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Date: September 30, 2020
To: Board of Acquisition and Contract
From: Marguerite Beirne
Chief Information Officer
Re: Resolution to exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy pursuant to Section 3(a) xxi thereof, the procurement of an amendment to an agreement (IT-1660) with Moving Pictures, LLC for the provision of crew and equipment setup necessary for live streaming the County Executive's press events.

Authority is hereby requested from your Honorable Board to exempt the procurement of an amendment to an agreement with Moving Pictures, LLC ("Moving Pictures") from the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures ("Procurement Policy"), pursuant to Section 3(a) xxi thereof.

By resolution approved on June 11, 2020, your Honorable Board authorized a "best interest" of the County exemption to a "short form" agreement with Moving Pictures pursuant to which Moving Pictures agreed to provide crew and equipment setup necessary for live streaming the County Executive's press events for a term commencing on May 31, 2020 and continuing through December 31, 2020 for an amount not-to-exceed \$35,000.00, at the rate of \$1,200 per live stream (the "Agreement"). The Agreement was subsequently executed.

The County now requires an amendment to the Agreement in order to increase the not-to-exceed cap thereunder by an additional \$60,000.00, from an amount not-to-exceed \$35,000.00 to a new total amount not-to-exceed \$95,000.00, in order to have sufficient funding available to compensate Moving Pictures for services already rendered and for additional services expected to be rendered during the balance of the contract term.

Ordinarily, under Section 5(b) of the Procurement Policy, the County is required to solicit written quotations from no fewer than three persons customarily providing such services, and, if deemed appropriate, to inquire as to the qualifications and experience of such persons. However, due to the continued urgency of providing this service during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, as well as the specialized nature of the services to be rendered which are difficult to find locally on short notice, compliance with the County Procurement Policy is not in the best interest of the County.

Pursuant to Section 3 (a) (xxi) of the Procurement Policy, where this Honorable Board determines by resolution passed prior to the commencement of procurement that compliance with the Procurement Policy would not be in the best interests of the County, the requirements of the Procurement Policy may be waived. For the reasons set forth above, it is proposed that the best interests of the County would be served by exempting the procurement of this agreement from the County Procurement Policy.

Your Honorable Board's approval of the annexed resolution is respectfully requested.

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Chief Information Officer, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 3 (a) (xxi) of the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures, it is determined that application of the procedural requirements contained therein, including the necessity of soliciting written price quotations, is neither cost effective nor expedient and accordingly not in the best interests of the County of Westchester in connection with the procurement of an amendment to an agreement (IT-1660) with Moving Pictures, LLC for the provision of crew and equipment setup necessary for live streaming the County Executive's press events.