



Asotin County Public Health District

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Asotin County Local Board of Health Meeting

May 14, 2020 at 1:30 PM

Special WebEx Meeting # 620865729

Present: County Commissioner Brian Shinn, County Commissioner Chris Seubert, Chuck Whitman, County Commissioner, Mayor Monika Lawrence (Chair), City of Clarkston Council Member Skate Pierce, City of Asotin Council Member Lori Loseth

Absent:

ACHD Staff: Health Officer Dr. Robert Lutz, Administrator Brady Woodbury, Fiscal Administrator Shannon Jones, Public Health Educator/Food Safety Specialist Sundie Hoffman,

Public: City of Clarkston Treasurer Steve Austin, Reporter Kerri Sandaine

The special Board Meeting was called to order by Mayor Monika Lawrence 1:32 PM

Topic	Discussion
New Business	
Resolution #01-2020 COVID-19 Variance Application	<p>Governor Inslee and the Washington State Department of Health are allowing small Counties with a population of less than 75,000, and that have not had new cases of COVID-19 reported in the past three weeks, to apply for a variance to move from Phase 1 of the Phased Approach to Reopening Washington Plan to Phase 2 before the rest of the state.</p> <p>Asotin County is now an eligible county by the three week definition to apply for the variance because there have been no documented confirmed cases of possible community spread COVID-19 since April 5, 2020 (other than the first two positive COVID-19 cases on April 4 and April 5, 2020, ALL other Asotin County cases are directly epidemiologically linked to an outbreak at Life Care Center in Lewiston, ID), and no confirmed cases since April 24, 2020.</p> <p>One of the requirements for applying for the variance includes submission of a signed recommendation from the local Public Health Officer to the local Board of Health. Asotin County Health Officer, Dr. Bob Lutz, submitted a letter of recommendation to the Asotin County Board of Health recommending they request a variance to include all of the Phase 2 modifications contained in the phase chart.</p> <p>Another requirement for applying for the variance includes submission of a letter from the local hospital certifying that they have adequate bed capacity to serve their community and adequate PPE supplies to keep their workers safe. Tri-State Memorial Hospital has submitted a letter certifying as such.</p>



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	<p>Members thanked Administrator, Brady Woodbury, for all of his hard work. Dr. Lutz recognized the hours Mr. Woodbury has put in on this project.</p> <p>Brian Shinn Moved to approve Variance Request and Resolution #01-2020 as presented. Chris Seubert Seconded</p> <p>Skate Pierce asked how long it would take to get the decision from the State. Brady Woodbury stated it takes 3 business days for a decision. The Variance will be mailed tomorrow making it a full 3 weeks since last COVID-19 case and hopes to have a decision by Wednesday May 20th. No further discussion</p> <p>Motion passed Unanimously.</p> <p>Mayor Lawrence ask if members from the Press had any questions? Mayor Lawrence ask if anything else had anything else for the good of the order? Hearing none.</p>
WebEx Meeting Adjournment	Chair adjourned WebEx meeting at 1:37 PM after agenda item discussed.

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