

# ROUTT COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Timothy V. Corrigan  
District I

Douglas B. Monger  
District II

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District III

## Work Session

May 11, 2020

LIVE AUDIO WILL BE AVAILABLE BY CALLING 1 (669) 900-6833.

MEETING ID: 522 308 0487

PASSWORD: 522

The Routt County Board of Health or Board of Commissioners may enter executive session pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b) to receive legal advice related to specific legal questions concerning Routt County's COVID-19 response.

**1. 10:30 A.M. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. COUNTY MANAGER UPDATE**

Mark Collins, Interim County Manager

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**3. LEGAL**

Erick Knaus, County Attorney

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**A. RESOLUTION CONTINUING DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER**

Consideration of and adoption of a Resolution Continuing Declaration of Local Disaster.

Documents:

[DISASTER DECLARATION COMMUNICATIONS FORM 5-8-2020.PDF](#)

[DISASTER DECLARATION SECOND CONTINUE RESOLUTION 5-8-2020.PDF](#)

**4. COVID-19 WORK SESSION**

The Commissioners will address critical items for regular county and emergency operations related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Action may be taken and direction to staff may be given in relation to any of these items.

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**5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public Comment will be heard on any item quasi-judicial land use items County Commissioners will take public comment under consideration but will

not make any decision or take action at this time.

**1. DUE TO THE CURRENT PANDEMIC, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REQUEST CITIZENS ATTEND THE MEETINGS VIA PHONE.** Because public access to the Courthouse has been curtailed we request public comment be submitted in writing to **bcc@co.routt.co.us**. **Public comments will be entered into the record. Please indicate in the subject line of your message that it is public comment and reference the agenda item to which it relates.**

Documents:

[LETTER TO BCC ON COVID19 RESTRICTIONS - FPSE.PDF](#)

**6. 1:00 P.M. MEETING ADJOURNED**

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# ROUTT COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

## AGENDA COMMUNICATION FORM

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| <b>ITEM DATE:</b> May 11, 2020 | <b>ITEM TIME:</b> |
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| <b>FROM:</b>         | Erick Knaus/Lynaia South   |
| <b>TODAY'S DATE:</b> | May 8, 2020  |
| <b>AGENDA TITLE:</b> | Consideration of and adoption of a Resolution Continuing Declaration of Local Disaster |

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| <b>CHECK ONE THAT APPLIES TO YOUR ITEM:</b>              |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>X ACTION ITEM</b> |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>__ DIRECTION</b>             |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>__ INFORMATION</b>           |  |

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| <b>I. DESCRIBE THE REQUEST OR ISSUE:</b>  |
| Consideration of and adoption of a Resolution Continuing Declaration of Local Disaster. |

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| <b>II. RECOMMENDED ACTION:</b>  |
| Motion to approve a Resolution Continuing Declaration of Local Disaster |

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| <b>III. DESCRIBE FISCAL IMPACTS (VARIATION TO BUDGET):</b> |
| <b>PROPOSED REVENUE:</b>                                   |
| <b>PROPOSED EXPENDITURE:</b>                               |
| <b>FUNDING SOURCE:</b>                                     |
| N/A  |

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| <b>IV. IMPACTS OF A REGIONAL NATURE OR ON OTHER JURISDICTIONS (IDENTIFY ANY COMMUNICATIONS ON THIS ITEM):</b> |
| N/A   |

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| <b>V. BACKGROUND INFORMATION:</b>  |
| On March 13, 2020, the Chair signed a Declaration of Local Disaster relating to the COVID-19 global pandemic. On March 16, 2020, the Board of County Commissioners ratified and extended this Declaration of Local Disaster. On April 13, the Declaration was extended another 30 days. This Resolution will extend the Declaration for another 30 days. |

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| <b>VI. LEGAL ISSUES:</b>                       |
| N/A  |
| <b>VII. CONFLICTS OR ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:</b> |
| N/A  |
| <b>VIII. SUMMARY AND OTHER OPTIONS:</b>        |
| N/A  |

STATE OF COLORADO )

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-\_\_\_\_\_

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COUNTY OF ROUTT )

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ROUTT COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS CONTINUING THE  
DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER**

WHEREAS, the Colorado Disaster Emergency Act, C.R.S. 24-33.5-701, et seq, provides procedures for statewide and local prevention of, preparation for, response to, and recovery from disasters; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-703(3), a “disaster” is defined to mean “the occurrence or imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting from any natural cause or cause of human origin, including but not limited to fire, flood, earthquake, wind, storm, wave action, hazardous substance incident, oil spill or other water contamination requiring emergency action to avert danger or damage, volcanic activity, epidemic, air pollution, blight, drought, infestation, explosion, civil disturbance, or hostile military or paramilitary action, or a condition of riot, insurrection, or invasion”; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709, a local disaster may be declared “only by the principal executive officer of a political subdivision;” and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. §§ 30-10-307 and 308, as amended, the chair of the Board of County Commissioners (“Board”) is the principal executive officer of Routt County and, in the absence of the chair, the vice-chair is statutorily authorized to act as the principal executive officer; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709(1), the declaration of a local disaster “shall not be continued or renewed for a period in excess of seven days except by or with the consent of the governing board of the political subdivision;” and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709(1), any order declaring, continuing, or terminating a local disaster “shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the county clerk and recorder;” and,

WHEREAS, the Routt County Director of Emergency Management has advised the Board of a disaster currently present in Routt County, to wit, the occurrence or imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury or loss of life or property resulting from COVID19 Pandemic (“Pandemic”) requiring emergency action to avert danger or damage, which began to occur on or before March 10, 2020, and which continues; and

WHEREAS, it would be appropriate and in the interests of the public health and safety, and would further protect property, for the Board to implement said recommendation; and

WHEREAS, the cost and magnitude of responding to and recovery from the impact of the Pandemic is far in excess of the county's available resources; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709(2), the effect of declaring a local disaster "is to activate the response and recovery aspects of any and all applicable local and interjurisdictional disaster emergency plans and to authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance under such plans"; and

WHEREAS, Colorado Governor Polis issued a Declaration of a Disaster Emergency on March 10, 2020 and he extended that Declaration on April 8, 2020 and again on May 7, 2020; the President of the United States declared a National Emergency on March 13, 2020; and those declarations continue; and

WHEREAS, the Chair of the Board declared a Local Disaster on March 13, 2020. On March 16, 2020, the Board adopted Resolution No. 2020-08 Ratifying and Continuing the Declaration of Local Disaster. The Board adopted Resolution No. 2020-21 Continuing the Declaration of Local Disaster and it is the intent of this Resolution to further continue that Declaration; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. That the Board hereby continues the Declaration of Local Disaster. There is a local disaster in Routt County, to wit, the occurrence or imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury or loss of life or property resulting from the Pandemic requiring emergency action to avert danger or damage.

2. The effect of this declaration of disaster shall be to activate the response and recovery aspects of any and all applicable local and interjurisdictional disaster emergency plans and to authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance under such plans.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the principal executive officers of all other cities and towns in Routt County affected by said disaster are urged to proclaim similar declarations and to cooperate with Routt County as necessary to cope with this incident.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Declaration of Local Disaster shall be effective as of the date of the original Declaration, March 13, 2020. This Resolution and the Declaration of Local Disaster shall continue in effect through June 10, 2020. True copies will be filed promptly with the Colorado Office of Emergency Management and the Routt County Clerk and Recorder, and shall be promptly distributed to the appropriate representatives of the news media.

**ADOPTED THIS \_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2020, BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR ROUTT COUNTY, COLORADO.**

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Timothy V. Corrigan, Chair

Vote: Timothy V. Corrigan Aye Nay Abstain Absent  
Douglas B. Monger Aye Nay Abstain Absent  
M. Elizabeth Melton Aye Nay Abstain Absent

ATTEST:

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Kim Bonner,  
Routt County Clerk and Recorder

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May 10, 2020

Dear Board of County Commissioners;

I am writing this letter on behalf of myself, employees, family members and others. I request the commissioners to remove the restrictive health orders and directives which are permanently impacting the community and businesses. The Commissioners should be moving toward reopening businesses this week not creating any more over-restrictive ordinances.

The current restrictions are making a bad situation worse. Despite the fact that COVID-19 cases in Routt County have been and remain low you are considering extending the restrictions on gathering and businesses into July!

The Commissioners actions are profoundly harming Steamboat Springs businesses. As you are aware, Steamboat Springs and Routt County are great places to be in the summer with a cornucopia of events for all ages. The current policies restricting events to groups of less than fifty people is an affront to freedom to gather.

Folks coming to Steamboat Springs and Routt County are feeling good and look to recreate in our vast open areas. Let's enjoy our Pro Rodeo, running series, mountain bike races, road biking races, car shows and other events.

Stop hiding behind doctors and stand up for the County and its residents. People know the risks, how to protect themselves and now let freedom reign. Be positive not drive more fear.

In closing, as I tell the local running group, that is currently outlawed under the existing restrictions,

Run often, Run Routt County, Run fast and Run free.

Thank you;

Walter Magill;  
Four Points Surveying and Engineering.