

RESOLUTION 2020-15

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LA PLATA COUNTY, COLORADO, DESIGNATING THAT ALL PUBLIC MEETINGS OF THE LA PLATA 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 (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, on February 11, 2020, the Board adopted Resolution 2010-10 approving a meeting schedule and designating the public place for meeting notices for calendar year 2020; and

WHEREAS, due to the public health pandemic caused by COVID-19, and the heightened risk posed to the public, and more specifically the need for social distancing by the avoidance of public gatherings, the Board will conduct its meetings by electronic means until the risk subsides; and

WHEREAS, once the risk subsides, the Board shall resume practices consistent with Resolution 2020-10.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LA PLATA COUNTY AS FOLLOWS:

1. During this public health pandemic period, at least one member of the Board will be present in the county seat for the meeting, and that member will conduct the meeting as Chair. Board members not in the room will participate through a virtual meeting platform either by phone or using a microphone on their computer, and will be able to view meeting materials through that platform.
2. Motions and voting by Board members not physically present will be handled in the same manner as if they were present: the Board members speaking by phone or using a microphone through the virtual shared meeting platform.
3. The Board shall continue to stream and record its meetings using the agenda

management software (IQM2) as usual.

4. During this public health pandemic, public comment during meetings that allow public participation will be made using an online meeting platform as follows:
 - a. The public will be able to view meeting materials through the online platform.
 - b. The public will be given the opportunity to make public comment using a telephone or microphone through the online platform.
5. The link for public participation through an online meeting platform will be posted to the Board's weekly press release with its schedule within 24 hours of the start of each meeting. The press release may be accessed on the home page of the county website: <https://co.laplata.co.us>.

DONE AND ADOPTED IN DURANGO, LA PLATA COUNTY, COLORADO, this 17th day of March, 2020.

ATTEST:

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LA PLATA COUNTY, COLORADO**


Clerk to the Board


Clyde Church, Chair


Gwen Lachelt, Vice-Chair




Julie Westendorff, Commissioner

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