

RESOLUTION NO. 2021- 116 -CM

VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE OF MEMBERS

WHEREAS, IC 5-14-1.5-3.5, as amended by HEA 1437-2021, requires governmental bodies to adopt a policy concerning virtual attendance of members at meetings; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Tippecanoe County wishes to adopt a policy concerning virtual attendance of members at its meetings;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Sec. 1. This Resolution is not intended to alter state or local guidance for virtual attendance during public emergencies;

Sec. 2. The Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the requirements of IC 5-14-1.5-3.5 with respect to virtual attendance by members at public meetings of the Board of Commissioners. In the event of a conflict between the statute and this Resolution, the provisions of the statute shall govern.

Sec. 3. A member of the Board may participate in a meeting by any electronic means of communication that allows all participating members to communicate simultaneously with one another; and, if the public is permitted to attend, also allows the public to simultaneously attend and observe the participating members. A member participating electronically will be considered present for purposes of determining a quorum. However, the member may not participate in any final action unless the member can be both seen and heard.

Sec. 4. If a member is participating electronically, minutes for the meeting shall reflect whether the members were physically present, virtually present, or absent; identify the electronic means, if any, by which members of the board or public were attending.

Sec. 5. If a member is participating electronically, votes shall be taken by roll call vote.

Sec. 6. At least fifty percent (50%) of the members attending the meeting must be physically present at a meeting.

Sec. 7. A member may not participate virtually if a meeting is for the purpose of taking final action to adopt a budget, make a reduction in personnel, initiate a referendum, establish or increase a fee, establish or increase a penalty, use eminent domain power, or establish, raise, or renew a tax.

Adopted this ____ day of _____ 2021.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
TIPPECANOE COUNTY

Thomas P. Murtaugh, President

David S. Byers, Vice President

Tracy A. Brown, Member

ATTEST:

Robert Plantenga, Auditor of Tippecanoe County