

MARCH 19, 2020

The Board of Chaves County Commissioners held their Regular Commission meeting in the Commission Chamber of the Joe Skeen Building, #1 St. Mary's Place in Roswell, New Mexico. Chairman Cavin called the meeting to order at 9:00a.m. Commissioner Ezzell led the pledge and Commissioner Bilberry led in prayer. Those present were Commissioners Bilberry, Dana, Ezzell, Corn and Cavin. Also present were County Manager Stan Riggs, Public Services Director Bill Williams, Sheriff Mike Herrington, Finance Director Joe Sedillo, County Treasurer Charlotte Andrade, County Clerk Dave Kunko, news media, staff and guests.

MINUTES

Commissioner Corn moved to adopt the minutes from February 20, 2020. Commissioner Bilberry seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

PRESENTATION

Chairman Cavin made it clear the County was not taking the Coronavirus lightly. He mentioned that currently at the Wool Bowl people in Chaves County were being tested. He introduced Dr. Khorsand and Dr. Jewel from Kymera. Dr. Khorsand went over the Pandemic Data. He stated that the U. S. would pass Italy in 2 weeks. These charts are changing daily. Once you can get the chart to flatten out is when you are controlling the situation. Labs across the country are testing 10,000 people per day. Young will get this disease and transmit it to older people. Older people are more susceptible to death from this disease. It is very contagious. He showed charts and data for different countries. The Department of Health does not have the manpower to stay on top of this situation. This type of disease will have exponential growth. He explained the types of masks and protective gear needed to prevent people from getting the disease. He stated 1st Responders are not properly protected. The world is running out of enough masks and protective gear. The most likely places to get exposed are hospitals, clinics, grocery stores, gas stations and convenience stores. Screening should be done at the front door of hospitals and clinics. If someone has symptoms, they should be isolated. Many people with the disease are non-symptomatic. We must keep a safe distance from other people in public places. Cleaning should be done constantly like in surgery. Dr. Jewel stated that Dr. Khorsand has contacts all over the world and these predictions are correct. You should be scared. People in healthcare have the highest risk. There is information that this can stay airborne for 3 hours. Congress needs to be shut down and so do beaches that are allowing spring break. Fifty percent of those ending up in the hospital are between the ages of 20 and 50. We are here informing people to try and save more lives. Commissioners Ezzell and Bilberry thanked them for informing the community. Dr. Jewel stated the medical community is not ready. This infectious disease has shown it can live on surfaces for up to 9 days. When you must shop be sure to clean everything and assume it exists on all surfaces. Dr. Jewel thanked the Sheriff for delivering food to the elderly. Commissioner Dana asked about a treatment. Dr. Jewel stated currently there is no true treatment. Different things are being tried to combat the disease. He stated symptoms can begin with a sore throat, mild fever, coughing, runny nose and even diarrhea. The later symptoms include a dry cough and pneumonia. Dr. Khorsand stated the elderly should stay at home. Many physicians have begun telemedicine. Many appoints are being conducted electronically. He felt shutting things down for up to 2 months would help. Former senator, Tim Jennings stated that Dr. Khorsand has been a quality Doctor in this community for 15 years. We need to listen to him.

A recess was taken at 10:28am, and the meeting resumed at 10:33am.

AGREEMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS

AGREEMENT A-20-003 CHAVES COUNTY DETENTION CENTER – SECURITY SYSTEM

Stan Riggs stated Chaves County would be purchasing a new security system from APIC Solutions, Inc. for the Detention Center. This will be purchased on a 5-year lease with the cost per month totaling \$13,634.11, which includes maintenance. Commissioner Corn moved to adopt Agreement A-20-003. Commissioner Ezzell seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.