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**Special PEORIA COUNTY BOARD
MEETING AGENDA
Friday, August 21, 2020
1:30 PM**

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***REVISED**

**CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
ROLL CALL BY THE COUNTY CLERK
SUSPENSION OF RULES**

I. CITIZENS REMARKS

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- In-person attendance by the public is not available for the August 21 Special Peoria County Board meeting. The meeting will be live-streamed on the County's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/peoriacountygov/>) and at www.peoriacounty.org. Those who wish to enter in a public comment may do so by submitting their written statement to the Peoria County Clerk via email, fax, mail, or in-person drop-off by 10:30 a.m. on August 21.
- Email: countyclerk@peoriacounty.org
- Mail/in-person: Peoria County Clerk, 324 Main St, Room 101, Peoria, IL 61602
- Fax: (309) 672-6063
- Those needing special accommodations to submit public comment may call the Peoria County Clerk's Office at (309) 672-6059.

II. RESOLUTION

1. A Proclamation extending the Declaration of Emergency due to COVID-19 in Peoria County, Illinois.

III. DISCUSSION

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

V. ADJOURNMENT

COUNTY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS

RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY DUE TO COVID-19 IN PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS

WHEREAS, since early March 2020, Illinois has been faced with a disaster caused by a pandemic that has taken the lives of thousands of residents, infecting over 145,000 Illinoisans and growing, resulting in extraordinary sickness and loss of life; and,

WHEREAS, at all times but especially during a public health crisis, protecting the health and safety of Illinoisans is among the most important functions of State government; and,

WHEREAS, it is critical that Illinoisans who become sick can be treated by medical professionals, including when a hospital bed, emergency room bed, or ventilator is needed; and,

WHEREAS, it is also critical that the State's health care and first responder workforce has adequate personal protective equipment (PPE) to safely treat patients, respond to public health disasters, and prevent the spread of communicable diseases; and,

WHEREAS, as Illinois enters the sixth month of responding to the public health disaster caused by Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), a novel severe acute respiratory illness that spreads rapidly through respiratory transmissions and that continues to be without an effective treatment or vaccine, the burden on residents, healthcare providers, first responders, and governments throughout the State is unprecedented; and,

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a Public Health Emergency of International Concern on January 30, 2020, and the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services declared that COVID-19 presents a public health emergency on January 27, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization characterized the COVID-19 outbreak as a pandemic, and has now reported more than 20.73 million confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 751,000 deaths attributable to COVID-19 globally; and,

WHEREAS, despite efforts to contain COVID-19, the World Health Organization and the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) indicated that the virus was expected to continue spreading, and it has, in fact, continued to spread rapidly, resulting in the need for federal and State governments to take significant steps; and,

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, the Governor of Illinois, declared all counties in the State of Illinois as a disaster area in response to the outbreak of COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President declared a nationwide emergency pursuant to Section 501(b) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5207 (the "Stafford Act"), covering all states and territories, including Illinois; and,

WHEREAS, on March 26, 2020, the President declared a major disaster in Illinois pursuant to Section 401 of the Stafford Act; and,

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2020, due to the exponential spread of COVID-19 in Illinois, the Governor of Illinois again declared all counties in the State of Illinois as a disaster area; and,

WHEREAS, on April 30, 2020, due to the continued spread of COVID-19 in Illinois, the threatened shortages of hospital beds, ER beds, and ventilators, and the inadequate testing capacity, the Governor of Illinois again declared all counties in the State of Illinois as a disaster area; and,

WHEREAS, on May 29, 2020, June 26, 2020, and July 24, 2020, the Governor of Illinois, declared all counties in the State of Illinois as a disaster area in response to the outbreak of COVID-19, renewing his prior declarations; and,

WHEREAS, as circumstances surrounding COVID-19 rapidly evolve and new evidence emerges, there have been frequent changes in information and public health guidance; and,

WHEREAS, the unprecedented nature of COVID-19, including the health consequences it has on not just the respiratory system but the heart, brain, kidneys, and the body's immune response, has made the virus's effects and its path difficult to predict; and,

WHEREAS, from the outset, data suggested that older adults and those with serious underlying health conditions are more likely to experience severe and sometimes fatal complications from COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, emerging evidence has shown that young people, including infants and toddlers, are also at risk of such complications; and,

WHEREAS, young and middle-aged people have comprised a significant proportion of hospitalized COVID-19 patients, and there is evidence that COVID-19 causes blood clots and strokes, and has caused deadly strokes in young and middle-aged people who exhibited few symptoms; and,

WHEREAS, the understanding of spread from infected individuals who have not shown symptoms has changed and, on April 12, 2020, the CDC changed the period of exposure risk from "onset of symptoms" to "48 hours before symptom onset"; and,

WHEREAS, some people infected by the virus remain asymptomatic but nonetheless may spread it to others; and,

WHEREAS, although the CDC initially recommended against wearing cloth face coverings or masks as protection, as a result of research on asymptomatic and pre-symptomatic transmission, the CDC revised its conclusions and recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where social distancing measures are difficult to maintain; and,

WHEREAS, public health research and guidance increasingly supports wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where social distancing measures are difficult to maintain, and indicates that the risk of transmission outdoors is less than the risk of transmission indoors; and,

WHEREAS, as COVID-19 has spread in Illinois over the course of the Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamations, the circumstances causing a disaster throughout the State have changed and continue to change, making definitive predictions of the course the virus will take over the coming months extremely difficult; and,

WHEREAS, at the time of the first Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation, there were 11 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in one Illinois county; and,

WHEREAS, as of August 13, 2020, there have been over 200,427 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in all Illinois counties; and,

WHEREAS, the first death attributed to COVID-19 in Illinois was announced on March 17, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, as of August 13, 2020, more than 7,696 residents of Illinois have died due to COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, from the outset, studies have suggested that for every confirmed case there are many more unknown cases, some of which are asymptomatic individuals who can pass the virus to others without knowing; and,

WHEREAS, the CDC now estimates that total cases of COVID-19 may be up to 13 times higher than currently reported for certain regions; and,

WHEREAS, counties, including Peoria County, regions, including Region 2 of which Peoria County is a part of, and the State of Illinois is seeing daily increases of positive cases and increasing positivity rates; and,

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has claimed the lives of and continues to impact the health of Black and Hispanic Illinoisans at a disproportionately high rate - magnifying significant health disparities and inequities; and,

WHEREAS, the Illinois Department of Public Health activated its Illinois Emergency Operations Plan and its Emergency Support Function 8 Plan to coordinate emergency response efforts by hospitals, local health departments, and emergency management systems in order to avoid a surge in the use of hospital resources and capacity; and,

WHEREAS, as the virus has progressed through Illinois, the crisis facing the State continues to develop and requires an evolving response to ensure hospitals, health care professionals and first responders are able to meet the health care needs of all Illinoisans and in a manner consistent with CDC guidance that continues to be updated; and,

WHEREAS, in order to ensure that health care professionals, first responders, hospitals and other facilities are able to meet the health care needs of all residents of Illinois, the State must have critical supplies, including PPE, such as masks, face shields, gowns, and gloves; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois maintains a stockpile that supplies the existing PPE supply chains and stocks at various healthcare facilities; and,

WHEREAS, while the State continues to make every effort to procure PPE, if those procurement efforts are disrupted or Illinois experiences a surge in COVID-19 cases, the State faces a life-threatening shortage of respirators, masks, protective eyewear, face shields, gloves, gowns, and other protective equipment for health care workers and first responders; and,

WHEREAS, while hospitalizations have declined, Illinois is using a significant percentage of hospital beds and ICU beds, and, if COVID-19 cases were to surge, the State could face a shortage of critical health care resources; and,

WHEREAS, the State worked with top researchers from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, the Northwestern School of Medicine, the University of Chicago, the Chicago and Illinois Departments of Public Health, along with McKinsey and Mier Consulting Group, and Civis Analytics, to analyze daily data on COVID-19 deaths and ICU usage and model potential outcomes; and,

WHEREAS, the State has developed testing sites throughout Illinois and exceeds 30,000 tests in a single day, with more than 3.2 million total test specimens for COVID-19 conducted to date, and testing capacity continues to increase; and,

WHEREAS, nationwide more than 50 million people have filed unemployment claims since the start of the pandemic – representing 25% of the American workforce; and,

WHEREAS, the Illinois Department of Employment Security announced that the State’s unemployment rate continues to be extremely high at 14.6% in July; and,

WHEREAS, the most recent unemployment data for Peoria County from the Illinois Department of Employment Security is from June 2020 and showed an unemployment rate of 13.5%; and,

WHEREAS, in addition to causing the tragic loss of more than 7,000 Illinoisans and wreaking havoc on the physical health of tens of thousands more, COVID-19 has caused extensive economic loss and continues to threaten the financial welfare of a significant number of individuals and businesses across the nation and the State; and,

WHEREAS, the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity is working to address the economic crisis, including through assistance programs such as the Business Interruption Grants Program for businesses that experienced a limited ability to operate due to COVID-19 related closures; and,

WHEREAS, the economic loss and insecurity caused by COVID-19 threatens the viability of business and the access to housing, medical care, food, and other critical resources that directly impact the health and safety of residents; and,

WHEREAS, based on the foregoing facts, and considering the expected continuing spread of COVID-19 and the ongoing health and economic impacts that will be felt over the coming month by people across the State, the current circumstances in Illinois surrounding the spread of COVID-19 constitute an epidemic emergency and a public health emergency under Section 4 of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act; and,

WHEREAS, the Peoria County Emergency Management Agency, along with the City of Peoria's Office of Emergency Management activated the County's Public Health Emergency Plan, the County's Emergency Operations Plan, and the City's Emergency Operations Plan to coordinate emergency response efforts at the local level in order to avoid a surge in the use of hospital resources and capacity; and,

WHEREAS, based on the foregoing facts, and considering the expected continuing spread of COVID-19 and the resulting health and economic impacts that will be felt over the coming month by people across the State, the current circumstances in Illinois surrounding the spread of COVID-19 constitute an epidemic emergency and a public health emergency under Section 4 of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act; and,

WHEREAS, based on the foregoing, the continuing burden on hospital resources, the potential shortages of resources in the event of a surge in infections, and the critical need to increase the purchase and distribution of PPE as well as to expand COVID-19 testing capacity and contact tracing constitute a public health emergency under Section 4 of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act; and,

WHEREAS, this proclamation will assist the County of Peoria in facilitating economic recovery for individuals and businesses in an effort to prevent further devastating consequences from economic instability; and,

WHEREAS, these conditions provide legal justification under Section 7 of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act for the new issuance of a proclamation of disaster; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, in the interest of aiding the people of Peoria County for ensuring public health and safety, I, Andrew A. Rand, Chairperson of the Peoria County Board of Peoria County, Illinois, hereby proclaim as follows:

Section 1. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 7 of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, 20 ILCS 3305/7, I find that a disaster exists within the County of Peoria, Illinois and specifically declare Peoria County as a disaster area. The proclamation authorizes the exercise of all of the emergency powers provided in Section 7 of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, 20 ILCS 3305/7, afforded to county government, including but not limited to those specific emergency powers set forth below.

Section 2. The Peoria City/County Health Department is directed to continue implementing the County Emergency Operations Plan and Public Health Emergency Plan in coordination with the City of Peoria and applicable agencies of the State of Illinois.

Section 3. The Peoria City/County Health Department is further directed to cooperate with the State agencies, the Peoria County Board, and local authorities in Peoria County in the development and implementation of strategies and plans to protect the public health in connection with the present public health emergency.

Section 4. The provisions of Chapter 6.5, Centralized Purchasing, of the Peoria County Code of Ordinances that would in any way prevent, hinder or delay necessary action in coping with the disaster are suspended to the extent they are not required by federal law to aid with emergency purchases necessary for response and other emergency powers as authorized by the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act.

Section 5. This proclamation can facilitate requests for both federal and state emergency and/or disaster assistance if a complete and comprehensive assessment of damage indicates that effective recovery is beyond the capabilities of the County of Peoria, Illinois.

Section 6. This proclamation shall be effective immediately and remain in effect for 30 days.

DATED at Peoria, Illinois, this 12th day of August, A.D., 2020.

Andrew A. Rand
Peoria County Board Chairperson

ATTEST:

Rachael Parker
Peoria County Clerk



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Date: August 14, 2020

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Signed:

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Date:

8-17-20



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Linda Daley

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