

COVID-19 COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

COMMITTEE: COVID-19
DATE: THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 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, Ronald Skallerud, Holli Denton, Tammy Queen, Kathryn Kincaid, Jody Jensen, Shannon Boney, Cortney B. Cleereman, Lynne Black, Jennifer Connor, Terri Burl, as well as others by Go-To Meeting.

APPROVE AGENDA

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

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE MAY 21, 2020 MEETING

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

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

Gretzinger discussed the possibility of budget shortfalls and the continuation of the committee as well as the officer at the door. She also explained Goode asked to be removed from the Health Department committee, so she would be filling in until someone new can be appointed. There was discussion as to what should happen with the COVID-19 decisions if the committee expires. It was thought the decisions should fall back on the Health Committee, Personnel or whatever committee is appropriate.

Motion by Stamper to keep the officer at the entrance to the building in place as long as the County is under the Federal Emergency Declaration, along with allowing him the authority to limit access to offices, second by Chaney. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

Motion by Lukas to send a resolution to the full county board on June 16th to extend the COVID-19 committee another 60-days, second by Stamper. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR UPDATES

Shepard discussed the current situation report:

- 279,711- Statewide negative
- 19,400 – Positive
- 2,700 - Hospitalized
- 616 – Deaths
- 29 – Positive - Forest County
- 601 – Tested - Forest County
- 552 – Negative - Forest County

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She is working with the state everyday and is working currently with Florence County and Theune on a community testing site. The National Guard would come in and help with that, with Florence County testing in the morning and Forest County testing in the afternoon. They are looking at June 16th, 2020 and looking at the possibility of using the Crandon School District parking lot. A decision will be made at the next school board meeting. The WCA is still working on a template for guidance. Shepard has been directing everyone to the WEDC website for their guidelines as well as the CDC. Shepard discussed her future leave and what she has in place when she is absent. Lukas informed the committee that Laona will be having their 4th of July parade and the Quarterback Club will still be hosting their golf outing.

J. Connor asked Shepard if state is involved in the Bay of Nuroc confirmed cases and also asked if the National Guard has been called in to help. Shepard explained there is direction coming from the state on the nursing home. It was explained the National Guard can be approved for by the Health Director, but, then it has to go to the Governor for final approval. Payant explained the Bay of Nuroc is a private enterprise and they could disagree with what the county asks. J. Connor asked if the Health Director would please ask the state on how many cases the Bay of Nuroc needs to get the National Guard involved. Shepard will look into it.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR UPDATES

Theune discussed PPE orders and asking all facilities their needs. He will be doubling the next order because of needs. It was asked if he has delivered to Bay of Nuroc and he told the committee the nursing home is the highest priority and is receiving everything he can get them. He also added to the discussion on the community testing site. He is still working on isolation facilities and is having a hard time getting any businesses to agree to it, especially now that summer is here.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE EMPLOYEE WORK POLICY

Employees are back to work and most offices are open fully to the public. There are some that have heavy foot traffic that would still like to have people call in and make appointments. There was discussion on the wording of the signage and web posting for the public.

Motion by Lukas to update the website and doors to change the wording from “closed to in person” to “encourage any business to be done by phone if possible” and let the public know they will have to sign in when they enter the courthouse, second by Chaney. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND SETTING DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion by Lukas to adjourn, second by Chaney. All present voting AYE. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

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