

MOTION:

September 15,2020

SECOND:

Regular Meeting

Res. No. 20-

RE:

APPROVE AND FIND FOR THE SEPTEMBER 15, 2020 BOARD MEETING THAT THE USUAL BOARD MEETING PROCEDURES CANNOT BE IMPLEMENTED SAFELY OR PRACTICALLY; AND (A) ALL AGENDA ITEMS ARE NECESSARY AND ESSENTIAL TO ASSURE THE CONTINUITY OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT; AND/OR (B) THE NATURE OF THE DECLARED EMERGENCY MAKES IT IMPRACTICABLE OR UNSAFE FOR THE BOARD TO ASSEMBLE IN A SINGLE LOCATION, AND THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING IS TO DISCUSS OR TRANSACT THE BUSINESS STATUTORILY REQUIRED OR NECESSARY TO CONTINUE OPERATIONS OF THE BOARD AND THE DISCHARGE OF ITS LAWFUL PURPOSES, DUTIES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES

ACTION:

WHEREAS, in response to COVID-19, the President has declared a National Emergency, the Governor has declared a State Emergency, and the County Executive has declared a Local Emergency, which was subsequently confirmed and amended by the Board to find the effects of COVID-19 constitute a disaster by Resolution Number (Res No.) 20-307; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control (CDC), Governor, and other federal and State authorities advised that people should avoid gatherings of ten or more, and should practice social distancing and implement other health and safety measures; and

WHEREAS, the Governor has issued a number of Executive Orders in response to the COVID-19 emergency/disaster, including requiring individuals to remain at home and prohibiting gatherings of more than ten individuals subject to certain exceptions, closing schools, and closing or limiting certain businesses, to try to limit the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Board's priority is protecting the health, safety, and general welfare of the public; and

WHEREAS, on March 31, 2020, in response to the COVID-19 emergency/disaster, the Board adopted Ord. 20-10, providing for the continuity of County government, including, but not limited to, establishing alternative Board meeting procedures; and

WHEREAS, on or about April 10, 2020, the Governor proposed Amendment 28 to HB29/2018-2020 Biennium Budget Bill and Amendment 137 to HB 30/2020-2022 Biennium Budget Bill, which were adopted by the General Assembly during the 2020 Reconvened Session and subsequently approved and signed by the Governor; and

WHEREAS, the recording of the meeting shall be made available on the County website in accordance with the timeframes established in Virginia Code Sections 2.2-3707 and 2.2-3707.1; and

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WHEREAS, notice of the meeting was provided to the public using the best available method given the nature of the COVID-19 emergency, which notice was given contemporaneously with the notice provided to the Board members; and

WHEREAS, arrangements were made for public access to, and public comment during, the meeting through electronic means, including to the extent practicable, videoconferencing; and

WHEREAS, the Board has otherwise complied with Virginia Code Section 2.2-3708.2;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Prince William Board of County Supervisors hereby approves and finds for the September 15, 2020 Board meeting that the usual Board meeting procedures cannot be implemented safely or practically; and (a) all agenda items are necessary and essential to assure the continuity of County government; and/or (b) the nature of the declared emergency makes it impracticable or unsafe for the Board to assemble in a single location, and the purpose of the meeting is to discuss or transact the business statutorily required or necessary to continue operations of the Board and the discharge of its lawful purposes, duties, and responsibilities;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Clerk shall note in the meeting minutes that the meeting was held by electronic communication means and the type of electronic communications means by which the meeting was held, including for each Board member, as applicable.

Votes:

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent from Vote:

Absent from Meeting:

For Information:

County Attorney

ATTEST: _____
Clerk to the Board