

**APRIL 7, 2020**  
**EMERGENCY MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Carol Shank, Chairwoman. It was noted that this meeting was being conducted over Zoom Meeting and there was no physical location.

Those present were Larry Rackley and Robert McDougal, Commissioner; Bryce Shields, District Attorney; Jerry Allen, Sheriff; Sean Burke, Interim Emergency Management Director; Rene Childs, Recorder-Auditor; Justin Abbott, IT Director; and Lacey Donaldson, Clerk.

It was noted that NRS allows for the Board to call an emergency meeting outside of the public meeting law.

Mrs. Shank stated that this meeting was called to discuss the possibility of renting a refrigerated unit to be used in the event that we have mass casualties.

Mr. Burke spoke about mortuary services. We do not have a mortuary in Pershing County. The mortuaries in surrounding counties have limited space. Sheriff Allen has found an available unit. Mr. Burke also stated that he did speak to Lorne Bianchi at Pershing General Hospital and they do not have any cold storage. Mr. Rackley also spoke about the capacity in the funeral homes in neighboring counties.

Mr. McDougal stated that another option would be to approach local businesses. The old Nile Valley Foods building had a large walk-in refrigerator when it was sold. He suggested contacting Bob Redd.

Mr. Burke also suggested having a standing agreement with a company for in the future. Mrs. Shank asked Mrs. Childs how we could pay for a rental unit. Mrs. Childs stated that she thought it would have to come out of the General Fund.

Mr. Rackley spoke about transporting patients to Reno, stating that he doesn't want to expend the money for cold storage if we don't have to. Mr. Burke stated that if medical services in Reno/Sparks become overwhelmed we may not be able to continue with patient transports.

Sheriff Allen stated that he did speak to the company this morning and they have one unit available. Sheriff Allen also had some concerns about where to put it so that it was secure.

Mrs. Shank stated that there may also be deaths from natural causes. Sheriff Allen stated that he would be meeting with the Hospital today at 1:30 p.m.

Mr. McDougal made a motion to proceed with renting a refrigerated storage unit with the hope and understanding that we will be able to get reimbursement, and to also look into a standing agreement in case of future emergencies. Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley and passed.

Mrs. Childs asked about making the payment. Sheriff Allen stated that the charge is \$650 per week and he can use his county credit card if necessary. He will contact them regarding payment options and let Mrs. Childs know.

Sheriff Allen also voiced some additional concerns. There has been some discussion about those that can't self-isolate. The Sheriff's office does have a few camp trailers that could be made available for those needing to self-isolate away from their homes; however, they do not have generators. Sheriff Allen also stated that a company reached out to the Sheriffs and Chiefs Association about testing kits. The cost is \$1,200 for 100 kits.

Sean Burke stated that he would like to have standing Emergency Management meetings every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. He thought the trailers were a good option. He also stated that he would be very cautious about purchasing any test kits. Lastly, Mr. Burke stated that a Letter of Intent to the State of Nevada regarding emergency funds is due by April 30<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Burke will work with DA Shields to draft a letter.

Mr. McDougal made a motion to move forward with submitting a letter requesting State and Federal Emergency Funding. Motion seconded by Mr. Rackley and passed.

As there was no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 9:31 a.m.

Approved 5/20/20: \_\_\_\_\_ /s/  
Carol Shank, Chairwoman

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ /s/  
Lacey Donaldson, Clerk