

BEAR LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' SPECIAL MEETING

MARCH 31, 2020

BEAR LAKE COUNTY COURTHOUSE-TELECONFERENCE

The Board of Bear Lake County Commissioners met through teleconference in a special meeting on Tuesday, March 31, 2020 at 1:20 p.m. Members present in the Clerk's office were Commissioners' Vaughn N. Rasmussen, Chairman, Rex L. Payne and Clerk of the Board, Cindy Garner. Commissioner Bradley D. Jensen joined the meeting by phone.

Treasurer Tricia Poulsen was in the office, Prosecutor Adam McKenzie, Emergency Manager Alan Eborn, Daren Letzing, Southeast Idaho Area Field Officer from the Office of Emergency Management, The News-Examiner reporter, Valerie Hayes all joined the call.

APPROVE AGENDA

MOTION: Commissioner Payne made a motion to approve the agenda as posted, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, motion carried.

As the meeting is a teleconference, any motions made require a roll call vote. Roll call vote: Commissioner Jensen – Yes, Commissioner Payne – Yes, Commissioner Rasmussen – Yes, voting unanimous in the affirmative.

DISASTER DECLARATION

The Commissioners and Prosecutor reviewed the Disaster Declaration document for the purpose of possible State and Federal Funding. Commissioner Rasmussen read the declaration in full.

MOTION: Commissioner Payne made a motion to give Commissioner Vaughn N. Rasmussen authority to sign the Disaster Declaration for State and Federal assistance due to the COVID-19 pandemic, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, motion carried.

Roll call vote: Commissioner Jensen – Yes, Commissioner Payne – Yes, Commissioner Rasmussen – Yes, voting unanimous in the affirmative.

EMPLOYEE TRAVEL GUIDELINE and BEAR LAKE VALLEY RESIDENTS TRAVEL GUIDELINE

A new employee guideline recommends employees not travel out of the county or to any of the hot spots. If needing to travel, the employee needs to discuss it with the elected official or department head, they may be subject to a 14 day quarantine, may be without pay, other counties are doing the same. Commissioners will put out a notice for all citizens of Bear Lake County and recommend Bear Lake Valley residents and 2nd homeowners stay home and help slow community spread.

Emergency Manager, Alan Eborn mentioned the national stockpile of supplies and Idaho has been sent some and is starting to distribute PPE's (Personal Protective Equipment), but may not see more. Grateful we have not seen any cases at this point. Commissioners expressed their appreciation for all Eborn does to help keep our County from becoming a hot spot.

Sheriff Bart Heslington mentioned courthouse security and safety. Some of the public have been demanding of employees, pounding on the door and it puts those employees at risk. Most all of the

services can be done by phone, online or by mail and most deadlines have been extended. Heslington encourages public to honor the Stay at Home Order, especially for non-essential services. Commissioner Rasmussen thanked the elected officials for all they are doing to help, along with the paper, radio and the ham radio operators for their efforts.

MOTION: Commissioner Jensen made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Payne, motion carried.

Roll call vote: Commissioner Jensen – Yes, Commissioner Payne – Yes, Commissioner Rasmussen – Yes, voting unanimous in the affirmative.

Meeting adjourned at 2:06 p.m.

VAUGHN N. RASMUSSEN, Chairman

Date

ATTEST: _____
CINDY GARNER, Clerk