Commissioner Gene Glover moved for adoption of the following Resolution

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF RIO GRANDE, STATE OF COLORADO

RESOLUTION NO 2020-13

RESOLUTION ADOPTING PROCEDURES FOR EMERGENCY MEETINGS

WHEREAS, the Colorado Open Meetings Law, C.R.S. §24-6-401, et seq., exercises authority over meetings of local governments, including meetings of the Board of County Commissioners for Rio Grande County (hereinafter, the "Board"); and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Open Meetings Law applies to any meeting convened in person, by phone or electronically to discuss public business relating to the policy-making function of the Board; and

WHEREAS, when a meeting is convened to discuss public business and is a meeting at which any formal action occurs or at which a majority or quorum of the Board is expected to be in attendance, then such meetings are open to the public and public notice shall be given and minutes taken; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Open Meetings Law contains no reference to emergency meetings; however, C.R.S. §30-10-303(2) allows the Board to call an emergency meeting provided it has adopted procedures therefor; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to adopt Procedures for Emergency Meetings; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The County Attorney or the County Administrator shall be contacted to call the emergency meeting, which can be held even in the event that proper public notification is not attainable.

2. The meeting may be held in person, via telephone or electronically.

3. At the onset of the meeting, a member of the Board shall describe the circumstances constituting the emergency under which the meeting is taking place and acknowledge that the notice requirement may be affected by the type of meeting involved. For purposes of these procedures, "emergency" is defined as "an unforeseen combination of circumstances or the resulting state that calls for immediate action."
4. When the meeting is held in person or via telephone, an audio recording must be made or a member of the Clerk to the Board staff must be present to take minutes of the meeting.

5. When the meeting is held electronically, please copy the Clerk to the Board on all communications so that minutes may be prepared. Note that e-mail between elected officials to discuss pending legislation or public business is open to the public.

6. Any action taken at the emergency meeting must be scheduled for ratification as a consent calendar item on the Board’s next regular meeting for which the agenda has not already been posted.

7. County staff will undertake all reasonable efforts to notify the general public and press of the emergency meeting, including existing electronic distribution lists.

MOVED, READ, AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners for the County of Rio Grande, State of Colorado, at a special meeting held the 18th day of March, 2020.

ATTEST: RIO GRANDE COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners

John Noffsinger, Chairman of the Board

Suzanne Bothell, Commissioner

Gene Glover, Commissioner

Commissioner Suzanne Bothell seconded adoption of the foregoing Resolution. The roll having been called, the vote was as follows:

Commissioner John Noffsinger  
Vote

Commissioner Suzanne Bothell  
Vote

Commissioner Gene Glover  
Vote