fernley Senior Center and Animal Shelter are under construction. The Budget meetings with Department Heads were last week and went well. He had a meeting with Armstrong regarding the Silver Springs Airport for the Capital Improvement Plan and it went well. Jeff Page asked the Commissioners to notify him for any ideas or requests for policy changes as a result of the growth workshop from the last meeting.

Comm. Gray thanked Jeff Page for coordinating a meeting for the Coronavirus between staff and officials.

**9. Elected Official's reports**

There were no reports given.