



Lassen County

Meeting Minutes

Board of Supervisors Special Meeting

LASSEN COUNTY SUPERVISORS:

*DISTRICT 1 - CHRIS GALLAGHER - CHAIRMAN; DISTRICT 2 - DAVID TEETER; DISTRICT 3 - JEFF HEMPHILL
- VICE CHAIRMAN; DISTRICT 4 - AARON ALBAUGH; DISTRICT 5 - TOM HAMMOND*

Friday, May 8, 2020

1:00 PM

Lassen County Fairgrounds
Jensen Hall
195 Russell Ave
Susanville, CA 96130

1:03 P.M. OPENING CEREMONIES

Present: Supervisors Gallagher, Teeter, Hemphill, and Hammond. Also Present: County Administrative Officer (CAO) Richard Egan, County Counsel Robert Burns and Deputy Clerk of the Board Michele Yderraga.

Supervisor Albaugh was absent.

Present: 4 - Chris Gallagher, David Teeter, Jeff Hemphill and Tom Hammond

Absent: 1 - Aaron Albaugh

Excuse: 0

Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

After the flag salute invocation was offered by Supervisor Teeter.

AGENDA APPROVAL, ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS

A motion was made by Supervisor Hemphill, seconded by Supervisor Gallagher, that this Agenda be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Albaugh, Gallagher, Teeter, Hemphill and Hammond

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COVID-19

SUBJECT: Letter in Support of the Lassen County Health Officer's California Department of Public Health COVID-19 Variance Attestation.

FISCAL IMPACT: Unknown.

ACTION REQUESTED: 1) Approve Letter; and 2) authorize Chairman to sign.

CAO Egan informed the Board the agenda item was a letter in support of Lassen County's Recovery Plan. CAO Egan also discussed recent discussion Governor Newsom and his staff had regarding re-opening the state. CAO Egan reminded the Board, Lassen County had recently sought relief from the current health order but have yet to receive a response. CAO Egan stated the Governor is not working locally to craft specific plans per each county but rather a one size fits all continues in place requiring people to stay home unless it is considered essential activity. CAO Egan stated the requested action was to approve the letter to approve the Lassen County Health Officer in making the application.

Director of Health and Social Services (HSS) Barbara Longo informed the Board the state keeps changing requirements to move to Phase 2 and added attestations. Director Longo briefly discussed Lassen County's Road Map to Recovery and samples of other counties recovery plans within the state. Director Longo also stated signed attestations by the local Health Officer Dr. Korver are required on any activity pertaining to COVID-19 the county does including telephone conversations. Director Longo added that Lassen County is complying with all state requirements. Discussion was held.

Local Health Officer Dr. Korver discussed current isolation compared to isolation in the 1500's during the black plague. Dr. Korver also discussed precautions that should have occurred during the beginning of the outbreak in China. Dr. Korver stated he believed Lassen County should have already been in Phase 2 and encouraged everyone to continue the six foot rule. Discussion was held regarding Phase 3, the Local Health Officer's medical opinion, Governor Newsom's actions and traveling to states that have already continued to Phase 2.

Supervisor Hemphill requested to add a Resolution to the agenda for the next Board of Supervisors meeting to be held on May 12, 2020, regarding continued closure of Lassen County due to the COVID-19 executive orders. Extensive discussion was held.

SPEAKERS: Gary Bridges.

A motion was made by Supervisor Gallagher, seconded by Supervisor Hemphill, that this Action Item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Gallagher, Teeter, Hemphill and Hammond

Absent: 1 - Albaugh

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 1:54 p.m.

Chairman of the Board of Supervisors

Date: _____

ATTEST:

Michele Yderraga, Deputy Clerk of the Board