

COMMITTEE: COVID-19  
DATE: THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2020  
TIME: 10:00 A.M.  
PLACE: FOREST COUNTY BOARD ROOM  
**Amended per the April 16, 2019 meeting**

#### CALL TO ORDER

Tallier called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. and read the agenda.

#### ROLL CALL

Members Present: Bunda, Chaney, Gretzinger, Tallier, Shepard, Theune & Matuszewski

Absent:

Others present: Mark Rinehart, Terry Lukas, Jody Jensen, and Christy Conley as well as others by Go-To Meeting.

#### APPROVE AMENDED AGENDA

Motion by Gretzinger to approve the amended agenda as presented, second by Bunda. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

#### APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 31, 2020 MEETING

Motion by Bunda to approve the minutes from the March 31, 2020 meeting, second by Chaney. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

#### DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A COVID-19 POLICY FOR FOREST COUNTY

Motion by Bunda, second by Chaney to approve giving the Health Director and the County Clerk authority to approve office closures on a case by case basis. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

#### DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PROCEDURES FOR THE FULL COUNTY BOARD IN APRIL

There was much discussion on secret ballot voting for board members and the oaths of office for the Organizational meeting on April 21, 2020.

Motion by Bunda to allow County Board members to be sworn into office via telephone, voting for Chair, Vice Chair, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair, can be done by verbal, or they can contact I.T. to set up a voting button for online voting, second by Chaney. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

#### DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR UPDATES

Theune explained that he received two shipments of gloves, masks and gowns that he thought were from FEMA, but found out that the items were actually from the State and they have almost depleted their stockpile. He is hoping to get more supplies from FEMA by next week. He also told the committee that FEMA is looking into reimbursing the Counties for the extra worked hours and supplies that have had to purchase.

#### DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR UPDATES

The Health Director updated the committee on state and county statistics on Corona.

State:

Negative – 31,115

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|--------------------|-------|
| Positive -         | 2,756 |
| Deaths -           | 99    |
| Hospitalizations - | 792   |

Forest County:

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| Tested -   | 29 |
| Negative - | 22 |
| Pending -  | 7  |

She has been working on an agreement with the Sheriff Department and EMS on confidentiality. She explained that her staff has been working a lot of extra hours with the Corona and asked the committee to allow them to accrue up to 80 hours. She informed the committee the Preparedness grant will double between March 5, 2020 and March 21, 2020, so the extra hours and time would be covered.

Motion by Gretzinger to approve banking up to 80 hours of comp for the two Health Nurses, second by Bunda. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

#### DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON FORESTRY ADMINISTRATOR WORKING ACROSS STATE LINES

No Action

#### DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION WITH SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR ON DCF EXTRA GRANT FUNDING FOR FOSTER CARE WITH COVID-19 RELATED EXPENSES

There will be extra funding available for DCF/Foster Care expenses for homes that have Forest County youth living in them. Upon request for the extra funds the County will pay them and then be reimbursed at a later date.

#### DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON MAINTENANCE UPDATES AND EMPLOYEE HIRING

Rinehart explained that he interviewed three applicants and hired Chris Votis. He discussed the amount of people who are coming in and wandering around. The committee discussed hiring a retired police officer or security guard for the next four weeks. Motion by Gretzinger to hire a limited term employee as a security person for the next four weeks, no benefits, wage to be the same as a part-time deputy, second by Tallier. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

#### DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION WITH I.T. DIRECTOR ON RECORDING MEETINGS

Whiteaker explained that the meetings can be recorded with the Go-To Meeting and saved to an extra One Drive he has available. Gretzinger asked if all computers at home used for work are up and running and safe. It was explained they were, it took a little extra time because of Microsoft.

Motion by Bunda to record and archive all county board meetings and obtain permanent equipment for the board room, **have all meetings available to the public, county board and regular committee meetings**, second by Chaney. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

#### FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND SETTING DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

- Emergency Director – Updates
- Public Health Director – Updates

- Broadband
- Next Meeting – April 16, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion by Chaney to adjourn, second by Shepard. All present voting AYE. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:43 a.m.