



The Board of County Commissioners met in special session on June 16, 2020. Those present for the session were, Don Batchelder, Chair; Ben Tisdell, Vice-Chair; John E. Peters, Commissioner Member; Connie Hunt, County Administrator; Carol Viner, County Attorney; and Hannah Hollenbeck, Deputy Clerk of the Board.

- **Note – This meeting was recorded for reference purposes. The meeting was conducted virtually pursuant to Resolution 2020-007 Setting Forth a Virtual Meeting Policy During a Local Disaster Emergency.**

A. 9:02AM General Business:

2. Request for approval of the following minutes:

- a. **April 28, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes:**
- b. **May 5, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes:**
- c. **May 13, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes:**

M/S/P – Motion was made by Commissioner Tisdell and seconded by Commissioner Peters to approve the April 28, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes, May 5, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes, and May 13, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes, as presented.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion with the following results:

*Commissioner Batchelder voted in the affirmative.
Commissioner Tisdell voted in the affirmative.
Commissioner Peters voted in the affirmative.*

There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

B. 9:04AM The Board of County Commissioners convened as the Board of Health concerning the following items:

Tanner Kingery, County Public Health Director, and Glenn Boyd, County Emergency Manager, were present.

1. Discussion/direction concerning a potential Public Health Order associated with local Pools including Hot Springs Pools variance request:

Kingery explained that the purpose of the request was for local pools and hot springs to be able to increase the capacity as stated in the State Orders. He said that limiting capacity to 50 patrons was not economically viable for Orvis Hot Springs and Ouray Hot Springs.

Commissioner Tisdell said that the variance requested that both facilities be able to open at 75% capacity or 200 patrons, whichever was less. He asked if any consideration was given to the size of each facility. Kingery said that ideally unrelated parties would observe the six foot distancing suggestion. He said that the 75% of capacity suggestion arose from regional conversations and an attempt to standardize capacity limits.

Commissioner Tisdell said that the new Order limited use of locker rooms and lockers. He said that the variance application did not reference lockers, or locker rooms. Kingery confirmed that the variance application did not seek any variance from the provisions of the State Order as it applied to lockers or locker rooms.

Commissioner Tisdell asked if swimming was a safe activity. Kingery said that the research he had found indicated that water was not a good transmitter of the virus.

M/S/P – Motion was made by Commissioner Tisdell and seconded by Commissioner Peters to approve and authorize the Board's signatures on Ouray County Variance Request from portions of Public Health Order 20-28 pertaining to local pools, including hot springs pools.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion with the following results:

*Commissioner Batchelder voted in the affirmative.
Commissioner Tisdell voted in the affirmative.
Commissioner Peters voted in the affirmative.*

There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Discussion/direction regarding Ouray County 4-H Event Center disinfecting and guidelines:

Erin Stadelman, County Fairgrounds Manager, was present.

Hunt said that the document prepared by Stadelman had yet to be reviewed by the County Attorney. She said that she had been working to draft reopening procedures for all County facilities, which would be submitted to the Board for review as an exhibit to a resolution.

Commissioner Batchelder suggested that the Event Center be included in the reopening resolution with all other County facilities. He said that Board could make a motion to approve the reopening of the Event Center with the disinfecting guidelines outlined by Stadelman.

The Board discussed allowing additional activities besides the church to occur within the 4-H Event Center. Hunt indicated that the State Orders were clear that only houses of worship could reopen with

guidelines. She was concerned about the implications of reopening County facilities too soon. She indicated that she would be meeting with all County department heads and elected officials to discuss plans for reopening.

M/S/P – Motion was made by Commissioner Tisdel and seconded by Commissioner Peters to approve the use of the Ouray County 4-H Event Center for the purpose of conducting worship services as outlined in the Use Agreement, with the clarification that the County provide cleaning supplies for the worship entity to disinfect the facility after each use, and comply with personal protective equipment guidelines. The direction would remain in effect until such time as a resolution be adopted regarding all County facilities.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion with the following results:

Commissioner Batchelder voted in the affirmative.
Commissioner Peters voted in the affirmative.
Commissioner Tisdel voted in the affirmative.

There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Tisdel asked that Kingery provide an update regarding the next phase of Governor's orders, entitled "Protect Our Neighbors." Kingery said that the comment period for the new order would close the next day. The Board encouraged Kingery to comment in his capacity as Public Health Director as he felt necessary. The Board agreed that simplification of the current regulations would be appreciated. Commissioner Tisdel added that advocating for a regional approach would help alleviate the patchwork of regulations created by the waiver applications.

Krysta Cossitt, representing wedding industry professionals, stated her concern about the current gathering size limitation of ten people. She requested that the Board consider submitting a variance application that allowed at least 25 people indoors and 50 people outdoors. Kingery said that the "Protect Our Neighbors" Order included language that would allow for increased capacities based on square footage. The Board agreed to delay any action on Cossitt's request until the new Order had been released.

A. 9:48AM General Business, continued:

1. Request for approval of warrants:

Hunt explained that the warrant register included the following: payment for County Attorney services, governmental lease purchase payment, and Broadband Project Phase 1 payment. She confirmed that all expenses were budgeted.

M/S/P – Motion was made by Commissioner Tisdel and seconded by Commissioner Peters to approve the warrants as presented.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion with the following results:

Commissioner Batchelder voted in the affirmative.
Commissioner Tisdel voted in the affirmative.
Commissioner Peters voted in the affirmative.

There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

9:50AM The Board of County Commissioners adjourned the special session.



Hollenbeck
Michelle Nauer, Clerk and Recorder
By: Hannah Hollenbeck, Deputy Clerk of the Board

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