



Tri-District Emergency Ambulance Service

Dakota, Davis, And Rock City, Fire Districts

NOTICE OF MONTHLY MEETING CANCELLATION SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 4, 2020

Please be advised that the Board Meeting of Tri-District Emergency Ambulance Service will be canceled do to the COCID-19 virus and will not be re scheduled. All business will be moved to the next regular meeting on May 5, 2020.

I have instructed Treasure George Sues to pay all bills essential to operations of Tri-District Ambulance and also to send a financial statement to all board members for review, if you have any questions you can contact him directly even though we can't act on them.

I ask all Fire Districts to please send me a list of questions they were going to compile in reference to questions that tax payers may ask about the referendum.

I will put the complied list together and forward to board members and each fire district.

I contemplated holding meeting by phone or video but there is no way that we can meet the requirements of the opens meeting act even though Gov. JB Pritzker used his emergency powers to waive a portion of the Illinois Open Meetings Act to allow local governments and other public bodies to hold "remote" meetings to help control the spread of the, COVID-19 virus, read attached from **The Southern Illinoisan** for more info related to the opens meeting act.

Thank You

Dave Parrish

From The Southern Illinoisan

Spirngfield Gov. JB Pritzker used his emergency powers Monday to waive a portion of the Illinois Open Meetings Act to allow local governments and other public bodies to hold “remote” meetings to help control the spread of the novel coronavirus disease, COVID-19.

That provision was part of an executive order the governor issued Monday also prohibiting public gatherings of 50 or more people, a new standard recommended by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The order waives a portion of the Open Meetings Act that requires a quorum of members of a public body be “physically present” at the meeting location, and limits the circumstances under which an individual member may take part by video or audio conference.

It applies to city councils, county boards, school boards and all other public bodies of state and local government.

Don Craven, legal counsel to the Illinois Press Association, noted in an email that Pritzker did not suspend other provisions of the Open Meetings Act that require public notice be given of all meetings and that require meetings to be open and accessible to the public and press.

“He did not suspend the requirement that the meeting be held in a place open and accessible to the public,” Craven said in the memo. “He did not suspend the requirement that the public be allowed to address the board, which means that there has to be a way for the public to participate by phone.”

The Open Meetings Act requires public bodies to provide public notice of a meeting, including the agenda, at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting. Craven encouraged all news outlets that cover those meetings to immediately submit requests for notice of any special, emergency or regular meeting.

At the request of state Rep. Bob Morgan, D-Deerfield, IPA also drafted possible legislation allowing public bodies to meet without a physical quorum present while also ensuring that notice requirements, public participation and public access are protected.

Credit to The Southern Illinoisan