

# **TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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At a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, on the 11th day of March, 2021 with the meeting called to order at 8:00 a.m.

Commissioners Present: Thomas Young, District 1; Thomas Bardwell, District 2; Douglas DuRussel, District 4; Daniel Grimshaw, District 5.

Commissioners Absent: Kim Vaughan, District 3.

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Grimshaw, seconded by Commissioner DuRussel,

## **RESOLUTION REGARDING VIRTUAL PARTICIPATION IN BOARD MEETINGS 2021-05**

**WHEREAS**, we live in a time of COVID-19 pandemic fear, and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Whitmer and the various state agencies acted without authority to unilaterally change the Open Meetings Act, and

**WHEREAS**, the Michigan Legislature recognized the issue of legally held meetings needed to be addressed, and

**WHEREAS**, the legislation created legal protections for non-traditional meetings by changing the requirement for in person attendance by members, and

**WHEREAS**, Public Act No. 228 of 2020 was signed by the Governor on October 16, 2020, established rules for board members to participate while not being physically present, and

**WHEREAS**, Public Act No. 254 of 2020 was signed by the Governor on December 22, 2020, extending the sunset date of Public Act No. 228 of 2020, to March 31 2021, and

**WHEREAS**, members of boards must be present to participate, except for absence due to military duty or a medical condition, and

**WHEREAS**, the changes to not allow participation by members who were unable to attend in person were made with little or no input from those impacted, and

**WHEREAS**, members of boards were allowed to participate while absent for other reasons, prior to the changes.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners calls upon the Michigan Legislature to modify the restrictions on meeting participation to include out-of-state travel for up to thirty (30) days by any member.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of this resolution be transmitted to Senator Daley, Representative Green, the Michigan Association of Counties, all Michigan Counties, along with the Michigan Township Association and all Townships, Cities and Villages within Tuscola County.

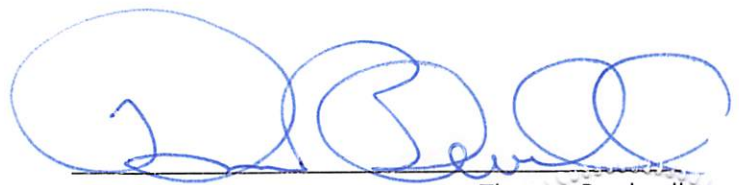
Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Young; DuRussel; Grimshaw; Bardwell.

Nays: None.

Absent: Vaughan.

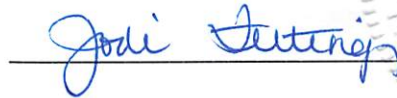
Resolution declared adopted.



Thomas Bardwell

Chairman of the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners

I, the undersigned, Clerk of Tuscola County, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners, at its Regular Meeting held on March 11, 2021.



Jodi Fetting

Tuscola County Clerk

Clerk to the Board of Commissioner Tuscola County

