

TUSCARAWAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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RESOLUTION 230-2020 TUSCARAWAS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

A RESOLUTION DECLARING A STATE OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY IN TUSCARAWAS COUNTY, OHIO, DUE TO COVID-19 VIRUS FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE PEOPLE OF TUSCARAWAS COUNTY

The Board of Tuscarawas County Commissioners met in regular session on March 23, 2020, in the William E. Winters Board Room with the following members present: Chris A. Abbuhl, Al Landis and Joseph A. Sciarretti.

Commissioner Landis moved the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolution

WHEREAS, Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a fast-spreading respiratory virus, causing a global pandemic and catastrophic illness and death for thousands of people around the world and The United States of America; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, Health and Human Services Secretary, Alex M. Azar, II, declared a public health emergency for the United States to aid the nation's healthcare community in responding to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine issued Executive Order #2020-013 on March 9, 2020, declaring a State of Emergency for the State of Ohio in regards to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, The World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States of America declared a national emergency over the coronavirus pandemic on March 13, 2020 authorizing financial resources to assist Americans affected by the outbreak; and

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WHEREAS, the Director of the Tuscarawas County Health Department and the Director of the Tuscarawas County Emergency Management Agency have requested that the Board of County Commissioners declare a state of emergency for Tuscarawas County; and

WHEREAS, Tuscarawas County, Ohio, has been and will continue to be imminently threatened by the COVID-19 pandemic with anticipated widespread illness; and

WHEREAS, healthcare systems in Tuscarawas County may potentially be overwhelmed due to the volume of anticipated cases and adequate resources could be compromised and may not be available to alleviate the effects of this emergency; and

WHEREAS, recommendations have been made to all public offices and employees of Tuscarawas County to exercise the utmost diligence in the discharge of duties required of them for the duration of the emergency in execution of emergency laws, regulations, and directives-national, state and local; and

WHEREAS, with guidance from state and federal officials, the Tuscarawas County Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to modify weekly Commissioner meetings in an attempt to alter the footprint of the meetings and ensure the safety and welfare of Tuscarawas County staff and citizens; and

WHEREAS, all citizens are called upon and directed to comply with necessary emergency measures, to cooperate with public officials in executing emergency operational plans, and comply with the lawful direction of properly identified officers.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Tuscarawas County, Ohio, that:

Section 1. Tuscarawas County Board of Commissioners declare that a state of emergency exists in the county and invoke and declare those portions of the Ohio Revised Code that are applicable to the conditions. The issuance of this proclamation, to be in full force and effect in the county for the exercise of all necessary emergency authority for protection of the lives and property of the people of Tuscarawas County and the restoration of local government with a minimum of interruption.

Section 2. Reference is made to all appropriate laws, statutes, ordinances and resolutions, and particularly to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 5502.

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Section 3. All public offices and employees of Tuscarawas County are directed to exercise the utmost diligence in the discharge of duties required of them for the duration of the emergency and in execution of state and local emergency laws, regulations, and directives.

Section 4. All citizens are called upon and directed to comply with necessary emergency measures, to cooperate with public officials and disaster services forces in executing emergency operations plans, and to obey and comply with the lawful directions of properly identified officers.

Section 5. All operating forces will direct their communications and requests for assistance and operations directly to the Emergency Operations Center.

Section 6. The Board finds and determines that all former actions relating to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board and that all deliberations of the Board and its committees, if any, which resulted in formal action, were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with applicable legal requirements including R.C. 121.22.

Section 7. This Resolution shall take effect from and after its passage.

The State of Emergency shall end in thirty (30) days unless renewed by a majority vote of this Board.

The Clerk of the Board shall certify copies of this Resolution to the Tuscarawas County Emergency Management Agency, the Tuscarawas County Health Department, and the Tuscarawas County Sheriff's Office.

Mr. Sciarretti seconded the Resolution and the roll call being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

ROLL CALL VOTE: Chris Abbuhl, yes;
 Al Landis, yes;
 Joe Sciarretti, yes;

I hereby certify the above and foregoing to be a true and correct account of the proceedings as had by and before the Board on the day and year first written above.


Adam Stilgenbauer, Clerk of the Board