RESOLUTION 2020-08

Issuing an Emergency Declaration for Burnett County Pursuant to Section 323.11, Wisconsin Statutes

To the Honorable members of the Burnett County Board of Supervisors;

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization designated the 2019 novel Coronavirus outbreak as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern; and

WHEREAS, the United States Health and Human Services Secretary Alex M. Azar II declared a Public Health Emergency for the entire United States to aid the nation’s healthcare community in responding to the 2019 novel Coronavirus “COVID-19”; and

WHEREAS, the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 and the effects of its extreme risk of person-to-person transmission throughout the United States, significantly affect the lives and the health of our people, as well as the economy, and is a disaster that impacts the health, security and safety of the public; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has spread throughout numerous countries including the United States and numerous cases have been identified in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, Governor Evers declared the existence of a public health emergency on March 12, 2020, for Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, a multi-agency, multi-jurisdictional response is necessary to undertake efforts to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Burnett County Board of Supervisors, pursuant to Wis. Stat. §313.11, declare a Local State of Emergency for Burnett County and the following emergency rules shall be in effect upon passage of this resolution:

1. The County Administrator, in consultation with the County Board Chair, is authorized to make such decisions and temporary policy changes without the necessity of prior Board approval to keep the operations of the County running and to meet the changing circumstances of the situation.

2. The previously established standing rule for personal appearance at meetings and use of electronic device use only in case of emergency, is suspended with the understanding that public monitoring and/or participation at all meetings as otherwise required will be accommodated throughout any remote meeting if necessary.

3. Requests for contingency funding shall be made to the County Administrator, whom in consultation with the County Board Chair may approve as they deem necessary, an amount under $5,000.00 per request with a maximum allowance to approve up to $25,000.00. Appropriations greater than $5,000.00 per request, or to exceed a cumulative amount of $25,000.00, must be approved by the Administration Committee and the County Board of Supervisors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this declaration shall be in effect until otherwise rescinded by the Burnett County Board of Supervisors.
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Respectfully submitted and recommended for adoption by Burnett County Board of Supervisors
Chair, Don Taylor.

Signed and dated this 19th day of March, 2020.

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Don Taylor

State of Wisconsin
County of Burnett

I, Wanda Hinrichs, the duly elected and qualified County Clerk in and for Burnett County, do hereby certify that the attached resolution 2020-08 “Issuing an Emergency Declaration for Burnett County Pursuant to Section 323.11, Wisconsin Statutes”, was adopted by the Burnett County Board of Supervisors at a legally assembled meeting at which a quorum was present and acted throughout. The date of passage was March 19, 2020.

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Wanda Hinrichs,
Burnett County Clerk