

## COVID-19 COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

COMMITTEE: COVID-19  
DATE: THURSDAY, MAY 14, 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, Chaney, Lukas, Stamper, Shepard, Theune & Matuszewski

Absent:

Others present: John Dennee, Josh Bradley, Cheri Collins, Dennis Rosa, Dan Packard, Shannon Boney, Tammy Queen, Paul Payant, Jody Jensen, Carly Devet, Christy Conley, Alex Siefert, as well as others by Go-To Meeting.

### APPROVE AGENDA

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

### APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE MAY 7, 2020 MEETING

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

### UPDATE ON LATEST SAFER-AT-HOME ORDER FROM GOVERNOR EVERS

Motion by Stamper to move item #9 up, second by Chaney. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

The Supreme Court struck down the extension of the Safer-at-Home order that would be in effect until May 26<sup>th</sup>. With this ruling all businesses would be open immediately. The committee discussed what the next steps should be and what authority the County and Public Health Director have. Shepard explained other Health agencies around us are getting together for a meeting to discuss the next steps and making sure the region is consistent in what is being done. They are hoping to come up with a plan and a way to enforce it.

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

Motion by Stamper to move item #8 up, second by Chaney. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

Shepard explained she has been working with other health officers in our region and they worked on a plan they put forth to the state a few weeks ago. She said with the ruling from the Courts our County would be in phase 1.5, where businesses would be open, but, would be putting in measures to keep everyone safe. She is asking everyone calling to follow the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation plan for business re-openings, as it has very good guidelines. She is concerned and wants everyone to follow social distancing as well as limiting mass gatherings over 50 people. She would like to put something in place as soon as possible and has been talking with other agencies and Andy Phillips-WCA attorney, on her authority and enforcement.

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

Theune just had another PPE order delivered today. He is currently working on an isolation facility and has had a conference on the reimbursement process for COVID-19. The reimbursement process through FEMA is supposed to be stream-lined, but, it cannot be submitted for reimbursement until they have a projected end date of this virus. There was discussion on him sharing all of the information with department heads so they know if they have any reimbursable expenses and then they can forward them to him weekly or monthly.

### **UPDATE ON TRI-COUNTY COMMITTEE – POSSIBLE ACTION ON PLAN FOR RE-OPENING IN LETTER FORM TO BE FORWARDED TO GOVERNOR EVERS**

The letter drafted by the Onward committee from Oneida County was discussed and because of the order the committee is not sure if Oneida County sent the letter out. Gretzinger will contact Hintz and talk to him first before anything is done with a letter going out from this committee. The letter will be included in the County Board packets and then discussed at that time.

### **UPDATE ON PPE SUPPLIES**

This was discussed earlier in the Emergency Management discussion, but, there were questions as to getting some hand sanitizer for the departments in the Courthouse.

### **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE COUNTY COVID-19 RESPONSE POLICY FOR FOREST COUNTY**

It was discussed that with everything opening back up, the employees should come back to work as well. Payant thought the committee should give it a little more time to see if anything changes. Collins felt the department heads should come up with explanations as to why they cannot re-open their offices.

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

- Emergency Director – Updates
- Public Health Director – Updates
- Employee Work Policy

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, motion by Chaney to adjourn, second by Lukas. All present voting AYE. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:51 a.m.

These minutes are not official and are subject to change. They will be officially approved at the next scheduled COVID-19 meeting.