

Resolution No. 09-20

Resolution to Provide County Administration Emergency Administrative Flexibility for  
COVID-19

**TO THE HONORABLE CHAIRPERSON AND SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY  
BOARD OF THE COUNTY OF POLK:**

**Ladies and Gentlemen:**

1 WHEREAS, The United States is experiencing an expanding COVID-19 epidemic;  
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4 WHEREAS, WI has had confirmed cases of COVID-19; and.  
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6 WHEREAS, Polk County desires to be as strategic as possible to ensure the health and safety  
7 of Polk County staff, residents, and those traveling throughout Polk County, and  
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9 WHEREAS, Polk County desires to maintain the highest level of services related to the  
10 general public, such as Public Safety, Health and Human Services, Emergency Management,  
11 and those departments directly related to the general welfare of all residents; and  
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13 WHEREAS, Polk County desires flexibility to manage throughout this epidemic; and  
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15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Polk County is providing administrative  
16 flexibility to allow the County Administrator, in consultation with the County Board Chair,  
17 the ability to, and not limited to: Close the Government Center as necessary, implement  
18 strategic staffing changes to ensure enough healthy staff are in place to carry out necessary  
19 and critical services, waive administrative polices regarding health insurance premium splits,  
20 and to assist in personnel expenses as a result of implementing staffing changes; and  
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22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The County Administrator and County Board  
23 Chair shall, upon a reasonable time, but no later than 24 hours after implementing  
24 necessary decisions, inform the Polk County Board of Supervisors by email and/or phone;  
25 and  
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27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Polk County Board shall discuss such  
28 decision(s) as a County Board monthly so long as this Resolution is in effect;  
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30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Polk County Board of Supervisors does  
31 hereby acknowledge, accept, and support the County Administrator and County Board Chair  
32 to strategically implement necessary plans to ensure the safety and health of the Polk County  
33 staff, residents and those traveling throughout the community; and  
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35 BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution will remain in effect until the end of the  
36 Public Health Emergency.  
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BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Brad Olson, Supervisor, District #1

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Doug Route, Supervisor, District #2

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Dean Johansen, Chair,  
Supervisor, District #3,

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Chris Nelson, Supervisor, District #4

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Tracy LaBlanc, Supervisor, District #5

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Brian Masters, Supervisor, District #6

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Michael Prichard, Supervisor, District #7

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James Edgell, Supervisor, District #8

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Kim O'Connell, Supervisor, District #9

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Larry Jepsen, Supervisor, District #10

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Jay Luke, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair,  
Supervisor, District #11

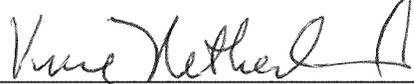
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Michael Larsen, Supervisor, District #12

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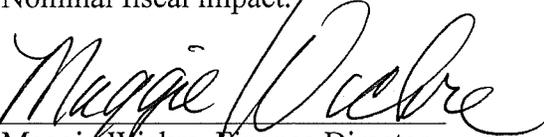
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John Bonneprise, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair,  
Supervisor, District #14

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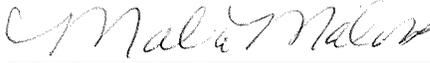
*County Administrator's Note:*  
Recommended.

  
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Vince Netherland  
Polk County Administrator

*Fiscal Impact Note:*  
Nominal fiscal impact.

  
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Maggie Wickre, Finance Director

Approved as to Form and Execution:

  
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Malia Malone, Polk County Corporation Counsel

*Legal Impact Note:*

This Resolution makes clear the delegation of authority by the Board to the Administrator and the Board Chair during this Public Health Emergency. It is recommended.

Excerpt of Minutes

38 At its regular business meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> of March 2020, the Polk County  
39 Board of Supervisors acted upon Resolution No. 01 -20: Resolution  
40 To Provide County Administration Emergency Administrative  
41 Flexibility for COVID-19  
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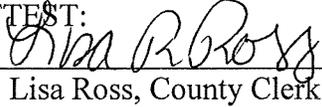
- Adopted by a majority of the members present by a vote of \_\_\_\_\_ in favor and \_\_\_\_\_ against.
- Adopted by unanimous voice vote.
- Adopted as amended. See Below.
- Defeated
- Other:

Insert amendment to resolution according to minutes:

SIGNED BY:

  
Dean Johansen, County Board Chairperson

ATTEST:

  
Lisa Ross, County Clerk

Executive Summary

This Resolution gives Board approval to the County Administrator to work with the Board Chair to implement emergent measures to address the impact of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency.

**CERTIFIED COPY OF POLK COUNTY RESOLUTION**

STATE OF WISCONSIN    )  
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COUNTY OF POLK        )

I, Lisa R. Ross, County Clerk for Polk County, do hereby certify that the attached hereto and incorporated herein is a full, true and correct copy of Polk County Resolution No. 09-20: Resolution to Provide County Administration Emergency Administrative Flexibility for COVID-19 as adopted by the Polk County Board of Supervisors on the 20th day of March, 2020.





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Lisa R. Ross, Polk County Clerk

Date