

Appomattox County Board of Supervisors Remote Participation Policy

If a quorum is physically present at the primary or central meeting location to conduct a meeting of the Board of Supervisors or one of its committees, other members may attend and participate in such meetings from a remote location by telephone or other audio or video means, provided such attendance complies with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, (especially Section 2.2 Part B-3708.1CV) as amended from time to time and the Board adopts a Resolution to that effect. A member wishing to attend in this manner shall advise the clerk of the board a reasonable time before the start of the meeting so that the necessary equipment can be put in place. In deciding the issue of whether to allow remote participation, the Board shall be guided by the following:

Examples of emergencies include, but not limited to:

- _____ Flat tire on the way to the meeting, call in from cell phone at side of the road;
- _____ Traffic congestion or stoppage;
- _____ Personal, family or business emergency or
- _____ Blizzard, flood, or other sudden severe weather conditions that prevent travel to the meeting location.

Examples of personal matters include, but are not limited to:

- _____ Business trip;
- _____ Family trip; or
- _____ Scheduling conflicts.

NOTE: Sometime there may be overlap between emergencies and personal matters. As both are covered by the same procedure, the individual member may choose.

Examples regarding physical disabilities/medical condition:

- _____ Temporary hospitalization or confined to home;
- _____ Contagious illness; or
- _____ Any permanent physical disability that prevents travel to the meeting location.

NOTE: Electronic Participation is also available in situations where the Governor has declared a state of emergency as provided in Section 2.2-3708G. Code of Virginia.