July 21, 2020 JAC Meeting Res. No. JAC 20-01

- MOTION: Angry
- SECOND: Bailey
- RE: APPROVE AND FIND FOR THE JULY 21, 2020 JOINT AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING THAT THE USUAL MEETING PROCEDURES CANNOT BE IMPLEMENTED SAFELY OR PRACTICALLY; AND (A) ALL AGENDA ITEMS ARE NECESSARY AND ESSENTIAL TO ASSURE THE CONTINUITY OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT; AND/OR (B) THE NATURE OF THE DECLARED EMERGENCY MAKES IT IMPRACTICABLE OR UNSAFE FOR THE JOINT AUDIT COMMITTEE TO ASSEMBLE IN A SINGLE LOCATION, AND THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING IS TO DISCUSS OR TRANSACT THE BUSINESS STATUTORILY REQUIRED OR NECESSARY TO CONTINUE OPERATIONS OF THE JOINT AUDIT COMMITTEE AND THE DISCHARGE OF ITS LAWFUL PURPOSES, DUTIES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES

## ACTION:

**WHEREAS**, in response to COVID-19, the President has declared a National Emergency, the Governor has declared a State Emergency, and the County Executive has declared a Local Emergency, which was subsequently confirmed and amended by the Board of County Supervisors to find the effects of COVID-19 constitute a disaster by Resolution No. 20-307; and

**WHEREAS**, the Center for Disease Control (CDC), Governor, and other federal and State authorities advised that people should avoid gatherings of ten or more, and should practice social distancing and implement other health and safety measures; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor has issued a number of Executive Orders in response to the COVID-19 emergency/disaster, including requiring individuals to remain at home and prohibiting gatherings of more than ten individuals subject to certain exceptions, closing schools, and closing or limiting certain businesses, to try to limit the spread of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, the Joint Audit Committee's priority is protecting the health, safety, and general welfare of the public; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 31, 2020, in response to the COVID-19 emergency/disaster, the Board of County Supervisors adopted Ord. 20-10, providing for the continuity of County government, including, but not limited to, establishing alternative meeting procedures; and

**WHEREAS**, on or about April 10, 2020, the Governor proposed Amendment 28 to HB29/2018-2020 Biennium Budget Bill and Amendment 137 to HB 30/2020-2022 Biennium Budget Bill, which were adopted by the General Assembly during the 2020 Reconvened Session and subsequently approved and signed by the Governor; and

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WHEREAS, the recording of the meeting shall be made available on the County website in accordance with the timeframes established in Virginia Code §§ 2.2-3707 and 2.2-3707.1; and

WHEREAS, notice of the meeting was provided to the public using the best available method given the nature of the COVID-19 emergency, which notice was given contemporaneously with the notice provided to the Joint Audit Committee members; and

WHEREAS, arrangements were made for public access to, and public comment during, the meeting through electronic means, including to the extent practicable, videoconferencing; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Audit Committee has otherwise complied with Virginia Code § 2.2-3708.2;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Prince William County Joint Audit Committee hereby approves and finds for the July 21, 2020 Joint Audit Committee meeting that the usual meeting procedures cannot be implemented safely or practically; and (a) all agenda items are necessary and essential to assure the continuity of County government; and/or (b) the nature of the declared emergency makes it impracticable or unsafe for the Joint Audit Committee to assemble in a single location, and the purpose of the meeting is to discuss or transact the business statutorily required or necessary to continue operations of the Joint Audit Committee and the discharge of its lawful purposes, duties, and responsibilities;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Committee Clerk shall note in the meeting minutes that the meeting was held by electronic communication means and the type of electronic communications means by which the meeting was held, including for each joint Audit Committee member, as applicable.

VOTES: Ayes: Angry, Bailey, Boddye, Lateef Nays: none Absent from Vote: none Abstain from Vote: none Absent from Meeting: Jackson

For Information: County Attorney

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Vücky Silor Clerk to the Joint Audit Committee