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February 9, 2021

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING

The Board met at 3:06 p.m. in special session at the RBC Courthouse, 555 Main St., Meeker, CO. Chairman Gary Moyer, Commissioner Jeff Rector, Commissioner Ty Gates, Board Assistant Lori Zentmeyer, Attorney Todd Starr, Clerk to the Board Boots Campbell and Deputy Clerk Shawn Luce were present. Public Health Nurse Alice Harvey, Public Health Assistant Beth Willey and Rangely Health Nurse Sarah Coker were also present.

Call to order

BUSINESS

Executive Session pursuant to §24-6-402(4)(b) to conference with the Rio Blanco County Attorney, Todd M. Starr, for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions and §24-6-402(4)(e) C.R.S. determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations: developing strategy for negotiations: and instructing negotiators.

Alice Harvey asked for clarification of the agenda, as she understood this was going to be a work session.

Attorney Starr stated that Alice, Beth and Sarah could go into executive session or have a public meeting to discuss personnel matters. All three stated they wanted a public meeting.

Alice noted that Rio Blanco County was going to go to level yellow on the COVID dial as of Saturday. Discussion included whether people who were not citizens of Rio Blanco County should be eligible to get the vaccine from Public Health. Commissioner Moyer recommended that people who were working, going to school, had a 2nd home or in some way were affiliated with Rio Blanco County should be eligible to receive the vaccine here. Alice agreed to add a supplemental document to vaccination check in forms, asking people if they were affiliated with Rio Blanco County.

Relationships between Public Health, Rangely Hospital and Pioneers hospital were also discussed. Attorney Starr noted that the hospital administrators have a grave concern with public health that causes BOCC concern. Commissioner Moyer expressed a concern that the Public Health Department was not supporting the BOCC's decisions. Alice stated that she was working with the hospitals and would like for them to bring any concerns to her.

Commissioner Rector noted that the Rio Blanco County commissioners and Public Health do not have the ability to change the high school sports mask mandates and that should be told to all people who ask. Alice stated they were already telling that to people.

It was agreed that the Commissioners would have a work session with Public Health twice a month from now on.

There was continued discussion between the Commissioners, Attorney Starr, Alice, Beth and Sarah.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Attest:

[Signature of Boots M. Campbell]
Boots M. Campbell, County Clerk



[Signature of Gary Moyer]
Gary Moyer, Chairman

The full audio recording of this meeting is available by request from the County Clerk & Recorder.