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For Immediate Release

Social Distancing Procedures for Board of Supervisors Meetings

To assist with social distancing, the following measures have been put in place for Board of Supervisors Meetings through June 10, 2020.

<u>Seating</u>. Seats in the Public Meeting room have been moved six feet apart. With this adjustment, the room can accommodate only thirty-three (33) members of the public.

Watching. Citizens wishing to observe a Board of Supervisors meeting without being present may watch it live on YouTube by using this link:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZQOX_fj6WayGu_Hp8eZNVA

Public Comment Periods. Citizens wishing to avoid attending but still address the Board during the public comment period of the meeting may send an email with their full name, address, and comment to Joy Niehaus, Public Information Officer, at <u>jlniehaus@countyofamherst.com</u> or through direct message from the County's Facebook page. Comments must be received by noon the day of the meeting. The message will be read aloud to the Board during the Public Comment portion of the meeting. Keep in mind that this time period is not for questions and answers, but only to receive comments from the public. You may raise any topic of interest to you. Personal attacks on anyone will not be read, although comments on an official's performance of official duties are allowed. Three minutes is allowed for the reading of each comment. At three minutes, the reading is stopped and a hard copy of the comment will be given to Board members for them to read its entire content.

<u>Public Hearings.</u> Citizens wishing to avoid attending but still address the Board from home as part of a scheduled Public Hearing may call the County Administrator's Office at (434) 946-9400 or email The Public Information Officer, Joy Niehaus at <u>jlniehaus@countyofamherst.com</u> by 5:00 pm the day of the hearing to reserve a phone call slot. During the meeting those with reserved spots will receive a call during the meeting. They will be placed on speaker phone for all present to hear their comments. Speakers must identify themselves to the meeting by stating their name and address before making their comment.

April 3, 2020



New seating arrangement in the Amherst County Public Meeting Room.

Additional information may be obtained from Joy Niehaus at <u>jlniehaus@countyofamherst.com</u> or (434)-946-9400.