

IN THE MATTER OF: RESOLUTION –BUDGET REDUCTION PLAN DUE TO COVID-19;
EFFECTIVE APRIL 13, 2020

_____ offered the following resolution and moved the adoption of the same, which was duly seconded by _____.

WHEREAS, The Seneca County Commissioners, Shayne Thomas, Anthony Paradiso, Michael Kerschner met in open and regular session on this 9th day of April, 2020, and

WHEREAS, Seneca County declared a State of Emergency in response to COVID-19 on Thursday, March 26th, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Health and Governor Mike DeWine ordered nonessential businesses closed including bars, restaurants, salons and others. This is significantly curtailing sales tax-generating activity, which is a major source of revenue. The Ohio Department of Health and Governor DeWine closed the casinos in Ohio on March 12, 2020, another source of county revenue, and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio has experienced an extraordinary number of unemployment claims, thus impacting consumer confidence and discretionary income and potentially furthering the damage to sales tax receipts. Additional negative financial implications will be experienced due to reduced jail housing revenue and interest income, and

WHEREAS, the Seneca County Budget Commission decreased its revenue projection by \$2,000,000.00 on Tuesday, April 7, 2020. All counties in the State of Ohio must maintain a balanced budget, and therefore, be it,

RESOLVED, that the Seneca County Board of Commissioners shall reduce the personnel salary budget line by 20% for each General Fund department commencing April 13th, 2020. That a hiring freeze is now in place, travel budget funds lines will be reduced to zero for the remainder of the year, supply fund lines will be reduced to half for the remainder of the year, no new capital projects will be undertaken that are not supported by grant funding. Any appeal to any of these orders should be directed to the board of commissioners;

RESOLVED, that the commissioners recommend the county move to a four-day workweek. All existing entities that have a contract with the county will be appropriately notified and those contracts are subject to cancellation or re-negotiation.

RESOLVED, Be it said that the Seneca County Board of Commissioners would not contemplate such drastic measures if other viable options existed; fully comprehend the devastating impact that this will have on our family of employees; commit to the citizens of Seneca County to do our utmost to continue to provide county services to the highest extent of our ability and restore full operations when practical and deemed safe.

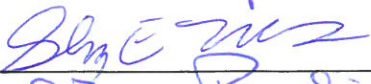
RESOLVED, That the Clerk to the Board be and she is hereby authorized and instructed a certified copy of this resolution with the any offices or parties in line with this action, and be it further

RESOLVED, that it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and related to the adoption of this resolution were so adopted in an open meeting of this Board and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its communities that resulted in such formal actions, were in meeting open to the public and in compliance with all legal requirements.

Mr. Kerschner– _____

Mr. Paradiso– YES

Mr. Thomas – YES



Anthony Paradiso

I, the undersigned, Clerk to the Board, Seneca County, Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy from the official record of said Board of County Commissioners as recorded in Resolution 20 -

Clerk to the Board