

05-01-2020 SPECIAL COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

The Board of County Commissioners met at the above date beginning at 1:00 p.m. at the Washakie County Fairgrounds conference room. Those present were Chairman Fred Frandson, Members Aaron Anderson and Terry Wolf, Clerk to the Board Mary Grace Strauch. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Daily News Reporter Seth Romsa. Public participation was available through the county's conference phone toll free call in line. All present at the meeting maintained the six feet distance as is needed for social distancing.

Present at the meeting were Assessor Kathy Treanor, Treasurer Doris Kern, Public Health Nurse Amanda Heinemeyer, Homeland Security Director Kami Neighbors, Assistant Director Chris Hazen, Sheriff Steve Rakness, Library Director Karen Funk, Building Maintenance Tom Schmeltzer, Fire Warden Chris Kocher and many on the call in line.

Discussion was held on opening the county owned facilities in regards to the modified directives from the State of Wyoming. Discussion was held on moving to a Level 2 order that the county had adopted in March of 2020.

Sheriff Rakness stated that he will begin to do fingerprinting and having visitation at the jail with social distancing and necessary precautions taken.

Discussion was held on a possible tracing log on individuals that enter building for more than 10 minutes or there is not social distancing than a log should be kept of that person.

Discussion was held on asking for an exemption from the county in regards to restaurants and bars. This would be a countywide variance. Commissioner Frandson stated that he had been in contact with Dr. Zimmerman the county health officer and he has reviewed the variance request. He has not signed the request yet however he did send some questions to Dr. Harrist the state health officer for her input. Dr. Zimmerman is trying to send an exemption that will not be immediately denied.

Also discussed was information that had been circulating regarding the closing of dispersed camping in the Bighorns and the possibility of camping areas being closed to the public. Commissioner Wolf stated that at this time there are no plans to close the forest to dispersed camping in the Bighorns. Currently developed campsites are closed until May 31, 2020 and campfires are also restricted under a regional closure until May 31, 2020. The county commissioners at no time supported closing any of the camping areas in the Bighorns or a campfire ban when there was a low fire danger.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to adopt the county Modified Level 2 COVID 19 regulations. The modification to the county level 2 is to strike the language three positive cases be confirmed in the State of Wyoming and to change the wording on limiting public gatherings from 50 people or less to 10 or less. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded and by Commissioner Anderson to adjourn the meeting at 1:55 pm. Motion carried