



Agenda  
Page County Board of Supervisors  
Work Session  
Board of Supervisors Room – County Government Center  
103 South Court Street, Luray, VA  
April 7, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.

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Call to Order

- Moment of Silence/Invocation (District 4)
- Pledge of Allegiance

Declaration of a Local Emergency

Amity Moler (p. 2)

Resolution to Address Non-Compliance with the Declaration of a  
Local Emergency

Nathan Miller (p. 5)

Emergency Ordinance to Establish Methods to Assure Continuity  
in Page County Government

Amity Moler (p. 7)

Adoption of Tax Rates for 2020

Amity Moler (p. 10)

Adjourn

**RESOLUTION  
DECLARATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY**

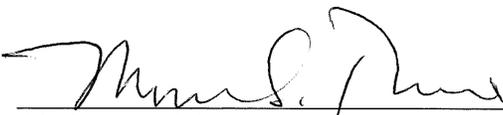
**WHEREAS**, the Director of Emergency Management of Page County did hereby find:

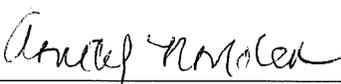
1. That due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Page County needs to take precautionary measures in the event that said pandemic reaches our community; and that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a potential for extreme peril to life and property necessitates the proclamation of a local emergency.
  
2. The emergency declaration enables Page County to draw on additional resources to prepare for and coordinate the county's response to the potential spread of the virus. Specifically, the declaration will allow the county to pursue reimbursements that may be available from the federal and state governments as a result of their declarations, among other response tools.

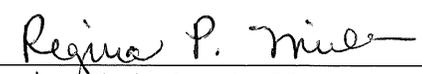
**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED** that an emergency existed throughout said Jurisdiction; and

**IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED** that during the existence of said emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the Emergency Management Organization of Jurisdiction were those prescribed by State Law and the Ordinances, Resolutions, and approved plans of Jurisdiction in order to mitigate the effects of said emergency.

Dated: 3/17/2020

  
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Chairman of the Page County Board of Supervisors

  
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Page County Director of Emergency Management

Attest:   
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Deputy Clerk, Board of Supervisors  
Page County  
Commonwealth of Virginia

**AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION  
DECLARATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, the Director of Emergency Management of Page County did hereby issue a Declaration of a Local Emergency on March 17, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, since the Declaration of a Local Emergency on March 17, 2020, one or more residents have tested positive for the COVID-19 virus and the number of infected residents could increase in the coming days; and

**WHEREAS**, it is essential to slow viral transmission of COVID-19 as much as possible to protect the health and safety of the residents of Page County, and to prevent the Page County health care system from being overwhelmed; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the spread of the COVID-19 disease, Page County is facing a disaster and a condition of extreme peril to the lives and safety of the residents and visitors of the County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor of Virginia has declared a state of emergency to exist throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia as a result of the spread of the COVID-19 virus; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor of Virginia and the State Health Commissioner have jointly declared a public health emergency to exist throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia as a result of the spread of the COVID-19 disease; and

**WHEREAS**, Code of Virginia § 44-146.19(C) provides that “Whenever the Governor has declared a state of emergency, each political subdivision within the disaster area may, under the supervision and control of the Governor or his designated representative, control, restrict, allocate or regulate the use sale, production and distribution of food, fuel, clothing and other commodities, materials, goods, services and resource systems which fall only within the boundaries of that jurisdiction and which do not impact systems affecting adjoining or other political subdivisions, enter into contracts and incur obligations necessary to combat such threatened or actual disaster, protect the health and safety of persons and property and provide emergency assistance to the victims of such disaster. In exercising the powers vested under this section, under the supervision and control of the Governor, the political subdivision may proceed without regard to time-consuming procedures and formalities prescribed by law (except mandatory constitutional requirements) pertaining to the performance of public work, entering into contracts, incurring of obligations, employment of temporary workers, rental of equipment, purchase of supplies and materials, levying of taxes, and appropriation and expenditure of public funds.”

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED** that effective April 1, 2020 and continuing until such time as the state of emergency in the Commonwealth of Virginia is lifted or until such other further notice, the rental of a hotel room, motel room, rental housing unit, condominium, RV campsite, primitive campsite, rental cabin, or similar accommodation for less than thirty (30) consecutive days is hereby prohibited, except to those contractors, medical personnel, and employees performing essential services within Page County. Current guests in a

hotel, motel, vacation rental, or other short-term rental housing unit may remain in their occupied quarters for the duration of their existing rental agreement.

Dated: 3/31/2020

Mark S. Dennis

Chairman of the Page County Board of Supervisors

Andy Moler

Page County Director of Emergency Management

Attest: Regina P. Miles

Deputy Clerk, Board of Supervisors

Page County

Commonwealth of Virginia

**RESOLUTION TO ADDRESS NON-COMPLIANCE  
WITH DECLARATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, the Governor of Virginia has declared a state of emergency to exist throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia as a result of the spread of the COVID-19 virus; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor of Virginia and the State Health Commissioner have jointly declared a public health emergency to exist throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia as a result of the spread of the COVID-19 disease; and

**WHEREAS**, the Director of Emergency Management of Page County did hereby issue a Declaration of a Local Emergency on March 17, 2020 pursuant to Code of Virginia §44-146.21; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor of Virginia has issued a statewide “Stay at Home” Order, Executive Order Number Fifty-Five (2020); and

**WHEREAS**, since the Declaration of a Local Emergency on March 17, 2020, one or more residents have tested positive for the COVID-19 virus and the number of infected residents could increase in the coming days; and

**WHEREAS**, by Order of the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors dated March 31, 2020, the terms of which has been adopted and further enacted by the Amendment to the Declaration of a Local Emergency dated April 7, 2020, the rental of a hotel room, motel room, rental housing unit, condominium, RV campsite, primitive campsite, rental cabin, or similar accommodation for less than thirty (30) consecutive days is hereby prohibited.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED** that effective April 7, 2020 and continuing until such time as the state of emergency in the Commonwealth of Virginia is lifted or until such other further notice, with the exception of current guests in a hotel, motel, vacation rental, or other short-term rental housing unit who may remain in their occupied quarters for the duration of their existing rental agreement, any business or individual found to be in violation of the Amended Local Emergency Resolution adopted on April 7, 2020, shall, upon initial determination of non-compliance, be subject to review and possible cancellation of their license to operate in this jurisdiction until such time as this Order is lifted, or until the non-compliance is remedied, whichever comes first. If subsequent non-compliance is determined, or if the individual or entity is not otherwise subject to such sanctions, the Sheriff is authorized to enforce compliance consistent with the authority set forth in Page County Ordinance §1-8.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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Chairman of the Page County Board of Supervisors

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Page County Director of Emergency Management

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk, Board of Supervisors  
Page County  
Commonwealth of Virginia

**AN EMERGENCY UNCODIFIED ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH METHODS TO ASSURE CONTINUITY IN PAGE COUNTY GOVERNMENT AND CONDUCT OF BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETINGS DURING THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) EMERGENCY**

AN EMERGENCY UNCODIFIED ORDINANCE to establish methods to assure continuity in Page County government and conduct of Board of Supervisors meetings during the COVID-19 Emergency, as authorized by Virginia Code §§ 15.2-1413 and-1427.

**RECITALS:**

**1. That the following uncodified ordinance is hereby adopted:**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors of Page County, Virginia considers the safety and welfare of the residents of the County to be of utmost importance; and

**WHEREAS**, the President of the United States has declared a national state of emergency to exist throughout the country as a result of the spread of the COVID-19 disease; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor of Virginia has declared a state of emergency to exist throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia as a result of the spread of the COVID-19 disease; and

**WHEREAS**, Woodrow Brown, who is the local Director of Emergency Management of Page County, declared that a local emergency exists in Page County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor of Virginia and the State Health Commissioner have jointly declared a public health emergency to exist throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia as a result of the spread of the COVID-19 disease; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 15, 2020, Governor Northam announced a ban on all gatherings of one hundred or more people statewide and encouraged that no more than ten people gather. The CDC recommends a ban on gatherings of fifty people or more, and restaurants, gyms, theatres and similar non-essential businesses in Virginia have been closed; and

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

**WHEREAS**, due to the spread of the COVID-19 disease, Page County is facing a disaster and a condition of extreme peril to the lives and safety of the residents and visitors of the County; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of this disaster and extreme peril, this Ordinance Assuring Continuity in the Government of Page County, Virginia is necessary to permit the full powers of the government to deal effectively with the condition of the disaster and peril; and

**WHEREAS**, allowing the County to limit in-person attendance will allow our constituents to protect themselves and one another, while maintaining informed and active citizenship and will let the County operate in an efficient and safe manner while the County mitigates the effects of this public health crisis and disaster, and

**WHEREAS**, Code of Virginia 15.2-1427(F) provides that "In counties, emergency ordinances may be adopted without prior notice; however, no such ordinance shall be enforced for more than sixty days unless readopted in conformity with the provisions of this Code."

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF PAGE COUNTY, VIRGINIA AS FOLLOWS:**

1. A disaster exists in Page County.
2. The Recitals above are adopted and incorporated herein.
3. The infectious nature of COVID-19 may very soon make it unsafe to assemble a quorum of this Board in a single location, or to assemble members of the public in a single location, making it difficult or impossible for this Board and the County's other boards and committees to conduct meetings in accordance with normal practices and procedures.
4. In accordance with Section 15.2- 1413 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, notwithstanding any contrary provision of law, general or special, the following emergency procedures are adopted to ensure continuity of government during the pendency of the emergency and disaster created by COVID-19.
  - a. That any process, procedure, or matter which requires the physical presence of the public in a building that the County Administrator or Chairman, either of whom may act, has declared or in the future declares to be closed to the public is hereby suspended.
  - b. Meetings of the Board and other county boards and committees may be held through electronic communication means without a quorum of members physically present in a single location, provided that notice of such meetings is still given in accordance with applicable laws.
  - c. Such meetings may be held without permitting members of the public to be physically present in a central location or in the same physical location as any of the Board, or other board or committee 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.

d. For any matter requiring a public hearing by law, public comment will be solicited and received via written means prior to the vote on such matter. Public comments may also be solicited and, if so solicited, received, via electronic and/or telephonic means if possible and practical. All such comments will be provided to the members of the body and made a part of the record of such meeting.

3. The County Administrator or Chairman, either of whom may act, are hereby authorized to take any other actions that are reasonable and necessary to effectuate the terms of this Ordinance.

4. This Ordinance shall be enforced for no more than sixty days unless re-adopted following public notice as provided in Code of Virginia 15.2-1427(F), and in any event shall expire six months after the disaster. Normal governmental authority and procedures shall resume upon the expiration of this Ordinance.

Ordained this \_\_\_\_ day of April, 2020.

<u>Category</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Value Per Penny</u>	<u>5 Cent Decrease</u>	<u>10 Cent Decrease</u>	<u>15 Cent Decrease</u>	<u>20 Cent Decrease</u>	<u>25 Cent Decrease</u>	<u>50 Cent Decrease</u>	<u>Elimination Cost</u>
Real Estate / Mobile	0.73	\$ 204,106							
Personal Property	4.59	\$ 15,041	75,205.00	150,410.00	225,615.00	300,820.00	376,025.00	752,050.00	
Machinery & Tools	2.00	\$ 2,389	11,945.00	23,890.00	35,835.00	47,780.00	59,725.00	119,450.00	477,800.00
Motor Carriers	2.00	\$ 133	665.00	1,330.00	1,995.00	2,660.00	3,325.00	6,650.00	26,600.00
Aircraft	0.50	\$ 310	1,550.00	3,100.00	4,650.00	6,200.00	7,750.00	15,500.00	15,500.00

**Equivalent to How Many Pennies of Real Estate Tax?**

Amounts Measured in Pennies (Or Fractions Of a Penny For Amounts Less than 1.00)

Personal Property	0.37	0.74	1.11	1.47	1.84	3.68	-
Machinery & Tools	0.06	0.12	0.18	0.23	0.29	0.59	2.34
Motor Carriers	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.13
Aircraft	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.08	0.08

User Note: Approximately 12% of Personal Property Tax Revenues consist of Business Personal Property Tax

Total Business Personal Property Tax Value: \$ 18,138,110

Total Business Personal Property Tax Levy: \$ 832,539