



RESOLUTION # 18-7/20

TO: HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ITEM # 7-15

**BOARD ACTION**

Adopted:

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Abs/Excd: 2

Vote Req: 0

Other Action: -

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTION**

Adopted:

For: 9

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Abs/Excd: 0

**RE: AUTHORIZING REMOTE APPEARANCE AT MEETINGS THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020**

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

**WHEREAS**, on March 19, 2020, La Crosse County (the "County") declared a county-wide emergency and, based on an analysis that, while COVID-19 remains an emergency and a nation-wide pandemic, the majority of the provisions secured by the emergency declaration are no longer necessary in that they are provided for by other nation-wide and state-wide means, this declaration of emergency will be allowed to lapse on July 18, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, one of the provisions in the emergency declaration was a resolution that the "General Code of La Crosse County Ordinances 2.02(5) and 2.03(4)(a) are hereby modified 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"; and

**WHEREAS**, given the uncertainty with regards to the progression of the pandemic on multiple metrics being monitored by the County's health department as well as the fact that the current status of risk in La Crosse County is considered "severe" and in-person gatherings of groups is contraindicated, it may be necessary to continue to allow remote attendance at County Board and committee meetings for the foreseeable future;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that through December 31, 2020, County Supervisors are hereby authorized to attend meetings of the Board remotely when approved by the County Board Chair. The County Board Chair shall determine on a meeting by meeting basis whether a meeting will be held remotely; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that during the same period, upon determination by Committee chairs in consultation with the County Board Chair, County Supervisors are hereby authorized to attend committee meetings remotely. Committee Chairs shall determine on a meeting by meeting basis whether a meeting will be held remotely; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that decisions regarding whether a meeting will be held remotely must be made at least 2 business days in advance of the meeting and communicated to the County Clerk so that all meetings are noticed correctly and all necessary steps are taken to ensure public access and, where applicable, public participation.

**FISCAL NOTE:** No fiscal impact.

Date: 7/8/2020

Monica J. Kruse

**COMMITTEE CHAIR**

Date: July 8, 2020

Terri J. Pavlic

**RECORDING CLERK**

	Reviewed Only	Recommended	Not Recommended	
Co. Admin.	_____	_____ <u>SO</u> _____	_____	Requested By: Monica Kruse
Fin. Director	_____	_____	_____	Date Requested: June 29, 2020
Corp. Counsel	_____	_____	_____	Drafted By: Corporation Counsel
Board Chair	_____	_____	_____	

Adopted by the La Crosse County Board this 16 Day of July, 2020

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
COUNTY OF LA CROSSE

I, Ginny Dankmeyer, County Clerk of La Crosse County do hereby certify that this document is a true and correct copy of the original resolution required by law to be in my custody and which the County Board of Supervisors of La Crosse County adopted at a meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of July 2020.

Ginny Dankmeyer

Ginny Dankmeyer, La Crosse County Clerk