

RESOLUTION NO. 20-20-09

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF BACA, COLORADO, DESIGNATING THAT ALL PUBLIC
MEETINGS OF THE BACA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS BE CONDUCTED ELECTRONICALLY UNTIL THE
RISKS OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC SUBSIDE**

WHEREAS, C.R.S. §30-10-303 provides, in relevant part, that the Board of County Commissioners for Baca County, Colorado (“the Board”) shall meet “at least one business day of each month and at such times and locations within the County as in the opinion of the board the public interest may require;” and

WHEREAS, said statute further provides that such meetings shall be held on a regular and published schedule, as determined by resolution of the Board; and

WHEREAS, C.R.S. §24-6-402(2)(c) requires that the Board shall annually designate the public place within the boundaries of the County where notices of public meetings shall be posted; and

WHEREAS, the Board approved a meeting schedule for calendar year 2020, and adopted a designation of public place for meeting notices for calendar year 2020; and

WHEREAS, due to the public health pandemic caused by COVID-19, the heightened risk posed to the public, and, more specifically, the directives from the State and Federal governments regarding social distancing by the limitation of the number of people gathering and avoidance of public gatherings, the Board has determined that it should conduct its meetings by electronic means until the risk subsides; and

WHEREAS, once the risk subsides, the Board has determined it should resume practices consistent the November 26, 2019 approved meeting schedule for calendar year 2020 and the January 14, 2020 approved designation of public place for meeting notices for calendar year 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BACA COUNTY, COLORADO THAT:

1. During the COVID-19 virus pandemic period Board members may attend public meetings through a virtual meeting platform, including but not limited to, telephone conference call. The meeting materials shall be made available to Board members through email and to the public through the Baca County website: <https://www.bacacountyco.gov/>
2. Motions and voting by Board members not physically present will be handled in the same manner as if they were present in person, with the Board members appearing by virtual platform speaking and voting by phone.

3. The Board shall continue to maintain a record of its meetings as previously maintained, and Board Members for each agenda item shall designate the means by which his or her signature is to be affixed to any items requiring signature.
4. During this public health pandemic crisis, public comments during the meetings that allow public participation may be made by any citizen who appears via the conference call for which call-in information is provided in the meeting agenda. The public will be able to view the meeting materials and agenda by visiting the Baca County website: <https://www.bacacountyco.gov/>
5. The information for public participation shall be posted on the Baca County website: <https://www.bacacountyco.gov/> within 24 hours of the start of each meeting.
6. This Resolution is necessary for the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens and visitors of Baca County, Colorado.
7. This resolution is to be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

The vote was:

Commissioner Ausmus	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Butler	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Freed	<u>Yes</u>

The Chair declared the motion adopted and so ordered.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 26th day of March, 2020, in Baca County, Colorado.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF BACA COUNTY, COLORADO

By Glen R. Ausmus
Glen R. Ausmus, Chair

By Rick Butler
Rick Butler, Commissioner

ATTEST:

By Sharon Dubois
Sharon Dubois, County Clerk and Recorder

By Shiloh Freed
Shiloh Freed, Commissioner

