



CLERK'S BOARD SUMMARY

REPORT OF ACTIONS OF THE FAIRFAX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

**TUESDAY
March 17, 2020**

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At an emergency special meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Fairfax County, Virginia, held in the Board Auditorium of the Government Center at Fairfax, Virginia, on Tuesday, March 17, 2020, at 10:05 a.m., there were present:

- Chairman Jeffrey C. McKay, presiding
- Supervisor Walter L. Alcorn, Hunter Mill District
- Supervisor John W. Foust, Dranesville District
- Supervisor Penelope A. Gross, Mason District
- Supervisor Patrick S. Herrity, Springfield District
- Supervisor Rodney L. Lusk, Lee District
- Supervisor Dalia A. Palchik, Providence District
- Supervisor Kathy L. Smith, Sully District
- Supervisor Daniel G. Storck, Mount Vernon District
- Supervisor James R. Walkinshaw, Braddock District

Others present during the meeting were Bryan J. Hill, County Executive; Elizabeth Teare, County Attorney; Jill G. Cooper, Clerk for the Board of Supervisors; Dottie Steele, Chief Deputy Clerk to the Board of Supervisors, of Clerk Services.

AGENDA ITEMS**1. 10 A.M. BOARD CONSIDERATION OF A DECLARATION OF A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY IN RESPONSE TO THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) (10:06 a.m.)**

Supervisor Gross stated that as the Board knows, they were notified of this emergency special meeting by an email communication sent by the Clerk, and the meeting was immediately posted on the public meetings calendar and publicized by the County. She further stated that the Board obviously all received that notice as evidenced by our attendance here today. Therefore, Supervisor Gross moved that the Board exercise its authority to suspend its Rules of Procedure and dispense with any requirement for the Clerk to notify Board members of this meeting five days in advance by registered mail or service by the Sheriff. Chairman McKay seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

Chairman McKay relinquished the Chair to Vice-Chairman Gross and moved that the Board adopt a resolution consenting to the declaration of a Local State of Emergency by the Director of Emergency Management effective March 17, 2020. Supervisor Gross seconded the motion.

Discussion ensued with input from Bryan Hill, County Executive, and Beth Teare, County Attorney regarding the following:

- The language used in the Resolution and Declaration of Local State of Emergency
- The signatory for the Resolution and Declaration
- The resulting action once approved by the Board
- The Board's role in State of Emergencies
- The benefits of declaring a State of Emergency
- The message being sent to the community regarding the severity of the Coronavirus
- Board action does not allow the County to contradict the Governor's orders
- The role of the Declaration of Local State of Emergency and the County's Emergency Operations Plan
- Increased safety for employees and County expectations
- Clarification for moving forward and continuity of plans

Following the discussion, the question was called on the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

Vice-Chairman Gross returned the gavel to Chairman McKay.

Discussion further ensued with input from Mr. Hill, Ms. Teare, and Dr. Gloria Addo-Ayensu, Director, Health Department, regarding the following:

- The safety and health of employees
- Resources for childcare centers
- Possible extensions of deadlines
- Mental health challenges and the homeless population
- The school closures
- The plan for the budget and the public hearings associated with it
- Increased guidance urging the community to stay indoors if sick
- Virtual Town Halls
- Containment and mitigation strategies

Supervisor Herrity announced that the teen job fairs will be held online and he asked unanimous consent that the Board direct staff to work the schools to publicize the information for the community. Without objection, it was so ordered.

2. **BOARD ADJOURNMENT** (11:33 a.m.)

The Board adjourned.