

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.

Supervisor Shekleton asks for clarification that the Board of Supervisors is authorized to take action on behalf of other Governing Bodies in the County. Administrator Roark confirms this is correct. He additionally explains that this Ordinance will allow the School Board members to meet remotely if needed.

Vice Chairman Vaughn makes a motion to approve the Ordinance. The motion received a second from Supervisor Bowen. Following a voice vote the motion carried as follows:

S.W. Bowen	Yes
J.A. Roark	No
L.K. Shekleton	Yes
S. C. Vaughn	Yes
H. M. Simmons	Yes

(SEE PAGE THRU PAGE FOR ORDINANCE)

2 – Public Hearing: Proposed Budget 2020-2021: Public Hearing on the Budget proposed for the Fiscal Year beginning July 01, 2020 and setting the Levy; proposed balanced Budget totaling \$37,457,693

Administrator Roark reads aloud the proposed levies:

- \$0.48 per hundred (100) valuation - Real Estate Tax rate
- \$0.48 per hundred (100) valuation – Mobile Homes
- \$3.75 per hundred (100) valuation - Personal Property Tax rate
- \$1.35 per hundred (100) valuation – Machinery & Tools
- \$0.00 – Merchants Capital
- \$0.00 – Farm Machinery & Implements
- \$2.35 per hundred (100) valuation – Vehicles-Handicapped Equipped
- \$1.00 per hundred (100) valuation - Aircraft
- \$1.00 per hundred (100) valuation on one vehicle – Emergency Service Volunteer

Administrator Roark clarifies that the Board cannot take action on the proposed Budget for a minimum of seven (7) days; he will be placing in on the May 21, 2020 meeting agenda. Supervisor Bowen asks if the Board is allowed to hold a work session between the night’s hearing and the adoption, should they choose to as a result of public comments. He assures they can do that, however in past years the public comments are reviewed by the Budget Committee before adoption.

Madam Chairman Simmons asks if there is anyone present wishing to comment on the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year beginning July 01, 2020:

1 – E.B. Fisher, Captain – Nottoway County Emergency Squad (NCES): He reports that they have had to bring on additional paid staff due to volunteer shortage; he additionally reports that contracting with FASTC has been the best thing the NCES ever did. This has allowed for additional revenue for NCES but not enough to sustain the level of service that is required; the current year’s operations will reach nearly \$1.5 million. He explains that the current funding will not allow for stable patient care and equipment replacement cycles; thereby if the County could provide \$150,000 annual funding for the next several years NCES can begin to become more profitable and in turn require less funding from the County

2 – Brandon Jenkins - Member of Nottoway County Emergency Squad (NCES): acknowledges the vital decisions the Board are tasked with but after joining NCES in 2019 he is surprised to see the lack of funding for County Emergency Services agencies. He explains that while they are netting \$8,000 per month additional from the FASTC contract; it isn’t enough. He suggests that the Board use the funding that is being saved by not reducing the County’s Real Estate & Personal Property tax rates to assist the agencies in need

3 – Dr. Grimes – Superintendent – Nottoway County Public Schools: States that while she has only been in her position for nearly one year, she believes in doing the right thing the right way. She explains that she was tasked to present a budget that represents the actual needs of the School System; and suggests that she is surprised at what the School System has managed to accomplish with inadequate staff. She continues by acknowledging the shock that many experienced after the announcement that the School Board was requesting in excess of \$1 million additional local funding. She explains that the main component of the requested increase is for staffing needs; specifically Assistant Principals for the School that don't currently have one (NHS currently does) and School Counseling Registrars. She implies that she will understand if the new positions (additional local funding) aren't funded but the School Board will be requesting them each year so long as they are a need of the Schools

4 - Sonny Abbott: provides viable ways for the County to utilize the savings of maintaining the current tax rate; additional funding for fire & rescue, additional funding for Piedmont Senior Resources, educational incentives for its employees, additional funding for the Sheriff to allow for two new deputy positions, and maintain the remainder as a means to fund School Resource Officers, should the County/Schools win the grant award. Mr. Abbott also suggests the County use its own property as a future site for the Nottoway Animal Shelter.

5 – John Schutt, Chief of the Burkeville Volunteer Fire Department: states he isn't there to ask for money because he doesn't yet know how much he will need, but he does suggest that while the current funding distribution has worked in the past it is no longer sufficient. Chief Schutt states that he is in favor of a Fire & EMS Study; a suggestion made recently. He reports that his Agency's revenue has dropped by one third; and lastly reminds that the County does not have its own fire & rescue agencies, it has a large group of volunteers that provide the services.

6 – Brian Welch – Volunteer for Burkeville Fire/Rescue: express that their agency is ridiculously underfunded and provided call statistics to support this; four providers have already run over one hundred calls this year. Additionally he urges funding for two extra deputies. Lastly he recommends that if additional funding is approved for all of the County's emergency services agencies, the County should require each agency to provide documentation/budget justification

7 – Daphne Norton, Member of Citizens for a Better Nottoway: explains of an informal poll recently completed that reflects a general census that County taxpayers unanimously want the county to maintain the current real estate and personal property tax rates and to utilize those savings for Fire & Rescue and Law Enforcement. She urges the Board to provide the funding assistance they all need. Lastly she implies that the public isn't aware of all of the sources of the County's revenue

8 – Susan Yeatts: expresses she doesn't feel the Board's passion is the same as the citizen's passion, suggesting that the Board of Supervisors' number one job is to oversee the safety and concern of its citizens yet at recent work sessions relating to the proposed FY21 Budget the citizens have not been allowed to share their thoughts/wishes. She clarifies that when she expresses concerns for the County's action, or lack thereof, she is directly referring to the five Board members and Administrator Roark; no other County staff.

Madam Chair Simmons reads aloud written or emailed correspondence from the following citizens concerning the proposed Budget;

1 – Devin Foster, Lieutenant/Chaplain for Blackstone Volunteer Fire department: supports sustaining current tax rates

2- G. Allen Queen: responsibility of Government is the safety of its citizens, true leader leads from the front and leads by example

3 – Chrysten Hardy – supports increased funding for emergency services

- 4 – Lee Williams – non-resident but County property owner: supports initiative to increase funding for emergency services suggesting the County lags behind most all other localities; feels that due to its strong financial stability the County should be able to adequately fund its emergency services
- 5 – Debbie Welch: supports additional funding for emergency services; suggests that volunteer numbers will continue to decrease; additionally supports the need for two additional deputies
- 6 – Brian Welch: supports increased funding for emergency services and two additional deputies; suggests the additional funds won't fix all problems but will certainly help
- 7 – Brenda Payne: supports an increase in funding for EMS, two additional deputies
- 8 – Ray Armes: supports sustaining current tax rates; suggests the County needs to be proactive and not reactive
- 9 – Michael Smith: supports sustaining the current tax rates; provide additional funding for emergency services and fund two deputies
- 10 – Tuckie Kile: supports sustaining the current tax rates; provide additional funding for emergency services and fund two deputies
- 11 – Robert McWilliams: requests increase in funding for emergency services without an increase in tax rates
- 12 – Thomas Reynolds: sustain tax levies and fund additional deputies due to increase crime rates; suggests if the County wants to help its citizen it should petition the state to refund 2019 taxes paid to its senior citizens and those on Disability
- 13 – Sandra D Leonard: supports providing additional funding for emergency services
- 14 – Barbara Morris: supports sustaining the current tax rates; provide additional funding for emergency services and fund two deputies
- 15 – Laurie King: supports sustaining the current tax rates; provide additional funding for emergency services and fund two deputies
- 16 – Donnie Edgerton: supports an increase in funding for Emergency Services and two additional deputies
- 17 – William Crowder: requests increase in funding for emergency services without an increase in tax rates
- 18 – Robert Oakes: supports sustaining the current tax rates; provide additional funding for emergency services and fund two deputies
- 19 – Melanie Armes: supports sustaining the current tax rates; provide additional funding for emergency services and fund two deputies
- 20 – Phil Miscovic: expresses appreciation for the Board's forward thinking leadership during budget preparations but urges not to reduce the tax rates as only the wealthy will benefit; additionally supports providing additional funding for emergency services and fund two deputies as every citizen will benefit from this
- 21 – Nicole Martin: supports sustaining the current tax rates; provide additional funding for emergency services and fund two deputies
- 22 – Lynne Inge: supports sustaining the current tax rates; provide additional funding for emergency services and fund two deputies

23 – Linda Armes: supports sustaining the current tax rates; provide additional funding for emergency services and fund two deputies

24 – Sylvia Schutt: supports sustaining the current tax rates; provide additional funding for emergency services and fund two deputies

25 – John Schutt: supports efforts for improving the Fire & Rescue, provides a model on associated costs

26 – Joyce Daniel: supports sustaining the current tax rates suggesting that it is not a smart move right now; states the County should protect its financial stability due to the uncertain impacts of COVID19; wasn't aware of lack of 24 hour law enforcement coverage

27 – Sharron Harrup: supports whatever measures are required to provide the citizens with 24 hour law enforcement coverage; suggests it is difficult not to support a reduction in the tax rate but now is not the right time; suggests the County use some of its savings to fully fund STEPS

28 – Melissa Bradley: supports sustaining the current tax rates; provide additional funding for emergency services and fund two deputies

29 – Dr. Daniel Grounard: suggests that the proposed tax rate reduction proves that the County is lacking in its abilities to handle a crisis like COVID19; supports sustaining the current tax rates and providing additional funding for both emergency services and law enforcement; urges that the County should use funds to enhance broadband capabilities in the County; lastly suggests Administrator Roark should step down

30 – Ben Haug: suggests to increase the current tax rate by one cent and provide additional funding for Fire & Rescue according to respective call volumes; states the County can't afford to replace the volunteers should this system fail; urges to support the Sheriff and all of his staff (Dispatch) – not just the law enforcement Officers

31 – Barbara Ashmore: suggests that Animal Control needs additional funding as well as supports providing additional funding for emergency services and law enforcement

32 – Nancy Moody: supports sustaining the current tax rates; provide additional funding for emergency services and fund two deputies; suggests the County should put more funding into economic development

33 – Richard Keller: supports sustaining the current tax rates; provide additional funding for emergency services and fund two deputies

34 – Kathie Kingery: supports funding for emergency services, requests the Board should replace Administrator Roark

35 – Susan Schutt: supports sustaining the current tax rates; provide additional funding for emergency services and fund two deputies

36 – Frank Midkiff: supports an increase in funding for emergency services and law enforcement without an increase in tax rates

37 – Dot Lawson: requests increase in funding for emergency services and law enforcement without an increase in tax rates

38 – Roger Reynolds: suggests the citizens won't take no for an answer any longer, the volunteers shouldn't have to focus so much time on fundraising; it is time for the County to take action

39 – Sabrina King: supports an increase in funding for emergency services and law enforcement without an increase in tax rates

40 – Tim Haug: suggests some good has come from Emergency Services Association meetings over the years but the story is always the same from the County that no funding is available without raising taxes or imposing a new tax; urges a county Emergency Services Coordinator is needed and very evident during the current pandemic; suggests the County shouldn't reduce the tax rates to make itself look good

41 – Betty Cook – states that she has recently made attempts to communicate, to no avail, with both Supervisor Bowen and Administrator Roark; suggests now is not the time to be noble and reduce the tax rates; suggests that residents of Crewe and Burkeville are not reaping the same benefits as those in Blackstone; suggests the County's Department of Social Services is not offering assistance to its citizens in need and the County's budget funds are not being used for things that can help in the right way

42 – Kim Castle: supports sustaining the current tax rates; provide additional funding for emergency services and fund two deputies

43 – Tony Bradford: Suggests the Town Police Departments have been very helpful in assisting Nottoway County Sheriff's Office and the County has been getting a free ride; it's time to step up - supports sustaining the current tax rates; provide additional funding for emergency services and fund two deputies

44 – Grace Seymour: supports sustaining the current tax rates and urges to find a way to provide additional funding for emergency services and law enforcement; suggests that local Churches should consider a portion of its Mission Funds to assist with services provided by Piedmont Senior Resources

45 – Shelly Watts: suggests there is a definite need for more deputies as there is very limited coverage in the Burkeville area

46 – Jessica Faas: suggests that temporarily reducing the tax rates will cause more hurt than benefits and that it could potentially cause a false sense of security to some; further suggests that so much more can be done for the County (particularly law enforcement and emergency services) if the current tax rates are sustained

47 – Aaron Myers: supports sustaining the current tax rates and provide additional funding for emergency services; expresses concern for the lack of a County emergency plan

48 – Teresa Keller: supports sustaining the current tax rates; provide additional funding for emergency services and fund two deputies

49 – Carrie Park: as a former police officer for the Town of Crewe she has witnessed firsthand how underfunded the County's emergency services (EMS) agencies and law enforcement agencies are; suggests that they all need everything they say they need; suggests not to wait for a catastrophe to efficiently fund these agencies as they can't survive on care and volunteerism alone

50 – Betty Burgess: suggests the County should increase its support for the Nottoway Sheriff's Office by funding the two new deputies with no tax increase for the citizens

51 – Kay Fuller: suggests that the County's volunteers keep its emergency services agencies going and funding should be increased for them; funding should also be provided for the two additional deputies with no tax increase

52 – Samantha Roark: suggests the County's agencies are facing dire times and their services provided are based on funding – the pandemic has halted their ability for fundraising; suggests that the County citizens rely on emergency services and these agencies rely on the County

53 – Todd Pridgen: suggests it is time for the County to support its first responders and urges that the County’s large amount of reserve funds does no good at all for its citizens if there is no forward progress; suggests the County should pursue gas taps from the proposed pipeline install, questions the lack of a Nottoway recreation program, and urges they should maximize the prison workforce in the community

54 – Joanie Palmore: supports sustaining the current tax rates; provide additional funding for emergency services

55 – Christy Hudson – Nottoway County Commissioner of the Revenue: requests the Board reconsider the funding increase she requested to increase the salary for her two staff members as the State doesn’t have funding enough to support all of the certified Deputies; reports that a salary study was completed with localities of similar population range and provides relevant data; explains that the state approved a 9.3% raise for the Commissioners but not their Deputies yet they are expected to continue their education

56 – Dion Tomer, Chief – Blackstone Volunteer Fire Department: provides funding comparison for all Nottoway emergency services agencies; asks that the County direct its focus on a viable plan to maintain its Emergency Services agencies before it is too late; fundraising contributions are down 85% since the start of the “Pandemic”

57 – Toni Seymour: suggests the County’s citizens rely on the Board to make the right decisions for them; supports sustaining the current tax rates; provide additional funding for emergency services

Supervisor Bowen expresses appreciation to Schools’ Superintendent Dr. Grimes for the explanation she provided earlier concerning the need for Assistant Principals for all schools. Additionally asks for clarification on education incentives for School employees when a Master’s Degree is obtained; they get a \$2000 stipend as long as it is obtained from an accredited University

Supervisor Bowen acknowledges that the County has a retention problem with its employees; the Board needs to consider updating its policies and procedures for such. Additionally he seeks similar clarification from Sheriff Robert Jones on training stipends received by the Deputies; once the Officers complete the academy during their first year as well as a six-month probationary period they are given a 9% raise

Administrator Roark informs that he did respond to correspondence from Mrs. Betty Cook (comments read from her earlier indicated otherwise) and that he has since received additional communication from her.

Supervisor Roark, for the purpose of transparency, announces that he did have one citizen (that did not submit his support in writing) express support for the proposed tax rate reduction. Additionally he directs his comments to Schools’ Superintendent Dr. Grimes choosing to express his reasons for voting no against the Ordinance earlier in the meeting; the verbiage used was too wide and appeared to give too much authority to the Staff.

Supervisor Roark continued by seeking clarification from Dr. Grimes as to whether the Schools qualified for Assistant Principals by the State. Dr. Grimes, providing yes and no as the answer, offers a brief explanation of how funding from the State Department of Education is originated, dispersed and regulated. She explains that a majority of State funds come with parameters, mostly by the Standards of Quality. She explains that the State’s population minimum for funding for an Assistant Principal is 400; but urges this does not mean a school with fewer students shouldn’t have them.

Dr. Grimes explains that she wants to frequently meet with the Board of Supervisors; not just at Budget time when the School Board is asking for money. She offers that the current pandemic could potentially increase school population numbers for next school year; as opposed to the expected and reported decline.

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It is the consensus of the Board to have a work session with the entire Board during the upcoming week; prior to the scheduled adoption of the Budget. The Board will just stick with its already established work session scheduled for Thursday, May 14, 2020 at 7:00 PM in the General District Courtroom.

There being no further business to come before the Board Supervisor Bowen makes a motion to adjourn the special meeting until Thursday, May 14, 2020. The motion received a second from Supervisor Roark. Following a voice vote the motion carried as follows:

S.W. Bowen	Yes
J.A. Roark	Yes
L.K. Shekleton	Yes
S. C. Vaughn	Yes
H. M. Simmons	Yes

Madam Chair adjourned the special meeting at 9:19 PM:

H. M. Simmons Chair Ronald E. Roark Clerk

AT THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF NOTTOWAY COUNTY, VIRGINIA, HELD AT THE COURTHOUSE THEREOF, ON THURSDAY, THE 7<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 SIMMONS, CHAIRMAN  
SHERMAN VAUGHN, VICE CHAIRMAN  
LYNN SHEKLETON  
STEVE BOWEN  
JOHN ROARK  
RONALD E. ROARK, CLERK

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

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 21, 2020, the County of Nottoway's Director of Emergency Management issued, pursuant to Virginia Code Section 44-146.14, a Declaration of Emergency in the County of Nottoway due to the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors confirmed or ratified the local Declaration of Emergency on March 31, 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 of Supervisors understands and acknowledges that the public health threat posed by COVID-19 constitutes a real and substantial danger to persons in the County of Nottoway; that the limitations on physical assembly of persons are urgently necessary to protect the public health; and that the Board of Supervisors and other Nottoway 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 of Supervisors 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nottoway, 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 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 of Supervisors and other Nottoway 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 of Supervisors and other Nottoway 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 of Supervisors 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 of Supervisors 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.

Done this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020 by a vote of 5 in favor and 0 opposed.

BY: Helen M. Simmons  
Helen M. Simmons, Chairperson

Attest:

Ronald E. Roark  
Ronald E. Roark, Clerk