

COMMITTEE: COVID-19
DATE: THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2020
TIME: 10:00 A.M.
PLACE: FOREST COUNTY BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER

Gretzinger called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and read the agenda.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Gretzinger, Lukas, Chaney, Stamper, Shepard, Theune & Matuszewski

Absent:

Others present: John Dennee, Larry Poe, Tammy Queen, Christy Conley & Jody Jensen, Donna Pfeifer, Jean Fannin, Josh Bradley, Penny Carter and others by Go-To Meeting. (Steve Kircher, Shannon Boney, Cortney Cleereman, Laurie Bunda, Rob Koplien, Jill Krueger & Michelle Gobert).

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Stamper to approve the agenda as presented, second by Lukas. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 23, 2020 MEETING

Motion by Chaney to approve the minutes from the April 23, 2020 meeting, second by Stamper. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

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

Lukas talked about the meeting held the previous week with business owners. Chaney told the committee about a policy the Forestry Department/Committee is putting into place to open the park, with a possible opening on May 15th.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR UPDATES

The committee asked Theune about masks and Gretzinger would like him to get some ordered to protect the County workers, Jacee will send Jason a link to order cloth masks. There was discussion on masks and having them available at the front door.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR UPDATES

Shepard informed the committee that Forest County has 74-negative cases and 5-pending, as well as updating the committee on state cases. She told the committee the DHS site is a little behind on cases and testing, so, she will be listing the County cases daily herself. There were many questions about cases and plans going forward with the State trying to put in place a plan for opening businesses, such as where is Forest County in this plan with no cases at this time and what happens next when they do get the first positive case. Questions of why more testing is not being done was answered with people are not coming in to be tested, she is not sure if it is because they are afraid, but will be meeting with Oneida County and bring back what comes from that meeting to report for next week. She will also look into masks for the departments.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON DEPARTMENT HEADS FOLLOW-UP ON EMPLOYEES WORKING FROM HOME

J. Jensen handed out a sheet on what her employees would like to do, but it would be a week by week basis. Lukas told the committee the Governor has mandated cuts to the state 5% across the board and Personnel/Finance will be meeting to discuss this. Stamper told the committee if employees do not feel safe coming to work right now, that this is only temporary. Maintenance has picked up the rest of the plex-glass for the offices and will start working on the project tomorrow. Shepard is unable to shorten her department hours, which the committee knows.

D. Pfeifer asked if there was a way to track the employees that are working from home. The committee told her it is up to the department heads to be tracking what employees are doing at home and they were the one's to decide who could and should be able to work from home. It was also brought up that there are some departments that this committee has no control over.

Governor Evers extended the Safer at Home order until May 11th and Andrea Palm extended it beyond that until May 26th. The committee will revisit to see if this gets overturned or not at the next meeting.

UPDATE FROM CHAIR ON TRI-COUNTY COMMITTEE, RELATING TO COVID-19

Gretzinger explained that she received a call from the Oneida County Chair and will be attending their meeting this Friday April 31st at 10:00am via Zoom Meeting. The committee she is told appointed a committee to set a plan to return things back to normal. They want something in place for the counties to work together and share ideas. She will attend the meeting and report back to the committee next week.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON EMERGENCY DIRECTOR BACK-UP

Lukas asked Theune if other counties can do back-up for him. Theune told the committee that the other counties can back him up and there are fourteen (14) in total, he can call them and they will help cover him. Theune will stay on (40) hours as Emergency Director and then go back to half time after May 26th, as taking him to (40) hours has become burdensome on the other department that he works for. Is Bobbi Irocky a back-up as well? No one is sure, but, Gretzinger feels this is a good discussion to have with the Potawatomi Executive Council at the next scheduled meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND SETTING DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

- Emergency Director – Updates
- Public Health Director – Updates
- Park Bathrooms-Park Rules
- Tri-County Update
- Recurring Meeting – May 7, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion by Chaney to adjourn, second by Lukas. All present voting AYE. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.