

ATTENTION COUNTY BOARD

MEMBERS

Emergency County Board meeting called to address possibility of April 7th election being postpone until June. Attached are agendas for F&P & County Board. County Board members are encouraged to use our call in number listed below. Please do not call in more than 5 minutes before the meeting begins.

The number to call: 715-273-1125

A quorum will be important for these meetings so if you cannot attend personally, or prefer not to attend in person, please consider attending the meeting remotely by phone.

**SPECIAL MEETING
PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Monday, April 6, 2020 – 5:00 p.m.
Courthouse – County Board Room
414 W. Main St., Ellsworth, WI 54011

1.	Call to order
2.	Call of the roll by the Clerk 2a) Establish Quorum 2b) Adopt Agenda
3.	Pledge of Allegiance to the flag
4.	Public Comment: County Board will receive public comments on any issue not related to agenda items, discussion by board members may take place but no action will be taken on any item raised.
5.	5a) Resolution 19-29 Authorizing Temporary Continuance of County Supervisor Terms Due to Potential Postponement of Spring 2020 Election *
6.	Adjourn
Questions regarding this agenda may be made to Jamie Feuerhelm at 715-273-6744. Upon reasonable notice, efforts will be made to accommodate the needs of individuals with disabilities requiring special accommodations for attendance at the meeting. For additional information or to make a request, contact the Administrative Coordinator at 715-273-6851.	

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* Adoption requested on First Reading

RESOLUTION NO. 19-29
AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY CONTINUANCE OF COUNTY SUPERVISOR TERMS
DUE TO POTENTIAL POSTPONEMENT OF SPRING 2020 ELECTION

WHEREAS, the Spring 2020 election is scheduled to occur on April 7, 2020; and

WHEREAS, due to the COVID-10 pandemic and recent State Emergency Orders, including Executive Order #74, the Spring 2020 election has or may be postponed; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to §59.10 Wis. Stats., a county board supervisor's term is two (2) years, with newly elected supervisors terms starting the 3rd Tuesday in April following the election; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order #74, in numbered paragraph 3, the Governor orders, in relevant part, as follows:

Provide that, given the necessary delay in the Spring 2020 election, those individuals currently serving in an office to be filled based upon the results of the Spring 2020 election ballot are authorized to continue fulfilling the duties of those offices, and exercising the privileges of those offices, until three business days after county, municipal, and school district clerks issue certificates of election, pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 7.53(4), 7.60(6), and 120.06(10), once the deadline to file a petition for recount and appeal of recount has passed. On the third business day after issuance of the certificate of election for any given office on the Spring 2020 election ballot, the term of the newly elected official in that office shall begin; and

WHEREAS, if through some action of the Court, or through potential invalidity of the Executive Order #74, or other legal means said Pierce County Board Supervisors' terms were not continued for a postponed election, the county board of supervisors' offices would be vacant starting the 3rd Tuesday in April, unless the vacancies are filled; and

WHEREAS, the Pierce County Board, previously enacted an ordinance, namely County Board Rule §4-3 of the Pierce County Code, as a self-organized county, which authorizes the County to determine the procedure for filling board supervisor vacancies.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Pierce County Board of Supervisors that if vacancies in county board of supervisors offices are created due to the postponement or similar concern related to the Spring 2020 election, the County Board of Supervisors hereby appoint all current incumbents to continue their offices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, these appointments through this resolution only take effect if there is not a court order, or state legislation, or valid Governor's order that fails to address the continuance of terms on a temporary basis related to the COVID-19 emergency and election postponement or similar circumstance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, all appointments pursuant to this resolution shall serve in such offices until their successors are qualified pursuant to law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if the Spring 2020 election is postponed, or rescheduled, or similar circumstance affecting the election outcome, all current committee appointments and members elect, as well as the existing officers shall likewise be continued, and the County Board Organizational Meeting shall be likewise postponed and rescheduled to a date and time determined by the County Clerk, Administrative Coordinator, and County Board Chair, pursuant to the law.

Dated this 6th day of April, 2020.

Jeffrey A. Holst, Chair
Pierce County Board of Supervisors

ATTESTED TO BY:

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY BY:

Jamie Feuerhelm, County Clerk

Bradley D. Lawrence, Corp. Counsel

Adopted: _____