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The Carroll County Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on March 23, 2020 in the Board Meeting Room of the Carroll County Governmental Center.

Members Present:

Rex L. Hill
Dr. Tom Littrell – Via Audio
Phillip McCraw
Robbie McCraw
Tracy Moore

Staff Present:

Cellell Dalton, County Administrator
Steve Durbin, County Attorney
Jason Stanley

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Hill called the meeting to order.

Mr. Durbin announced that Dr. Littrell is participating from a remote location, which is his residence.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Robbie McCraw led the Board in Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

RATIFY DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

Mr. Robbie McCraw made a motion, seconded by Mr. Phillip McCraw to ratify the Declaration of Emergency.

DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY COVID-19

WHEREAS, in accordance with Virginia Code § 44-146.21. that gives a local government the ability to declare a state of emergency to protect its citizens from current and potential emergencies; and

WHEREAS, The SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) has been declared a world pandemic, and is a novel disease that has resulted in death to our most vulnerable populations such as the elderly and immune depressed; and

WHEREAS, Carroll County, at this time, does not have a recorded positive case, but understands the risk and severity of this situation and continues to implement plans and provides information for its citizens to help reduce the exposure and possibly lessen the impact on the community; and

WHEREAS, Carroll County understands the economic impact that COVID-19 is causing not only on the national stage but the local economy and the risk to its businesses; and

WHEREAS, the United States of America and the Commonwealth of Virginia have declared States of Emergency to protect their citizens, and to get more information out, as well as to move the proper resource to the affected areas; and

WHEREAS, Carroll County reinforces the guidance from the Federal government of reducing exposure by limiting the number of people in a group, using good hygiene and cleaning of high traffic areas, and social distancing to reduce the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Carroll County will continue to monitor the ever-changing situation, implement county plans, and provide information to the public to further mitigate the

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spread and comfort its citizens from the panic that could occur from such an emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED, the Carroll County Board of Supervisors declares that Carroll County is under a State of Emergency by the Director of Emergency Management, and the Emergency Operations Plan is now in effect on this 19th day of March 2020.

Roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: Rex Hill
Robbie McCraw Tom Littrell
Phillip McCraw Tracy Moore

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Joe Webb

PAYMENT OF INVOICES

Mr. Robbie McCraw made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tracy Moore to approve the invoices as presented.

Roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: Rex Hill
Robbie McCraw Tom Littrell
Phillip McCraw Tracy Moore

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Joe Webb

MINUTES

Mr. Moore made a motion, seconded by Mr. Phillip McCraw to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

Roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: Rex Hill
Robbie McCraw Tom Littrell
Phillip McCraw Tracy Moore

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Joe Webb

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mr. Robbie McCraw made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moore to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

Roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: Rex Hill
Robbie McCraw Tom Littrell
Phillip McCraw Tracy Moore

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Joe Webb

VOTING DISTRICTS

Mr. Dalton stated that the Electoral Board has developed a plan of consolidating Voting Districts. This would eliminate some voting districts and combine in central areas within the County. The next election is close, and we need to hold a Public Hearing to discuss further.

Mr. Robbie McCraw made a motion, seconded by Mr. Phillip McCraw to hold a Public Hearing during the June 8, 2020 meeting on the Voting Districts.

Roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	Rex Hill	
	Robbie McCraw	Tom Littrell
	Phillip McCraw	Tracy Moore

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Joe Webb

UST REMOVAL

Mr. Hill tabled this subject until the first meeting in May. We will take this up after the emergency is over.

PROPOSED FY21 BUDGET AND TAX RATES

Mr. Dalton stated to meet the guidelines of going to twice per year taxation the proposed tax rates that are shown in your packet would be the high end. We can back off of those after the public hearing, but I would caution you with the loss of revenues such as motel tax, meals tax and other items that it may be tough to make up all of those revenues. The recommended amount was prior to the declaration of emergency.

Mr. Hill responded that if we lose a quarter of our revenue, that is going to hurt because it is already tight.

Mr. Dalton read the recommendations:

Real Estate	\$0.77
Personal Property	\$2.30
Machine & Tools	\$2.00
Merchants Capital	\$0.69

I would also like to advertise to consider setting two rates for special classes of personal property to include airplanes with values greater than \$1 million and computer equipment for data centers with total value over \$10 million.

Mr. Robbie McCraw made a motion to advertise for a Public Hearing on April 13, 2020.

Mr. Hill responded that I think we need to increase it above the \$0.77 cents. We don't have to go over that. I will suggest that we add \$0.05. That gives us some extra leeway.

Mr. Hill made a motion to hold a Public Hearing on April 13, 2020 and advertise with a rate of \$0.82 on Real Estate, keep Personal Property at \$2.30, Machinery and Tools \$2.00 and Merchants Capital at \$0.69.

Mr. Phillip McCraw seconded the motion.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told this is something that we can go down on, we can't go up. I know this is trying times on everyone and a lot of unknowns happening over the next month or so. Can we accommodate the Public Hearing on the 13th?

Mr. Durbin told part of the answer will determine on the Board's consideration of an ordinance later on the participate remotely. I would recommend that we advertise for the 13th and it can always be continued. To keep on track for the current budget schedule we need to advertise.

Roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: Rex Hill
Robbie McCraw Tom Littrell
Phillip McCraw Tracy Moore

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Joe Webb

FY LOCAL CHOICE RENEWAL

Mr. Dalton informed the Board that we have received the FY21 Local Choice Renewal with no changes. I recommend establishing a committee to review the renewal and make a recommendation.

Mr. Robbie McCraw made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moore to establish a committee consisting on members of the Finance Committee, County Administrator and a staff member from Social Services to review and make recommendations on the FY21 Local Choice Renewal.

Roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: Rex Hill
Robbie McCraw Tom Littrell
Phillip McCraw Tracy Moore

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Joe Webb

EDA RULES / PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Mr. Hill made a motion, seconded by Mr. Phillip McCraw to require the Carroll County Economic Development Authority to follow all state purchasing law and policies, to provide the Board of Supervisors a financial impact statement on all requests for project financial aid, grants and other financials as defined in §15.2-4907 Code of Virginia before proceeding with said project and to develop policies and procedures on all aspect of EDA work. Also to include updating all leases and rental according to §15.2-4911 Code of Virginia, to keep detailed minutes and suitable financial records according to §15.2-4904 Code of Virginia, provide the Board of Supervisors a monthly financial report that include bank statements and check register. To further require that all vacant lands be turned back over to the Board of Supervisors and also require the EDA to follow the following policies and procedures.

The primary goal of the Economic Development Authority (EDA) shall be to safeguard Carroll County's investments by maximizing income from the sale, rent or lease of county properties and ensure that no revenues are lost or that any agreement is in arrears. The EDA must ensure county properties are sold at current market value unless a predetermined number of jobs are created and maintained. Leases and rentals shall be at fair market value calculated through an appraisal process. The EDA will develop policies to ensure a return on all county investments.

County initiated Grant, Agreements and Loan program requirements:

1. All applicants shall be up to date on all county tax payments.
2. All Applicants shall submit to credit background and criminal history check.
3. All Applicants shall have met all parts of any previous agreements.
4. EDA must work with the Commissioner of Revenue to ensure that all agreements meet machinery and tool and other tax requirements.
5. Entities accepting grants or loans through performance-based agreements shall be required to maintain projected new jobs throughout the term of the grant. Otherwise repayment of the grant or loan to the county will be required within 120 days.
6. EDA will release a percentage of the grant as performances percentages are met.
7. EDA shall establish a reserve account and have funds available to pay any "claw back" for non-performance and only after the agreement is satisfied will the funds be released.
8. All grants and loans shall have a direct benefit to citizens of Carroll.
9. EDA shall ensure that Carroll County will receive a return on its investments.
10. EDA shall require adherence to all contracts and not hesitate to seek all possible legal action when a default occurs.
11. EDA shall review all contracts and performance agreements quarterly for compliance.
12. EDA shall notify the Board of Supervisors monthly on any late payments and non-compliance on loans or grant performances.
13. All EDA funds shall be deposited through the treasurer's office (allows county to save funds on banking fees). **The CCBOS should be a part of the selecting a banking institution, currently with the banking fees that are being paid to Wells Fargo and the fee charges in the Treasurer's office it would cost the PSA (by my estimate) over \$100,000 a year to bank with Wells Fargo. My understanding is that the bank the PSA uses waives all credit card fees, no bank overdraft fees or bad check fees to PSA along with paying a higher interest rate to the PSA on their current deposits.**
14. Any loan requests to the EDA shall be approved by the Board of Supervisors in a resolution or by specific board vote. Loans obtained by the EDA are moral obligations of the county and thus approval must be obtained from the Board of Supervisors.
15. EDA shall use a competitive bid process in the rental of county properties.
16. The Board of Supervisors requires that all incentives paid out by the EDA be approved by the entire EDA board and recorded in their minutes.
17. EDA shall provide the Board of Supervisors a monthly finance report to include bank statements and check register and inclusion of the status of incentive agreements to include liabilities.
18. The Board of Supervisors have adopted state purchasing policies for goods and services. The EDA shall abide by these policies as well.
19. The EDA shall adopt and pass a budget to be presented to the Board of Supervisors. The budget should include both revenues and expenditures to include billing for services by the County such as mowing, maintenance and improvements.
20. EDA minutes must include all pertinent information of each meeting to include citizen comments.

Roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: Rex Hill
 Robbie McCraw Tom Littrell
 Phillip McCraw Tracy Moore

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Joe Webb

UNCLAIMED BODY

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Mr. Robbie McCraw made a motion, seconded by Dr. Littrell to amend and appropriate \$1000 for the unclaimed body.

Roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: Rex Hill
Robbie McCraw Tom Littrell
Phillip McCraw Tracy Moore

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Joe Webb

DECLARATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

Mr. Dalton explained that this is the Governor's order. We sent non-essential people home last week and they will be taking annual leave or sick leave until it is expired, or we call them back. We do not have a Public Information Officer here and I would ask that the Board allow me to call back. We have severely lacked in our ability for the County to keep the public informed of what actions they need to take. I think we should have someone on staff to put out information and links of how to handle or what actions to take and keep the public informed of what is happening in our County.

Mr. Robbie McCraw made a motion, seconded by Mr. Phillip McCraw to provide Mr. Dalton with ability to bring an employee back to act as Information Officer.

Mr. Dalton stated that I think the perception may be that we are closed and that is not reality. If there is an emergency, we will take care of it

Mr. Moore asked about getting a building permit.

Mr. Dalton replied you can still do a building permit; we will collect the money and submit that to the Treasurer.

Roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: Rex Hill
Robbie McCraw Tom Littrell
Phillip McCraw Tracy Moore

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Joe Webb

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE GRANT

Mr. Moore made a motion, seconded by Dr. Littrell to accept the Department of Justice grant application as part of next year's budget.

Roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: Rex Hill
Robbie McCraw Tom Littrell
Phillip McCraw Tracy Moore

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Joe Webb

OTHER

Mr. Dalton explained that we all received an email from Maurine Mills from Laurel Fork. She is very concerned that we push out notices about the coronavirus to be more

prepared on how to deal with this issue, especially out in the rural parts of the County. Some of the smaller stores are without bread and things. Also, how we could use some of the community centers to get items out to people that need it. I think all of those are great ideas, we just need to figure out how we can help them. We can refer to the finance committee and work with Social Services to work on getting something done. Since we have declared an emergency there are places that we can request food. We also need to update our Emergency Operations Plan for things like this in the future.

RFP – AUDITING SERVICES

Mr. Dalton stated that we requested proposals for Auditing Services and received one proposal. I recommend that we send to the Finance Committee to negotiate a final contract.

Mr. Hill referred this to the Finance Committee.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Robbie McCraw made a motion, seconded by Mr., Phillip McCraw to appoint Tracy Moore as the alternate to District III.

Roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: Rex Hill
Robbie McCraw Tom Littrell
Phillip McCraw Tracy Moore

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Joe Webb

ENTERPRISE ZONE INCENTIVES

Mr. Dalton advised that in your packet there is a copy of the Enterprise Zone Incentives. We have two large zones within the County and one of those is a Joint Zone with Galax and Grayson. This includes incentives for water, sewer, building permits, etc. Those are also included for the Wildwood area where we get no taxation except for being a partner. I would ask that the Board consider those and write a letter to the participants for an amendment to the zone that all the participants provide incentives back as a part of their incentive package for that portion of the Enterprise Zone instead of Carroll burdening themselves with all of the incentives.

Mr. Robbie McCraw made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moore that we entertain the Enterprise Zone Incentive changes and for Mr. Dalton to proceed to the point of holding a Public Hearing.

Roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: Rex Hill
Robbie McCraw Tom Littrell
Phillip McCraw Tracy Moore

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Joe Webb

OTHER

Mr. Dalton stated that the School Board presented us with a copy of their proposed budget for FY21. Due to the meeting requirements by the Governor, I would request that the discussions and presentation by the School Board be limited to the Finance

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Committee and a staff member. The current proposal is a little over \$1 million less than presented last year. There are other discussions that need to take place.

Mr. Moore asked if it is possible for them to conference call.

Mr. Durbin replied that anytime you exceed more than two members it will be a meeting under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, and you have to follow the guidelines.

Mr. Dalton responded that we could have everyone call in, we would just need to call a meeting.

Mr. Durbin replied that you have to have a quorum physically present or wait for the ordinance we are going to consider tonight providing for continuity of government.

Mr. Phillip McCraw made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moore to have the Finance Committee from the Board as well as the School Board and bring the summary back to the full Board.

Roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: Rex Hill
Robbie McCraw Tom Littrell
Phillip McCraw Tracy Moore

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Joe Webb

OTHER

Mr. Phillip McCraw asked who he needs to address about a question regarding the water shed in Cana.

Mr. Dalton replied that if you are referring to the vandalism, we have contacted the Sheriff's Department and they have started an investigation.

CLOSED SESSION

Supervisor Robbie McCraw made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moore, to enter into Closed Meeting under Section 2.2-3711-A1, A8.

1. Discussion or consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for employment; assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of specific public officers, appointees, or employees of any public body; and evaluation of performance of departments or schools of public institutions of higher education where such evaluation will necessarily involve discussion of the performance of specific individuals. Any teacher shall be permitted to be present during a closed meeting in which there is a discussion or consideration of a disciplinary matter that involves the teacher and some student and the student involved in the matter is present, provided the teacher makes a written request to be present to the presiding officer of the appropriate board.

8. Consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to permit the closure of a meeting merely because an attorney representing the public body is in attendance or is consulted on a matter.

Roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: Rex Hill
Robbie McCraw Tom Littrell
Phillip McCraw Tracy Moore

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Joe Webb

COME OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Robbie McCraw made a motion to come out of Closed Session. Mr. Moore seconded the motion.

Roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	Rex Hill	
	Robbie McCraw	Tom Littrell
	Phillip McCraw	Tracy Moore

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Joe Webb

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Robbie McCraw made a motion to certify Closed Session with the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Carroll County Board of Supervisors convened a Closed Session this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and on the motion to close the meeting in accordance with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3711(D) of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Board of Supervisors that such Closed Session was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Carroll County Board of Supervisors hereby certifies that, to the best of each member’s knowledge, (I) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act were heard, discussed or considered in the Closed Session to which this certification applies, and (II) only such business matters as were identified in the motion by which this Closed Session was convened were heard, discussed, or considered in the meeting to which this certification applies.

Mr. Phillip McCraw seconded the motion.

Roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	Rex Hill	
	Robbie McCraw	Tom Littrell
	Phillip McCraw	Tracy Moore

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Joe Webb

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

Mr. Durbin explained that this proposed ordinance addresses some of the problems that are posed by the unique nature of this emergency that we find ourselves in. The emergency ordinance was discussed at length. The current policy doesn’t allow you to hold electronic meetings other than to discuss the emergency at hand. What you have before you is an emergency ordinance based on Code section 15.2-1413, which provides that notwithstanding any contrary provision of law general or special any locality may by ordinance provide a method to assure continuity in its government in the

event of an enemy attack or other disaster. Such ordinance shall be limited in its effect to a period not exceeding six months after any such attack or disaster and shall provide for a method for the resumption of normal governmental authority by the end of the six-month period. This code provision is applicable notwithstanding any contrary provision of law, general or special. I feel like this is sufficient authority to adopt the ordinance before you which would provide among other things matters with a pending timeline such as times to respond to requests for subdivision plat approvals, things of that nature. It would also authorize the County Administrator to take actions that are objectively reasonable and necessary in the public health interest to alter schedules, arrange for alternative procedures, provide programming, to pay bills, engage contractors, hire employees, set and manage a succession plan effective in the event of unavailability of staff, adjust in administrative processes to address the disaster and that all these be in keeping with the guidance from the US Centers for Disease Control, Virginia Department of Health and state and local declarations. It would also provide that this Board and other county boards, authorities, committees, commissions and other public bodies may hold meetings through electronic communication means without a quorum of members physically present in a single location. In accordance with the provisions of Virginia Code Section 2.2-3708.283 including the public notice requirements and at such a meeting held through electronic communication means may consider any item of business not just responding to the emergency, but any item of business which the public body deems is essential to the continuity of government or is appropriate for the continuity of the work of the public body in question. For meetings held electronically, pursuant to Va Code 2.2-3708.2a1a2 it is more wide open because you are still staying within the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act. If you deem it at some point that it is safe and appropriate to hold a remote participation meeting where a quorum is still physically present and some members of the public can come, it doesn't prevent you from doing that. If you need to meet entirely remotely this ordinance would provide you the authority and ability to do that but it would be my recommendation that the agenda be limited to necessary items to keep county government functioning. This ordinance also provides for alternative procedures to make the best efforts that we can to provide for public participation to the best of our ability. It also provides that notices of meetings should be provided by email to those who have elected in writing to receive those notices and that we post all notices on the website and other means selected by the County Administrator. This ordinance does provide that it is in effect for no longer than six months. It shall be effective upon adoption and if sufficient time was not available for advertisement then the ordinance shall be in effect immediately as an emergency and the County Administrator is directed to advertise for public hearing to be conducted in accordance with provisions of this ordinance after advertisement under 15.2-1427 f so in essence we would be adopting this to apply during the next 60 days until we can advertise in the paper, hold a public hearing in one of the ways described in this ordinance. It would be my recommendation to adopt as a cautionary matter so you are prepared in the event it is necessary.

Mr. Phillip McCraw made a motion, seconded by Mr. Robbie McCraw to adopt the Emergency Ordinance as presented.

Roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	Rex Hill	
	Robbie McCraw	Tom Littrell
	Phillip McCraw	Tracy Moore

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Joe Webb

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CARROLL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
INSTITUTING EMERGENCY PROCEDURES TO ENSURE CONTINUITY OF
COUNTY GOVERNMENT IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 DISASTER.

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WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Health and Human Services Secretary declared a public health emergency for the entire United States to aid the healthcare community in responding to the novel coronavirus or "COVID-19"; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 outbreak a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, by Executive Order No. 51, Governor Ralph S. Northam declared a state of emergency in the Commonwealth of Virginia due to the spread of the COVID-19 virus, and declared the anticipated effects of COVID-19 to be a disaster within the meaning of Virginia Code Section 44-146.16; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States found and proclaimed that the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States constitutes a national emergency, beginning March 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, the County's Director of Emergency Management issued, pursuant to Virginia Code Section 44-146.14 and, a Declaration of Emergency in County due to the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Board confirmed or ratified the local Declaration of Emergency on March 23, 2020 and it continues in effect; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, Governor Northam, jointly with the Virginia State Health Commissioner, declared a continuing public health emergency in Virginia resulting from the spread of COVID-19 virus, and imposed stringent measures to combat the spread of COVID-19, including restricting the number of persons permitted to gather in certain public spaces to 10 persons or less; and

WHEREAS, the Board understands and acknowledges that the public health threat posed by COVID-19 constitutes a real and substantial danger to persons in the County of Carroll; that the limitations on physical assembly of persons are urgently necessary to protect the public health; and that the Board and other County boards, commissions and public bodies must conduct themselves accordingly; and

WHEREAS, compliance with the limitations on physical assembly occasioned by the COVID-19 public health crisis makes it difficult or impossible for the Board and other public bodies to safely physically assemble to conduct meetings and hold public hearings in accordance with ordinarily applicable procedures; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Code Section 44-146.21 provides that a local director of emergency management or any member of a governing body in the absence of the director may upon the declaration of a local emergency "proceed without regard to time-consuming procedures and formalities prescribed by law (except mandatory constitutional requirements) pertaining to the performance of public work"; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Code Section 15.2-1413 authorizes any locality, by ordinance, to provide for methods to assure continuity in its government in the event of a disaster such as that created by the spread of COVID-19.

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Carroll County is aware of the Opinion of the Attorney General issued March 20, 2020 and intends to act consistently therewith in the adoption of this Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of the County of Carroll, Virginia:

1. That, in accordance with Virginia Code Section 15.2-1413, the following emergency procedures are hereby instituted to ensure continuity of government during the pendency of the COVID-19 disaster:
 - a. Any process, procedure, matter or transaction which typically allows for the physical presence of the public in a County building that has been declared or

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in the future is declared to be closed to the public during the pendency of the Emergency Declaration is hereby suspended unless conducted in accordance with this ordinance or other provision of law.

- b. The County Administrator is authorized to take actions objectively reasonable and necessary in the public health interest to alter schedules, arrange for alternative procedures consistent with this ordinance, provide programming, pay bills, engage contractors, hire employees, adjust administrative processes and procedures to address the disaster, all in keeping with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Virginia Department of Health guidance/directives, and consistent with State and Local Declarations of Emergency.
 - c. Agenda items scheduled or proposed to be considered by the Board and other County boards, commissions and authorities, for the duration of the local emergency declaration but not to exceed six (6) months, are deemed continued and extensions therefor are hereby ordered if the body does not take action on the item during that time, including those items for which applicable law requires an affirmative action to be taken within a particular time and failure to act is deemed approval.
 - d. Meetings of the Board and other County boards, authorities, committees and commissions may be held through electronic communication means without a quorum of members physically present in a single location, in accordance with the provisions of Virginia Code Section 2.2-3708.2(A)(3), including the public notice requirements, and at such a meeting held through electronic communication means may consider any item of business deemed essential by the Board to the continuity of government or to address the emergency. For meetings held electronically, pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3708.2(A)(1) and (A)(2), any matters which may properly come before the body may be considered.
 - e. Such meetings may be held without permitting members of the public to be physically present in a single location or in the same physical location as any of the public body members, so long as alternative arrangements for public access to such meetings are made. Such alternative public access may be electronic, including but not limited to audio, telephonic, or video broadcast.
 - f. For any matter considered by the Board or other County public body during the pendency of the local emergency and requiring open doors, public attendance or public participation by law, such attendance or participation may be allowed by electronic, telephonic, and/or written means by the body, which may meet electronically or in person or in some combination thereof as circumstances may permit.
 - g. For any matter considered also requiring public comment or hearing, such will be allowed, solicited or received by the body by electronic, telephonic, and/or written means prior to the vote on such matter. All such comments will be heard by or provided to the members of the body and made a part of the record of such meeting.
2. That the provisions in Section 1 of this Ordinance shall be in effect until repealed by this Board or for a period not exceeding six months from the declaration of the local emergency. Upon repeal or expiration of this Ordinance, the matters referenced herein shall resume operation in accordance with normal practices and procedures.
 3. This ordinance shall be effective upon adoption.

This Ordinance was duly adopted this 23rd day of March 2020.

ADJOURNMENT

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Mr. Robbie McCraw made a motion, seconded by Dr. Littrell to adjourn.

Roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	Rex Hill	
	Robbie McCraw	Tom Littrell
	Phillip McCraw	Tracy Moore

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Joe Webb

Chairman