

APRIL 3, 2020
EMERGENCY MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Carol Shank, Chairwoman. Those present were Larry Rackley, Commissioner; Bryce Shields, District Attorney; Karen Wesner, Administrative Assistant; and Lacey Donaldson, Clerk. Commissioner Robert McDougal was in attendance by Zoom Meeting.

It was noted that NRS allows for the Board to call an emergency meeting outside of the public meeting law.

Mrs. Shank stated that this meeting was called as there may be an employee that has been exposed to COVID-19. An individual who used to work for the county was notified that their current employer, whom is out of state, has two confirmed cases of COVID-19. That person sent their children to stay with their grandmother over the weekend. The grandmother is an employee of Pershing County. Mr. Shields spoke with Christina Dickerman, Director of Nursing at Pershing General Hospital. Mrs. Dickerman spoke with Dr. Van Gilder, who is recommending that both custodians be put on Administrative Leave for 7 days. If they show no symptoms in that time, then they can come back to work.

Mrs. Shank asked what we are going to do about custodial services in the meantime. Mr. Handka stated that he does have one custodian that can pick up some of the cleaning. His maintenance crew will also have to pick up the slack. Mrs. Shank also asked about disinfectants. Mr. Handka stated that we have a limited supply. Mr. McDougal stated that we can always mix our own disinfectant by using Clorox and water if needed. Mrs. Shank asked if Mr. Handka would like each office to put their trash bags in the hall at the end of the day. That would be helpful.

Mrs. Shank asked what happens if one of the employees test positive. Mr. McDougal didn't think we needed to make a decision now, as long as we continue with precautionary measures. Ms. Basso-Cerini asked if those employees would be tested. Mrs. Shank stated that they would have to meet the current testing criteria, as tests are limited.

Sean Burke, Interim Emergency Manager, spoke from the phone. Mr. Burke has requested 500 additional masks from the State, but we might not get them.

Mrs. Childs stated that they are currently only allowing two people in the office at a time as she doesn't know how to rotate her staff and still get vouchers and payroll completed.

Christina Dickerman, spoke from the phone, recommending that employees self-monitor by taking their temperatures at least once a day. Dr. Van Gilder also spoke from the phone about the importance of wearing masks and other precautionary measures.

Judge Stephens stated that there are still too many people in the meeting room. She also stated that she was concerned about people congregating outside during court hearings. Mrs. Shank recommended placing more signage. Judge Shirley stated that court cannot be canceled, but the Commission has the authority to limit others from being in the buildings. He stated that

some of the other courthouses have signs that say if you need to file a document to call ahead and staff will meet you at the door. Mr. Shields doesn't feel it is necessary to close the Courthouse to the public. He will speak with Judge Stephens about restricting access after the meeting.

As there was no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

Approved 5/20/20: _____ /s/
Carol Shank, Chairwoman

Attest: _____ /s/
Lacey Donaldson, Clerk