

**RESOLUTION 2020-06**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PORT DISTRICT NO. 3  
GRANT COUNTY AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY POWERS AND DELEGATING  
AUTHORITY TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR IN RESPONSE TO THE OUTBREAK  
OF COVID-19**

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19, a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death to vulnerable or at-risk populations, is caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus, which is a new strain of coronavirus that had not been previously identified in humans and can easily spread from person to person; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) identifies the potential public health threat posed by COVID-19 both globally and in the United States as “high”, and has advised that person-to-person spread of COVID-19 will continue to occur globally, including within the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, On January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services Secretary declared a public health emergency for COVID-19, beginning on January 27, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 29, 2020, Governor Jay Inslee proclaimed a state of emergency within the State of Washington due to COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 13, 2020, the Port of Mattawa adopted Resolution 2020-06 providing delegation of authority to the Executive Director or his or her designee for matters related to Executive Policies; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 13, 2020 the Port of Mattawa adopted Resolution 2020-07 providing delegation of authority to the Executive Director and his/her designees for matters related to Port Contracts and Acquisitions Policies; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** as follows:

A. Pursuant to Chapter 38.52 RCW, Chapter 53.19 RCW, and Title 53 RCW, the public advertising and competitive procurement requirements of state law and Port policies and procedures are waived related to Port contracts for the following purchases or leases: (1) tangible personal property; (2) public works as defined by RCW 39.04.010; and (3) services, including professional or technical services.

B. The Port Executive Director is authorized to make and adjust Policies and Procedures related to leave usage and other issues related to Port employees as necessitated by the impacts of COVID-19.

C. The Port Executive Director may make temporary (up to one year or the duration of the emergency) appointments of personnel to positions that directly respond to the emergency,

when the urgency of filling positions prohibits examining applicants through the competitive process, and is immediately necessary for the protection of life and property.

D. Pursuant to RCW 42.30.070, and the state of emergency, all meetings of the Port Commission are exempt from the meeting notice requirements and meeting location restrictions of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 42.30 RCW.

E. The Port Commission further reserves its rights to issue such further orders as may be necessary to respond to the state of emergency.

F. This Resolution shall take effect immediately and be in full force and effect for the same time period, and without action required to renew, as the state of emergency adopted by the Thurston County Commissioners.

This Resolution is **ADOPTED** by a majority of the members of the Port Commission of the Port of Mattawa, a majority being present and voting on this Resolution at a special Commission meeting on April 13, 2020, as attested to by the signatures below.

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Verlyn Coulson, Commission

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Lauri Dayton, Commission

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Glenn Leland, Commission