

**A RESOLUTION OF THE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF OURAY COUNTY, COLORADO, SETTING
FORTH A VIRTUAL MEETING POLICY DURING A LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709, the Ouray County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) declared a local disaster emergency on March 16, 2020 due to a COVID-19 outbreak;

WHEREAS, the County must continue to operate during a local disaster emergency, while taking measures to protect the health and welfare of its employees and officials; and

WHEREAS, the BOCC has determined that it is in the best interest of the public health, welfare, and safety of the residents of the Ouray County to adopt an Emergency Virtual Meeting Policy.

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

- 1. The BOCC hereby adopts the Emergency Virtual Meeting Policy, attached hereto as Exhibit A and it shall only apply upon the adoption of a resolution by the BOCC declaring a local disaster emergency pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5- 709 and this policy shall not be applicable once the declaration has been rescinded.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 17TH DAY OF MARCH, 2020. + RATIFIED ON MARCH 24, 2020.

Voting for: COMMISSIONERS BATCHELDER, TISDEL + PETERS
Voting against: NONE

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF OURAY COUNTY, COLORADO



[Signature]
Michelle Nauer, Clerk and Recorder
By: Hannah Hollenbeck, Deputy Clerk of the Board

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John E. Peters,
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Ben Tisdell, Vice-Chair
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Don Batchelder, Chair

VIRTUAL MEETINGS DURING DISASTER EMERGENCY DECLARATION POLICY

The purpose of this Policy is to specify the circumstances and means under which the Ouray County Board of County Commissioner (BOCC) and Planning Commission (PC) may conduct regular and special meetings by telephone or other electronic means of participation, such as video-conferencing that is clear, uninterrupted and allows two way communication for the participating members. Virtual meetings have inherent limitations because electronic participation effectively precludes a member of the BOCC or PC from contemporaneously observing documentary information presented during meetings; from fully evaluating a speaker's non-verbal language in assessing veracity or credibility; and from observing non-verbal explanations during a speaker's presentation or testimony. In the event a Local Disaster Emergency is declared, the Ouray County Board of County Commissioner (BOCC) and Planning Commission (PC) meetings may be conducted by telephone, electronically, or by other means of communication to provide maximum participation, only if the following conditions are met:

1. The County or Chair determines that meeting in person would not be prudent because of a health pandemic or declaration of disaster emergency affecting the County.
2. All members of the BOCC can hear one another, or otherwise communicate with one another, and are able hear or read all discussion and testimony in a manner designed to provide maximum notice and participation.
3. Members of the public can hear or read all discussion, testimony, and votes, in a manner designed to provide maximum notice and participation.
4. At least one member of the BOCC is present at the regular meeting location, unless not feasible due to the pandemic or emergency declaration.
5. All votes are conducted by roll call.