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TO: Summit County Board of Health
Scott Vargo
Jeff Huntley
FROM: Sara R Lopez
RE: BOCC and BOH Joint Work Session of May 20, 2020
DATE: May 20, 2020

Attendees:

Elected Officials (via conference phone): Karn Stiegelmeier, Thomas C. Davidson and Elisabeth Lawrence – Commissioners.

Jaime FitzSimons - Sheriff

Staff (via conference phone): Scott Vargo, County Manager; Jeff Huntley, County Attorney; Bentley Henderson, Assistant County Manager; Sarah Vaine, Assistant County Manager; Marty Ferris, Finance Director; Julie Sutor, Communications Director; Amy Wineland, Public Health Director; Brian Bovaird, Emergency Management Director; April Paige, Executive Administrative Manager; Lori Dwyer, Administrative Assistant and Sara R Lopez, Administrative Assistant.

Guests (via phone): Adam LeVasseur, Alys Macias, Ashley Kubiszyn, Bryce Cole, Jason & Megan Lawrence, Joyleen Helcoski, Libby Stanford, Peter Siegel, Robert Humphrey and others who did not sign in.

I. Recovery and Resilience Process

Commissioners and senior staff discussed various topics including but not limited to:

Scott Vargo updated the group on the CARES funding allocation to counties. At this point, it seems like allocation will be done strictly per-capita, which will not fulfill the needs of Summit County (SC) as part of the resort region. The population SC serves includes a lot more people than the permanent resident population.

The Communications department is drafting a message explaining SC's intention to allow for lodging to open on June 1, 2020. The date is contingent on the Governor withdrawing his actions on short-term rentals, or approving the county's variance request to adjust for the allowance of restaurant and lodging to open.

Mr. Vargo and Commissioners discussed an agreement with FIRC related to food assistance and the possibility of the county being reimbursed by FEMA for 75% of the expenses. Commissioner Davidson requested additional information to be reviewed at the next BOCC Work Session on May 26, 2020, before they make a decision.

Amy Wineland presented a data graph showing the percentage of COVID-19 patient hospitalizations, ICU beds occupied, and negative pressure rooms occupied from March 5, 2020 through May 19, 2020. She noted that the Medical Center was not overrun at any time during this time.

Scott Vargo and Amy Wineland discussed the status of pools both indoors and outdoors which remain closed. The Public Health (PH) Department has been in contact with the Parks and Recreations Director and they have shared a lot of information currently being reviewed that will provide guidance on how to open these amenities. Commissioner Lawrence noted the difference between indoor and outdoor pools, and whether they are managed by a resort, lodging company or HOA. Ms. Wineland said the issue is that pools foster gatherings so the county has to be careful.

The county has received requests from some ski areas interested in opening for spring skiing or private ski team trainings. The Governor's executive order, as it relates to ski areas, would allow them to reopen on May 23, 2020; however, Summit County's PH order goes through the end of May. The Governor's office has said he will make a decision on May 25, 2020.

The county's PH order goes through the end of May, but we are working on a draft amendment that would include allowing ski areas to open on May 27, 2020. A concern was that this would violate the county's order on gatherings to no more than 10 people. However, as Mr. Vargo explained, there are more than 10 people at a time at a grocery store but they are not gathering. Commissioner Stiegelmeier agreed with this explanation and suggested the county move on with the draft amendment.

Those ski areas interested in opening will need to submit a plan listing protocols for their specific ski areas. Arapahoe Basin submitted their request and their protocols are well explained. Ms. Wineland explained that PH reviewed the A-Basin protocols and felt there was enough space for distancing based on square footage. Some of the other protocols includes no tailgate activities; skiers must make reservations, lift chairs only at to half-capacity, distancing of outdoor restaurant tables, etc. She also noted that ski areas are well aware of the caveat that if the county observes gathering of more than 10 people, they will be shut down. Mr. Vargo pointed out that the reason why PH sees the opening of ski areas as different from other gatherings like concerts is because people are not arriving at the same time, sitting/standing next to each other for extended periods. They will arrive separately and immediately space out over a large terrain.

Sarah Vaine received a request from the Census Bureau asking for permission to send their staff to the county to conduct visits. The staff have gone through special training specifically related to COVID. Ms. Vaine noted that SC's census response has been low and we could use their assistance. Julie Sutor received a press release from the Census Bureau and forwarded it to the media so residents are aware that census staff will be in the county.

Commissioner Lawrence brought up questions from resorts that have a robust wedding business. They need to know what the maximum amount of people allowed to gather will be for the summer. Mr. Vargo noted that based on several conversations with the Governor's office and the Colorado Department of Public Health there are no indications that the state will allow large gathering sizes. Ms. Lawrence suggested informing people that we do not foresee allowing gatherings of more than 100 people so anyone planning large weddings or events can make other arrangements. Mr. Vargo will share this information with event planners at an upcoming meeting this week.

The team discussed providing easy to read COVID-19 county guidelines to short-term rental visitors to remind them of the rules and to bring their face coverings from home. Scott Vargo referred the group to Summit County's Roadmap to Recovery on the website. It was suggested asking property managers, realtors, and lodging companies to include it with their Good Neighbor Guidelines or email it to their guests or second-homeowners.

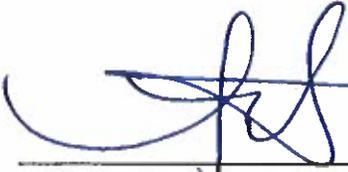
Summit County's Public Health Orders and latest information is available at www.summitcountyco.gov under *Get COVID-19 Info and Updates*.

- II. **Review of the ongoing Public Health COVID-19 Local Disaster Emergency and the Legal Issues related thereto (Public Health Dept., Attorney). (Executive Session Recommended)**
Jeff Huntley and Scott Vargo requested an Executive Session discussion regarding various confidential legal issues related to the ongoing COVID-19 Local Disaster Emergency.

A motion was made by Commissioner Davidson and seconded by Commissioner Lawrence to go into Executive Session to review confidential public health, information, investigations, and other issues pertaining to the ongoing COVID-19 Local Disaster Emergency, and the Legal Issues related. BOCC voted 3 to 0 to go into Executive Session per CRS 24-6-402 (4) (b)(c)(d) with specific reference to 25-1-122. The motion was approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by:


Sara R. Lopez, Deputy Clerk


Karin Stiegelmeier, Chair

