

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-26

RESOLUTION BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AUTHORIZING THE CONTINUED USE OF ELECTRONIC MEETINGS

To the Honorable Members of the Racine County Board of Supervisors:

WHEREAS, novel strains of the coronavirus (COVID-19), including the Delta and Omicron variants, remain a concern, not only for Racine County, but for the State of Wisconsin and the nation as a whole; and

WHEREAS, it is important for the public health and medical communities as well as the general public to remain vigilant to reduce potential exposure and transmission; and

WHEREAS, supervisors are strongly encouraged to attend board proceedings in-person; however, it remains necessary to more effectively limit the spread of COVID-19 and emerging variants for the Racine County Board of Supervisors – including all standing committees – and all Racine County boards, committees, and commissions to have the option of participating in meetings remotely; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee continues to review and consider for potential future adoption certain rules and procedures in the Racine County Code of Ordinances for conducting electronic meetings for the Board and its Committees; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Racine County Board of Supervisors – including all standing committees – and all Racine County boards, committees, and commissions may conduct meetings through the use of any means of communication by which all of the following occur:

- The identity of each participating member may be verified, and the actions of each participating member may be authenticated, in a manner satisfactory to the presiding officer;
- During the meeting, all participating members may simultaneously hear or read the comments of each member who is recognized by the presiding officer;
- The public may contemporaneously monitor the proceedings of the governing body;
- For purposes of determining the presence of a quorum in meetings, any participating member shall be considered present as if the member were physically present at the meeting;
- A meeting shall be preceded by the same or substantially equivalent public notice as would be required if the governing body were physically present;
- Electronic meetings should not be scheduled for matters that are complex or require extensive use of graphs, charts or other demonstrative documents which would be difficult for the public to view, unless the Board can determine a means for public access to the documents.

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4 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Racine County Board of Supervisors that this
5 resolution shall remain in effect until 8:00 a.m. on Friday, September 30, 2022, or until
6 superseded by formal amendment of the Racine County Code of Ordinances setting forth
7 rules and procedures for the use of electronic meetings.

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Respectfully submitted,

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11 1st Reading _____

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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13 2nd Reading _____

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15 **BOARD ACTION**

Thomas E. Roanhouse, Chairman

16 Adopted _____

17 For _____

18 Against _____

Tom Kramer, Vice-Chairman

19 Absent _____

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Robert N. Miller, Secretary

22 VOTE REQUIRED: Majority

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24 Prepared by:

Jason Eckman

25 Corporation Counsel

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Robert D. Grove

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Tom Hincz

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44 **The foregoing legislation adopted by the County Board of Supervisors of**
45 **Racine County, Wisconsin, is hereby:**

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47 **Vetoed:** _____

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49 **Date:** _____,

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Jonathan Delagrave, County Executive