

Jefferson Transit Authority Board

Special Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 18, 2020, 3:30 p.m.

63 4 Corners Road, Port Townsend, WA

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

The meeting was called to order by Jefferson Transit Authority (JTA) Board Vice-Chair Kate Dean at 3:31 p.m. Other members present were David Sullivan, Greg Brotherton, Ariel Speser and ATU 587 Representative Nicole Gauthier, with David Faber excused. A quorum was present.

STAFF PRESENT

General Manager Tammi Rubert, Finance Manager Sara Crouch, and Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board Sj Peck and Laura Smedley.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were none.

There was a Board discussion on how to receive remote public comments during future meetings if necessary.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Resolution 20-06: Declaring an Emergency

Tammi Rubert stated that the spread of the Corona virus has increased, and the Board of County Commissioners has declared a State of Emergency. JTA will respect the Governor's call for social distancing by closing Haines Place Customer Service and the Administration lobby at 4 Corners, and starting fare free service to protect drivers and passengers. Signs will be posted on buses to enter the bus from the back door unless the ADA lift is needed. JTA is not anticipating cutting service at this time. JTA is asking the Authority Board to approve a supplemental pay package and a Declaration of Emergency of the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Motion: David Sullivan moved to approve Resolution 20-06, declaring an emergency under the Chapter 38.52 as a result of the spread of COVID-19. Ariel Speser seconded.

Vote: The motion carried unanimously, 4-0 by voice vote.

b. Resolution 20-07: Amending Bylaws – Remote Meetings

Tammy Rubert asked to amend the bylaws to allow for remote meetings.

There was a discussion

Motion: Greg Botherton moved to approve Resolution 20-07, amending JTA's Bylaws to allow remote meeting access. Ariel Speser seconded.

Vote: The motion carried unanimously, 4-0 by voice vote.

c. Citizens Advisory Committee Discussion

Laura Smedley stated that a quorum would not be available for the April 1st CAC meeting and asked the Board if the meeting should be canceled.

Kate Dean recommended to cancel the meeting because of the current situation.

Ariel Speser agreed and also stated that if restrictions are still in place the CAC can combine the April content into the May 6th meeting and have the meeting remotely.


Kate Dean stated that it is the Attorney General's opinion that if remote meetings are not banned in the bylaws, they don't need to be amended.

PUBLIC COMMENT

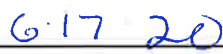
There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:38 pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 21, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.



SJ Peck, Clerk of the Board



Date