

BEAR LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S SPECIAL MEETING

MAY 5, 2020

BEAR LAKE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, PARIS, IDAHO

The Board of Bear Lake County Commissioners met in a special meeting by teleconference on Tuesday, May 5, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. at the Courthouse in Paris, Idaho. Members present were Commissioners' Vaughn N. Rasmussen, Chairman, Bradley D. Jensen, Rex L. Payne and Cindy Garner, Clerk of the Board.

Others present were Treasurer Tricia Poulsen and by phone Sheriff Bart Heslington, Assessor Heber Dunford, Planning & Zoning Administrator Mitch Poulsen and The News-Examiner Reporter, Valerie Hayes.

APPROVE AGENDA

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

COURTHOUSE OPENING – PHASE 1 – BUSINESSES – Action Item

Commissioner Rasmussen mentioned the move to the new courthouse has been delayed with the Covid-19 matters so they discussed the Governor's Four-Step Plan and how to proceed with business in the current courthouse. Commissioner Payne mentioned various calls he had received about moving forward with 4-H programs, high school graduation, rodeo activities and the queen contest. The commission felt the plans for the programs and graduation would be acceptable subject to numbers staying down. The commission was given a copy of a letter signed by Janice McGeachin, Lt. Governor, and had received the ok per the guidelines they had submitted to go forward with the rodeo activities, but no out of state participants, same with the queen contest. The Senior Center plans to open on June 17, the Oregon Trail Center on July 1, all being subject to numbers staying down and following the Governor's Rebound Idaho plan. Commissioners instructed the clerk to obtain the plexiglass cough/sneeze shields and when they arrive, put out a notice for appointment only opening.

MOTION: Commissioner Payne made a motion to open the courthouse for business by appointment only, as the close proximity of the hall does not allow for social distancing, obtain the plexiglass cough/sneeze shields and the public is to wear a mask if they do come in the courthouse for business, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, motion carried.

SCHEDULE NEW COURTHOUSE MOVE – Action Item

As discussed prior, the move to the new courthouse will be postponed till the first of June as there have been unforeseen issues with supplies and materials being delayed due to the Covid-19 virus and some companies or vendors staff being reduced or shut down.

Commissioner Rasmussen mentioned the Rebound Idaho Plan is out there to view, businesses have the choice to follow the guidelines, but if not, may face consequences. There is money available to small businesses and self-employed to help. The State of Idaho is giving out more money than any other state. Commissioner Rasmussen applauded the citizens of Bear Lake County and Idaho for having common sense and self-isolating, following the social distance practice, washing hands and encouraged them to continue while getting outside, enjoying a walk, go fishing and getting some fresh air.

Sheriff Heslington mentioned a town hall zoom meeting scheduled this evening at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the crisis and mental health issues that have been prevalent in our county of late.

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

Meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

VAUGHN N. RASMUSSEN, Chairman

Date Approved

ATTEST: _____
CINDY GARNER, Clerk