

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Otsego County Board of Commissioners, held in Room 100 at the County Building, 225 W. Main St., Gaylord, Michigan on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, day of February, 2021 beginning at 9:30a.m.

PRESENT: Henry Mason, Paul Liss, Brett McVannel, Rob Pallarito, Ken Glasser, Doug Johnson, Jason Caverson, Bruce Brown.

ABSENT: Julie Powers.

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Commissioner Paul Liss, seconded by Commissioner Doug Johnson.

**RESOLUTION NO. OCR 21-08**  
**PANDEMIC RESOLUTION**  
**OTSEGO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**WHEREAS**, the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death with resulting widespread disruptions to everyday life and;

**WHEREAS**, the Otsego County Board of Commissioners recognizes that COVID-19 restrictions are having and will continue to have, direct short and long term impacts on all County residents, impacts which include, but are not limited to, physical and mental health care difficulties, educational constraints, and financial strains; and

**WHEREAS**, the Otsego County Board of Commissioners understands that many local private businesses and industries have suffered and continue to suffer economic harm due to COVID-19 thru no fault of their own; and

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 shutdown, pause, and mandates have created a desperate situation for our county's constituents, businesses, schools, and organizations.

**WHEREAS**, the Otsego County Board of Commissioners asserts that the vitality of our local restaurants, hotels, recreation venues, industries, service providers, etc., contributes substantially to the overall physical and mental well-being of residents of the County, and further asserts that the seasonal nature of our area places a heavy dependence for employment on the food and recreation industries and the loss of these businesses will have long term effects on employment for our citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, it is our belief that while public health must be prioritized, unconstitutional burdens have been placed on certain sectors of our economy, community groups, and citizenry. We believe Gubernatorial actions have polarized, politicized, and antagonized Michigan leaders in all sectors. These challenging times call for unity, coordination, and balance to protect lives and livelihoods with actions considered by the many hands that hold the responsibility.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the duly elected Commissioners of Otsego County, with the sworn duty to uphold the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Michigan, and responsibility to serve the people of Otsego County, do hereby resolve to oppose, the distress and destruction continuing to impact our community, our state, and our nation due to COVID-19 restrictions.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Otsego County Board of Commissioners encourages the lifting of restrictions as soon as is feasible.

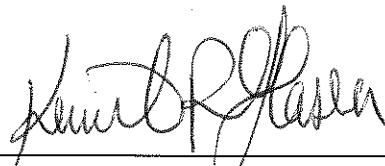
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that we call for actions that restore our faith in a Michigan leadership that is unified, not unilateral, and driven by decisions that serve the needs of the many without polarization. It is with the utmost serious reflection and responsibility, that we stand resolved in our sworn duty to serve our community and demand our freedom of choice be reinstated.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

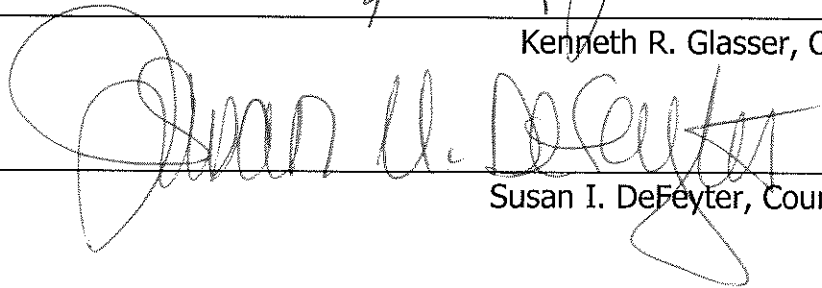
YES: Paul Liss, Brett McVannel, Ken Glasser, Doug Johnson, Jason Caverson, Bruce Brown.

NO: Henry Mason, Rob Pallarito.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.



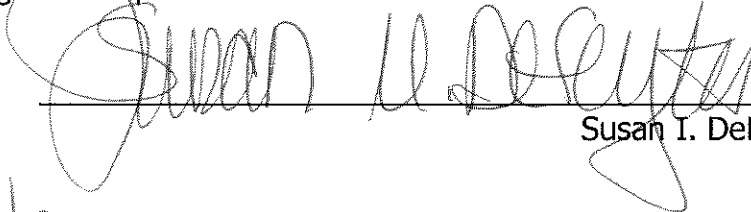
Kenneth R. Glasser, Chairman



Susan I. DeFeyter, County Clerk

STATE OF MICHIGAN)  
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COUNTY OF OTSEGO)

The undersigned, being the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the County of Otsego, hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Otsego County Board of Commissioners at its regular meeting held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2021, at which meeting a quorum was present and remained throughout and that an original thereof is on file in the records of the County. I further certify that the meeting was conducted, and public notice thereof was given, pursuant to and in full compliance with Act No. 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended, and of such meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required thereby.



Susan I. DeFeyter, County Clerk

DATED: 2/23, 2021