

May 07, 2020

AT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF NOTTOWAY COUNTY, VIRGINIA, HELD AT THE COURTHOUSE THEREOF, ON THURSDAY, THE 07<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND TWENTY AND IN THE 244<sup>TH</sup> YEAR OF THE COMMONWEALTH:

PRESENT: HELEN M. SIMMONS, CHAIRMAN  
SHERMAN C. VAUGHN, VICE CHAIRMAN  
LYNN K. SHEKLETON  
STEVE W. BOWEN  
JOHN A. ROARK  
RONALD E. ROARK, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
JOHN N. PROSISE, ASSISTANT COUNTY  
PRESTON G. WILLIAMS, COUNTY ATTORNEY

ABSENT:

Madam Chair Simmons called the special meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Supervisor Bowen provided the invocation. Madam Chair Simmons led everyone in the pledge of allegiance to our flag.

Administrator Roark informs of current Census self-response rates; Virginia – 61%, Nottoway County – 50.7%, Blackstone – 61%, Burkeville – 33.6%, Crewe – 50.1%.

Administrator Roark reports he was contacted this day by Virginia Department of Emergency Services informing they have been contacted Piedmont Geriatric Hospital to provide on-site personal protective equipment (PPE) training; they will be sending members of the Virginia Army National Guard to complete the requested training.

Madam Chair Simmons states the purpose of the meeting is to handle the following business:

1 – Public Hearing: Consider an Ordinance instituting emergency procedures to ensure continuity of County Government in response to the COVID-19 Disaster

Administrator Roark announces that this is being requested by the School Board.

Madam Chair Simmons asks if there is anyone wishing to comment on the proposed Ordinance, either for or against:

Supervisor Roark expresses concern for verbiage included in the Ordinance; specifically page 2, section 1 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. He feels that this may be giving more authority to the County Staff than the citizens.

Administrator Roark explains that part of Supervisor Roark's concern are related to items that have a time limit on them to complete actions such as cases to be brought before the County Planning Commission.

Dr. Tameisha Grimes, Superintendent of Nottoway County Public Schools explains the reasons for the Schools' request; implying that there are routine business items that are time sensitive to the Schools and they currently can't be handled due to the Governor's Declaration of Emergency and social distancing requirements.

Supervisor Bowen asks for clarification from Superintendent Grimes that even with the approval of this Ordinance, the School Board can only meet if it is directly related to COVID19. She clarifies it is the opposite; this would eliminate that current restriction and allow the Board to meet for other routine reasons.