

PIERCE COUNTY
SPECIAL FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA
Tuesday, March 24, 2020 – 6:30 p.m.
Courthouse - County Board Room; 414 W. Main St. – Ellsworth, WI

#	Action	Presenter
1.	Call to order 1a) Establish quorum 1b) Committee will receive public comment not related to agenda items.	Chair
2.	Discuss/Take action on Resolution No. 19-28 Declaration of State of Emergency & Ratification of Proclamation Declaring State of Emergence due to COVID-1*	Members
3.	Future agenda items	Members
4.	Next meeting date (TBD)	Members
5.	Adjourn	Members

Questions regarding this agenda may be directed to Jamie Feuerhelm at 715-273- 6744.
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A quorum of County Board supervisors may be present
*Adoption being requested on a First Reading at County Board

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RESOLUTION NO. 19-28
DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY AND RATIFICATION OF
PROCLAMATION DECLARING STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO COVID-19

WHEREAS, in December, 2019, a novel strain of coronavirus known as COVID-19 was detected, and COVID-19 has continued to spread throughout the world, including to the United States and the State of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, the federal government, state governments, and local governments are working together to contain the further spread of the disease and treat existing cases; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services declared a Public Health Emergency, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic, and on March 12, 2020 the Governor of the State of Wisconsin declared a Health Emergency in the State; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to §323.14(4) Wis. Stats., on March 19, 2020 the Pierce County Administrative Coordinator and County Board Chair by proclamation, a copy of which is attached as **Exhibit A**, declared that a state of emergency exists in Pierce County due to COVID-19, and took various action including but not limited to, suspending County Board Rule §4-4(G) of the Pierce County Code and authorizing attendance at meetings of the Board remotely; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to §323.14(4) Wis. Stats. the proclamation is “subject to ratification, alteration, modification or repeal by the governing body as soon as that body can meet, but the subsequent action taken by the governing body shall not affect the prior validity of the proclamation”; and

WHEREAS, Pierce County (the “County”) has been working to protect the health and well-being of its residents from the spread of COVID-19, and to prepare for the impacts the disease is likely to have on the County; and

WHEREAS, the County Board (the “Board”) has determined that it is necessary to make all possible resources and means available to the County in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its residents from the threat posed by the continued spread of COVID-19.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Pierce County Board of Supervisors that that pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 323.11 the Board finds and declares that an emergency exists within the County by reason of an imminent threat of disaster impairing medical care, health, and other critical systems of the County due to the spread of COVID-19; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that during the period of emergency prescribed by this Resolution, the Board may order, by ordinance or resolution, whatever is necessary and

expedient for the health, safety, protection, and welfare of persons and property within the County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Administrative Coordinator is hereby authorized and directed by the Board to coordinate and administer the County's emergency management response and to carry out the orders of the Board related thereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Head of Emergency Management of the County is authorized and directed to carry out his duties under the County's Emergency Management Plan under the supervision and direction of the County Administrative Coordinator and perform such other duties as may be directed by further resolution of the Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that County Board Rule §4-4(G) of the Pierce County Code is hereby suspended during the period of emergency and the County Supervisors are hereby authorized to attend meetings of the Board remotely, and the Board shall take all actions necessary to effectuate the same in compliance with all other applicable laws.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in anticipation of possible federal or state relief and reimbursement becoming available, all county departments shall track expenses related to efforts to protect the public and prevent the spread of COVID-19.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, pursuant to §323.11 Wis. Stats., the period of emergency shall be limited to the time during which the emergency conditions exist or are likely to exist.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all actions heretofore taken by the Board and other appropriate public officers and agents of the County with respect to the matters contemplated under this Resolution, including the Proclamation declaring that a state of emergency exists in Pierce County due to COVID-19, are hereby ratified, confirmed and approved.

Dated this 24th day of March, 2020.

Jeffrey A. Holst, Chair
Pierce County Board of Supervisors

ATTESTED TO BY:

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY BY:

Jamie Feuerhelm, County Clerk

Bradley D. Lawrence, Corp. Counsel

BDL

Adopted: _____

**PIERCE COUNTY
PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE EXISTENCE
OF A COUNTY EMERGENCY DUE TO COVID-19**

WHEREAS, the 2019 novel strain of coronavirus, known as COVID-19, is a respiratory virus that is extremely contagious and can be fatal, and has spread throughout numerous countries including the United States and numerous cases have been identified throughout Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has declared a national emergency, and the Governor of Wisconsin has declared a public health emergency under §323.10 Wis. Stats. because of the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Ch. 323 Wis. Stats. empowers the County to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of local emergency when said county is affected or likely to be affected by a public health emergency and/or extraordinary disturbance and the County Board is not in session; and

WHEREAS, Pierce County does hereby declare that it must undertake efforts to prevent the spread of COVID-19, a/k/a Coronavirus, which has been declared a world-wide pandemic by the World Health Organization; and

WHEREAS, Pierce County is responsible for the well-being of its employees and the public it serves, and Pierce County must undertake efforts to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, by the Pierce County Board Chair and the Pierce County Administrative Coordinator, that a local public health emergency now exists throughout Pierce County; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED, by the Pierce County Board Chair and the Administrative Coordinator, that during the existence of said local emergency the powers, functions and duties of this County shall be pursuant to this Proclamation, and as prescribed by State law, and by ordinances and resolutions of this County; and

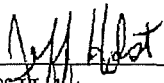
IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED, by the Pierce County Board Chair and the Administrative Coordinator, that County Board Rule §4-4(G) of the Pierce County Code is hereby suspended during the period of emergency and the County Supervisors are hereby authorized to attend meetings of the Board remotely, and the Board shall take all actions necessary to effectuate the same in compliance with all other applicable laws.

Exhibit A

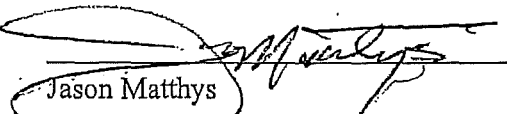
IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED, by the Pierce County Board Chair and the Administrative Coordinator, that in anticipation of possible federal or state relief and reimbursement becoming available, all county departments shall track expenses related to efforts to protect the public and prevent the spread of COVID-19; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED, by the Pierce County Board Chair and the Administrative Coordinator, acting under the powers granted pursuant to §323.14(4)(b) Wis. Stats., for and on behalf of the employees and residents of Pierce County, that they will do whatever is necessary and expedient to protect the health and well-being of Pierce County, including the issuance of Administrative Orders and other directives as may be required.

Adopted this 19th day of March, 2020.



Jeff Holst
Pierce County Board Chair



Jason Matthys
Pierce County Administrative Coordinator