

# Champaign County Commissioners

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March 16, 2020

**THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of Champaign County, Ohio met in emergency session March 16, 2020 with the following present:**

Bob Corbett  
Steve Hess

Mr. Hess moved the Board adopt the following Resolution:

### CHAMPAIGN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO COVID – 19

**WHEREAS, Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death, which is caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus that is a new strain of coronavirus that had not been previously identified in humans; and**

**WHEREAS, Champaign County, Ohio, may be affected by the COVID-19 can endanger health, safety, and welfare of persons within the border of Champaign County, Ohio; 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 DeWine issued Executive Order # 202-013 on March 9, 2020, declaring a State of Emergency for the COVID-19 pandemic; and**

**WHEREAS, the State of Ohio announced its first case of community acquired COVID-19 on March 11, 2020; and**

**WHEREAS, the event may exceed all locally available public and private resources available to alleviate the effects of this emergency; and**

**WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has determined that it is in the best interested of the County, in consultation with Champaign County Emergency Management and Homeland Security and Champaign County Health District, to take the necessary actions before cases are identified in our area to prevent COVID-19 from spreading; now therefore**

**BE IT RESOLVED that the Champaign County Board of Commissioners declares a State of Emergency exists in Champaign County and that we hereby invoke and declare that pursuant to section 5502.21 of the Revised Code, an emergency exists related to COVID-19 that requires actions to be taken to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Champaign County.**

**This declaration of a State of Emergency shall activate the response recovery aspects of any and all local and inter-jurisdictional disaster emergency plans which are applicable to Champaign County, Ohio, and shall initiate the rendering of aid and assistance thereunder as needed.**

**Reference is hereby made to the Champaign County Emergency Operations Plan and all appropriate laws, statutes, ordinances and resolutions; and**

- 1. Any rights or powers lawfully exercised, or any actions taken pursuant to local disaster emergency plans shall continue and have full force and effect as authorized by law unless modified or terminated in the manner prescribed by law.**
- 2. That the County Clerk/Administrator is hereby authorized to:**
  - a. Utilize all necessary resources and personnel of the Board of Commissioners to respond to this emergency pursuant to Resolution endorsing the participation of county employees in assisting with responding and recovering during a declared emergency and/or points or dispensing.**
  - b. Exempt from the competitive bidding process purchases related to the emergency that are greater than \$50,000 but less than \$100,000, so long as no fewer than three informal estimates are obtained.**
  - c. Take those actions that are necessary and appropriate, including the delegation of administrative and departmental functions among responsible staff to assure proper implementation in exercising this authority.**
  - d. Report to the Board of Commissioners on any actions taken pursuant to this resolution.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Champaign County Board of County Commissioners is requesting the Champaign County Emergency Management Agency to activate the Champaign County Emergency Operations Center for the duration of the emergency in order to coordinate response efforts.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the **State of Emergency** shall end in thirty days unless renewed by a majority vote of this Board.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the **Clerk/Administrator of the Board** certify copies of this resolution to **Health Commissioner Gabe Jones**, and **Emergency Management Agency Director Jim Freeman**.

Mr. Corbett seconded the motion and the result of the vote was:  
Mr. Corbett, yes; Mr. Hess, yes; Mr. Faulkner, absent.

I, **Andrea Millice**, Clerk/Administrator of the Board of Commissioners, certify this to be a true and correct statement as taken from the minutes of the Commissioners' Journal, Volume 64, under the date of March 16, 2020.

  
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Andrea Millice, Clerk/Administrator  
Champaign County Board of Commissioners  
Champaign County, Ohio

cc: Champaign County Health Commissioner Gabe Jones  
Champaign County Emergency Management Agency Director Jim Freeman