

**EUREKA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH**  
**January 20, 2021**

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**July 20, 2020**

STATE OF NEVADA        )  
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COUNTY OF EUREKA     )

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Eureka County Board of Health met on July 20, 2020. Present were Vice Chairman Kenny Sanders; Sheriff Jesse Watts; Commissioner J.J. Goicoechea; Commissioner Rich McKay; and Clerk Recorder Lisa Hoehne. Commissioner Mike Sharkozy joined via telephone during the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 9:07 a.m. The interactive video conferencing system was not connected and utilized between Crescent Valley and Eureka due to interference and feedback issues.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Sheriff Watts motioned to approve the agenda; Commissioner Goicoechea seconded the motion; motion carried 4-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Vice Chairman Sanders opened the floor and invited comments from those present and those in attendance by telephone.

Ashley Farris, speaking as a citizen of Eureka County, had a question regarding the Eureka School Board's plan to re-open schools. She asked if the Commissioners will be willing to work with County employees who have to take time off to pick up their children. Commissioner McKay inquired about the after-school program and whether that would still be a possibility. Commissioner Goicoechea stated that the after-school program was never mentioned in the meetings with Eureka School District officials, but he believes that there will be no after school program for now. Commissioner Goicoechea stated that a future agenda item may be placed on the agenda for action.

Lisa Hoehne, Clerk Recorder, asked if the County is going to have some sort of plan if an employee tests positive for COVID and everyone in that office is exposed. She asked if there was a way to get ahead of that eventual problem.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

May 20, 2020: Sheriff Watts motioned to table the minutes of May 20, 2020; Commissioner Goicoechea seconded the motion; motion carried 4-0.

**BOARD OF HEALTH APPOINTMENT**

Appointment of Chair: Commissioner Goicoechea volunteered to serve as Chair of the Eureka County Board of Health. Sheriff Watts motioned to appoint Commissioner J.J. Goicoechea as Chairman of the Eureka County Board of Health; Commissioner McKay seconded the motion; motion carried 4-0.

**CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019**

Update on recommendations related to COVID-19. Sheriff Watts provided updates on Eureka County's numbers. Eureka County currently has one positive case, this person is self-isolating and is located "up north". In tandem with Elko County the individual's movements and

contact others was traced and the chain of contact was completed in a very quick timeframe. This brings Eureka County's total cases to two; one currently positive and one fully recovered.

Commissioner Goicoechea stated that a patient's confidentiality and privacy is protected under HIPAA; therefore, names of persons being tested, whether negative or positive, will not be released.

Commissioner McKay stated that there is a chain of command issue right now. He has been receiving telephone calls directly with inquiries on who the positive virus cases are. He does not want to receive these telephone calls.

Jeb Rowley, Public Works Director, spoke briefly about the antibody tests and rapid COVID tests.

Commissioner Goicoechea reached out to Tamisha Pena at the local clinic about antibody testing. She is quite busy and will get back to him.

Raymond Hodson, asked about the rapid tests. Commissioner Goicoechea responded that the State does not recommend them because they are not very accurate.

Commissioner Goicoechea mentioned that the Cares Act is very specific on what it covers. The federal government will provide up to two weeks of paid sick leave if you are showing signs and symptoms. Certain jobs cannot be worked from home.

Information regarding COVID-19 hotline. Sheriff Watts informed there were eight calls in three months to the COVID-19 hotline. This number is very low compared to other counties, and Sheriff Watts felt citizens should utilize this service.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Vice Chairman Sanders called for public comments from parties present or in attendance via telephone.

Ashley Adams asked if a person tests positive who works in Eureka County but lives in Elko County, which county is the case attributed to? And which county is responsible for contact tracing?

Sheriff Watts responded that the case is assigned to the county where the individual resides. A regional team out of Elko is responsible for contact tracing. Commissioner Goicoechea commented that this regional team is one of the positives about this COVID outbreak; they work in all of the neighboring counties and are great at what they do.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Sheriff Watts motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:34 a.m.; Commissioner Goicoechea seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

*Approved by vote of the Board this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021.*

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Kenny Sanders, Vice Chairman

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Jackie Berg, Administrative Assistant