

LINCOLN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Emergency Meeting

September 24, 2020

Present: Rebecca Wood, Chairman; Roy Hubert, Commissioner; Rick Ellis, Commissioner; Cindi Sievers, Clerk for Minutes.

11:00am Chairman Wood called the meeting to order and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Discussion on employees who have been exposed to COVID and were not aware until after the fact.

Sheriff King reported that there have been several offices that have been exposed. His office, EMS, and Coroner that he is aware. Because of this, he wants to make masks a requirement in the courthouse, and temperatures will be taken at the door.

Chairman Wood discussed since 4-5 agencies have been exposed without knowing, it would be reasonable to make masks mandatory for employees for at least 10 business days. Discussion on testing and the time it takes after being exposed.

Commissioner Hubert has concerns with people who cannot wear a mask due to health reasons. Sheriff King stated that taking the temperature at the door is another preventative measure. Discussion on those who cannot wear a mask and get exposed at the courthouse; that is a reasonable concern.

Discussion if people refusing to wear a mask, how will we serve them. The need to have some fogging to sanitized the whole courthouse was discussed. Discussion going outside to service some of the public. Sheriff stated there has only been one person in the courts who refused to wear a mask and he attended court on ZOOM.

Discussion; mandatory mask for 10 business days to employees, taking temperatures for the same timeframe, closing the bathrooms to public, fogging on weekends to sanitize the whole courthouse.

Chairman Wood recapped the discussion for the public comments on the live feed on Facebook.

Discussion on having pamphlets that are on the table inside the courthouse put outside under the breezeway for the public's convenience.

Discussion on having masks available to those who don't have masks or were unaware of the mask requirement.

Clerk Farnworth suggested if an employee is exposed, this plan should be protocol for the courthouse for 10 business days. She also asked if the employee should be tested, would the County pay for it. If the employee is a first responder, they will be tested 4-5 days after exposure. If it is an employee in the courthouse, the employee will be tested if he/she show any signs of COVID. The County will pay the fee. Discussion; this is a direct expense due to COVID and will be reimbursed by the State.

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Chairman Wood stated SCPH District suggests that certain personnel should be tested if there is a possibility of being exposed; they should be tested 5-7 days after exposure.

Discussion on who and when symptoms should be tested. Sheriff's office is taking temperatures at the door, taking names, time, and which office they are doing business with. This information will be kept confidential by the Sheriff's office. Sheriff asked if all employees will use the back door to keep taking temperatures in one location. The public will be tested at the front door upon entering.

Protocol discussion; mask requirement for county employees for 10 business days, first responders and last responders will be tested 5-7 days after exposure, no entrance will be refused for not wearing a mask, temperature will be taken in the courthouse for employees on arrival and public at the front door, fogging courthouse, Lysol the bathroom before and after use, the rest of employees will be tested if symptoms are present, public is highly recommended to wear masks, and this will be set as the protocol for any time there is direct exposure to a courthouse employee.

Commissioner Wood made a motion to approve the protocol as stated. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

11:30am Chairman Wood adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully,

Cindi Sievers, Clerk for Minutes



Rebecca Wood, Chairman

Attest:



Cindi Sievers, Deputy Clerk