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## **Columbia County Executive Committee Emergency Meeting Minutes March 17, 2020**

Members present: Dan F. Drew, James E. Foley, Vern E. Gove, Barry Pufahl, JoAnn Wingers

Also in attendance during all or portions of the meeting: Nancy Long, Roger Brandner, Jodi Burmania, Rebekka Cary, David Drews, Sue Moll, Joe Ruf

The emergency meeting of the Executive Committee was called to order by Chair Gove at 10:30 a.m. The meeting was properly noticed as required by the Wisconsin Open Meetings Law. The meeting was held at the Administration building, Meeting Room #115, 112 E. Edgewater Street, Portage, Wisconsin.

### **Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Drew to approve the agenda as published. Second by Wingers. Motion carried.

### **Coronavirus/COVID-19 Situation Report**

Ruf gave an update on the status of some departments, stating the business office staff at the Columbia Health Care Center relocated to the Administration building; the jail and Huber Center are shut down from the public; the Courts are also reducing service.

### **Resolution: Declare State of Emergency in Columbia County**

Ruf gave an explanation of the purpose of resolution, stating a declaration of an emergency allows for possible resources to the County to aid in the pandemic. The resolution would also authorize the Chair with advice and consent of the Executive Committee to administer the County's emergency management plan.

Motion by Foley to approve the resolution to declare a State of Emergency in Columbia County. Second by Pufahl. Motion carried.

Motion by Foley to adjourn the meeting. Second by Drew. Motion carried. The Executive Committee meeting was adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

JoAnn Wingers  
Executive Committee Secretary

*These minutes were recorded by Sue Moll, County Clerk*