



Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Houghton County Board of Commissioners, held at the Houghton County Courthouse, 401 E. Houghton Avenue, Houghton, Michigan on the January 22, 2021.

PRESENT: Albert Koskela, Tom Tikkanen, Glenn Anderson, Gretchen Janssen, Roy Britz

ABSENT: None

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Commissioners Tikkanen, Britz and Anderson.

RESOLUTION 21-01

IN SUPPORT OF LOCAL BUSINESS

WHEREAS, the Novel Coronavirus (Covid-19) is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death; and

WHEREAS, the Houghton County Board of Commissioners recognizes that Covid-19 is having direct 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, to date, the County has had 2268 cases of Covid-19, or one in 16 residents, and 34 deaths, or one in 1076 residents, and

WHEREAS, the Houghton County Board of Commissioners understands that many local businesses have suffered and continue to suffer economic harm due to Covid-19; and

WHEREAS, Governor Whitmer's administration has now opened the state to most business except, restaurants, bars, night clubs and contact sports; and

WHEREAS, Michigan is currently one of only three states with a statewide ban on indoor dining; and

WHEREAS, we call on Governor Whitmer and the Michigan Legislature offer state grants to financially assist affected small restaurant and bar owners; and

WHEREAS, Houghton County Board of Commissioners recognizes that our citizens and visitors are resourceful, intelligent and capable of safely supporting businesses while following safe Covid-19 protocols; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Houghton County Board of Commissioners call upon Governor Whitmer and MDHHS Director Gordon to immediately suspend restrictions on in person dining, bars and indoor rinks.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to Governor Whitmer, both Speakers of the House of Representatives and the Senate, along with the Michigan Association of Counties and all Counties within Michigan.

Houghton County Board of Commissioners
Albert Koskela, Board Chair and District 2 Commissioner _____

Thomas Tikkanen, Vice Chair and District 1 Commissioner _____

Glenn Anderson, District 3 Commissioner _____

Gretchen Janssen, District 4 Commissioner _____

Roy Britz, District 5 Commissioner _____

Motion offered at a regular meeting of the Houghton County Board of Commissioners,
Tuesday, January 22, 2021.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

STATE OF MICHIGAN)

)ss.

COUNTY OF HOUGHTON)

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the County of Houghton, State of Michigan do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the County Board of the County of Houghton at a regular meeting held on the ____ Day of January, 2021, the original of which resolution is on file in my office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the County of Houghton, Houghton, Michigan, this ____ Day of _____, 2021.

Jennifer Kelly, Clerk

County of Houghton