



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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TO: Summit County Board of Health
Scott Vargo
Jeff Huntley
FROM: Lori Dwyer
RE: BOCC and BOH Joint Work Session of September 29, 2020
DATE: September 29, 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; Cameron Turpin, Assistant County Attorney; Bentley Henderson, Assistant County Manager; Sarah Vaine, Assistant County Manager; Marty Ferris, Finance Director; Amy Wineland, Public Health; Julie Sutor, Director of Communications; Molly Boyd, Human Resources Director; Brian Bovaird, Director of Emergency Management; Dan Hendershott, Environmental Health; Nicole Valentine, Public Health Public Information Officer; Tom Gosiorowski, Public Works Director; April Paige, Executive Administrative Manager and Lori Dwyer, Administrative Assistant.

Guests (via phone): Libby Stanford and others that did not sign in.

Sheriff FitzSimons noted that Scott Fitzwilliams with the US Forest Service has indicated that the White River National Forest will move to Stage 1 Fire Restrictions, due to overnight moisture levels and shorter daytime hours. He recommended that the County adopt Stage 1 fire restrictions and requested that the County Manager lift the current shooting range restrictions. Staff will schedule a BOCC Special Meeting for that purpose on Thursday, October 1st.

Cameron Turpin noted that she is drafting a revised Public Health Order to replace the existing Order, which expires at the end of September. There are no changes beyond extending the dates.

Commissioners and staff discussed application for additional state relief funds, beyond the \$1.4 million that Summit County has already received. Scott Vargo noted that the second round of funds will be based on need rather than population.

Commissioners and staff discussed a list of non-ski area impacts that must be considered for the upcoming winter season, including but not limited to Summit Stage capacity and routes, use of tents or other temporary structures without a lengthy approval process, trailhead parking and ticketing, and closure of trailheads as needed during dangerous avalanche conditions.

Mr. Vargo noted plans for the County to host a Town Hall Meeting the evening of Monday, October 5th. Commissioner Lawrence stated that Summit County is at a real threat of having to take a step back in our economic recovery due to the rising COVID-19 case numbers, which prompted the meeting. Commissioner Lawrence, Amy Wineland and Mr. Vargo will field questions during the Town Hall Meeting.

Ms. Wineland gave an update on flu vaccine distribution. She noted that the vaccine will be available at the drive-through Points of Distribution on October 10th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and October 21st from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. She also noted that Public Health has begun doing mobile vaccine clinics.

Ms. Wineland gave an update on the state's updated school guidance for COVID-19, which should be available on October 4th.

Ms. Wineland gave an update on COVID-19 testing including testing being transitioned from Centura Health Physician Group to the hospital, and more mobile testing availability. She noted that after a shift to a new lab in late July, not all of the negative tests were reported to the state, but this will be updated to reflect a lower positivity rate during the summer.

Ms. Wineland noted that state guidance for Halloween celebrations should be out by the end of the week. Mr. Vargo noted that the Town of Breckenridge plans to discourage traditional Trick-or-Treat activities by not closing streets.

Bentley Henderson noted that a recent issue has arisen on Huron Road (County Road 450). He noted that the Road and Bridge department will discuss possible solutions with the Board during the October 6th Board of County Commissioners' Work Session.

Review of the ongoing Public Health COVID-19 Local Disaster Emergency and the Legal Issues related thereto (Public Health Dept., Attorney).

Scott Vargo requested an Executive Session to discuss public health matters and legal advice pertaining thereto.

A motion was made by Commissioner Davidson and seconded by Commissioner Lawrence to go into Executive Session to review confidential public health matters, contracts and negotiations 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,


Lori Dwyer, Deputy Clerk



Approved by:


Mark Stiegelmeier, Chair