County of Hanover

Board Meeting: March 25, 2020

Subject: Consideration of Resolution – Confirmation of Local Emergency related to COVID-19 and Update on Current Situation

Summary of Agenda Item: On March 13, 2020, the County Administrator issued a Declaration of Emergency in response to the public health crisis related to COVID-19. Section 44-146.21 of the Code of Virginia provides that the local director of emergency manager (the County Administrator) can make such a declaration when the governing body cannot convene due to the nature of the disaster or other circumstances. If such a declaration is issued, the Board is required to confirm the declaration at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

The attached resolution would confirm the Declaration issued on March 13, 2020. This action authorizes the County Administrator to take such actions as are necessary to implement the Emergency Operations Plan, provide assistance to residents of Hanover County, and take all appropriate steps to mitigate the effects of the emergency conditions.

If the Board adopts the attached resolution, the local emergency shall remain in effect until such time as the Board of Supervisors determines that the emergency has ended.

The County Administrator will update the board on the current situation.

County Administrator’s Recommended Board Action: Motion to adopt the attached resolution.
RESOLUTION
HANOVER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CONFIRMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY
RELATED TO COVID-19 (NOVEL CORONAVIRUS)

WHEREAS on March 13, 2020 the County Administrator, acting as Director of Emergency Management pursuant to authority of the Board of Supervisors, declared that an emergency existed in Hanover County because of the spread and impact of COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) requiring activation of the Emergency Operations Plan pursuant to Section 44-146.21 of the Code of Virginia and related laws, for the purpose of providing assistance to residents and mitigating the effects of the emergency conditions; and

WHEREAS the Board of Supervisors finds that an emergency does exist warranting the Declaration by the Director due to COVID-19 (novel coronavirus), requiring that the Declaration remain in effect;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HANOVER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS that the Declaration of Emergency (a copy of which is attached to this Resolution) by the County Administrator, acting in his capacity as Director of Emergency Management, on March 13, 2020 is confirmed; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED that, during the existence of the emergency and until further action is taken by the Board of Supervisors to declare the emergency has ended, the County Administrator shall take such actions as are necessary, pursuant to applicable laws including Section 44-146.21 of the Code of Virginia, to implement the Emergency Operations Plan, to provide assistance to residents of Hanover County and to mitigate the effects of the emergency conditions, in order to protect lives and property.

On motion of _______________, seconded by _______________, the members of the Board of Supervisors voted to approve this Resolution, as follows:

The undersigned certifies that this is a correct copy of the Resolution of the Board of Supervisors.

Date: _______________

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Cecil R. Harris, Jr.
County Administrator / Clerk
Hanover County Board of Supervisors
DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY
BY THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

HANOVER COUNTY, VIRGINIA
March 13, 2020

WHEREAS COVID-19 (coronavirus) is predicted to cause emergency conditions in Hanover County; and

WHEREAS Va. Code § 44-146.21 provides for the Director of Emergency Management to declare a local emergency, and

WHEREAS Cecil R. Harris, Jr., County Administrator, serves as the Hanover County Director of Emergency Management and has determined that because of the circumstances described above an emergency exists requiring immediate action to protect the health and safety of residents of Hanover County;

NOW THEREFORE, the County Administrator, acting as Hanover County Director of Emergency Management, declares that an emergency exists and orders that the Hanover County Emergency Operations Plan shall immediately be activated. Jethro H. Piland III, Chief, Hanover County Department of Fire-EMS, shall serve as Coordinator of Emergency Management. All necessary actions shall be taken pursuant to the Plan and applicable statutes to mitigate the effects of the emergency, and to provide emergency assistance pursuant to Va. Code § 44-146.21 and related laws. This declaration shall be subject to confirmation at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Supervisors, or at a special meeting of the Board within 45 days of the date of this Declaration, whichever occurs first. This Declaration shall be effective immediately and remain in effect until terminated by the Board of Supervisors.

Date: 3/13/2020
Time: 10:00 AM

Cecil R. Harris, Jr., County Administrator
and Director of Emergency Management