

DOCKET NO. 2020-2-19

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, in December, 2019, a novel strain of coronavirus known as COVID-19 was detected, and COVID-19 has continued to spread throughout the world, including to the United States and the State of Wisconsin, and

WHEREAS, the federal government, state governments, and local governments are working together to contain the further spread of the disease and treat existing cases, and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services declared a Public Health Emergency, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic, and on March 12, 2020, the Governor of the State of Wisconsin declared a Health Emergency in the State, and

WHEREAS, Taylor County has been working to protect the health and well-being of its residents from the spread of COVID-19 and to prepare for the impacts the disease is likely to have on the County, and

WHEREAS, the County Board has determined that it is necessary to make all possible resources and means available to the County in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of its residents from the threat posed by the continued spread of COVID-19.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED this 19th day of March, 2020, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 323.11, the Board finds and declares that an emergency exists within the County by reason of an imminent threat of disaster impairing medical care, health and other critical systems of the County due to the spread of COVID-19.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that during the period of emergency prescribed by this Resolution, the Board may order, by ordinance or resolution, whatever is necessary and expedient for the health, safety, protection and welfare of persons and property within the County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Board appoints an Emergency Committee consisting of the County Board Chair or designee, Emergency Management Director, Human Resource Manager/Administrative Coordinator, a Health Department Representative, a Human Services Department Representative and a Sheriff's Department Representative which is hereby authorized and directed by the Board to coordinate and administer the County's emergency

management response to include temporary flexibility of personnel policies. This committee will take into consideration the recommendations of the Department of Health Services (DHS) and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Emergency Management Director of the County is authorized and directed to carry out her duties under the County's Emergency Management Plan under the supervision and direction of the County Law Enforcement and Emergency Services Committee and perform such other duties as may be directed by further resolution of the Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any rule requiring physical attendance at any meetings of the Board is being hereby suspended during the period of emergency and the County Board Supervisors are hereby authorized to attend meetings of the Board remotely and the Board shall take all actions necessary to effectuate the same in compliance with all other applicable laws.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the requirements found in Wis. Stat. s. 59.20(3)a that the offices of sheriff, clerk of circuit court, register of deeds, treasurer, register of probate, clerk, and county surveyor shall be open during the usual business hours of any day, may be suspended or modified at the discretion of the respective officer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, based upon the information available to the Board and the ongoing threat posed by the spread of COVID-19, the period of emergency shall continue for the duration of the public health emergency.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Jim Metz, Taylor County Board Chair