

ALPENA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BOARD ACTION #33

TO: County Clerk, County Treasurer
FROM: Alpena County Board of Commissioners
SUBJECT: RESOLUTION #21-29 SUPPORTING ARP STATE MATCH PROGRAMS
BOARD ACTION:

County Administrator Mary Catherine Hannah presented Resolution #21-29 for approval.

RESOLUTION #21-29
ALPENA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN
STATE MATCH PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan has faced tremendous challenges as it dealt with a deadly pandemic for nearly a year and a half and is now presented with an opportunity to strategically invest in our residents, entrepreneurs, businesses and communities; and

WHEREAS, Michigan will receive more than \$10 billion in fiscal recovery aid, with 82 counties slated to get 1.9 billion directly in American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds; and

WHEREAS, cities and larger townships will receive a total of \$1.8 billion and non-entitlement communities (smaller units) approximately \$644 million, with the state of Michigan itself receiving more than \$6.5 billion; and

WHEREAS, eligible expenditures include revenue reimbursements, savings and growing interest on the funds, broadband infrastructure, economic development and individual assistance programs; and

WHEREAS, county leaders are already under pressure to announce spending decisions and elected officials at all levels of government will have to make decisions on where and how they will use the dollars within federal guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Association of Counties is working on a match program to earmark close to \$4billion in state ARP funds to leverage all levels of government to strategically invest the one-time dollars in are of greatest need for improvement; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Association of Counties has received positive feedback on the ideas put forth for match programs within the state; and

WHEREAS, Michigan has a chance to amplify investments with the influx of federal funding and a collaborative effort by all levels of government that will allow the dollars to be stretched to invest in common goals; and

WHEREAS, the comprehensive approach to leverage ARP dollars will provide Michigan the ability to amplify investment for our future by focusing resources in five key areas-water infrastructure and broadband, local capacity and fiscal stability, housing and community development, comprehensive economic development and public health and safety; and


WHEREAS, our future success is inextricably linked, and strategic investment of our available resources needs to support and strengthen these connections;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Alpena County Board of Commissioners supports the American Rescue Plan State Match Programs and authorizes the Board Chairperson and staff to forward a copy of this resolution directly to all County Commissioners, or their equivalents, in each of the 83 counties in the State of Michigan.

Moved by Commissioner Thomson and supported by Commissioner Gilmet to adopt the above Resolution #21-29 as presented. Roll call vote: AYES: Commissioners Gilmet, Karschnick, Fournier, Osbourne, Thomson, Kozlowski and Adrian. NAYS: None. Commissioner Peterson, excused. Motion carried.

This action was XX APPROVED DISAPPROVED

BY: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Excused: 1 Absent: 0 Abstaining: 0

Alpena County Board Chairman's Signature: 

Alpena County Board Vice-Chairman's Signature: _____

Date of the Board Meeting: November 30, 2021



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District #2
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District #7
Vice-Chairman
Marty Thomson

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District #1
Commissioner
Don Gilmet

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District #3
Commissioner
Dave Karschnick

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District #4
Commissioner
Bill Peterson

WHEREAS, eligible expenditures include revenue reimbursements, savings and growing interest on the funds, broadband infrastructure, economic development and individual assistance programs; and

District #5
Commissioner
Brenda Fournier

WHEREAS, county leaders are already under pressure to announce spending decisions and elected officials at all levels of government will have to make decisions on where and how they will use the dollars within federal guidelines; and

District #6
Commissioner
Kevin Osbourne

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District #8
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County Administrator
Mary Catherine Hannah

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Board Assistant 1
Lynn Bunting

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Board Assistant 2
Kim Elke

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STATE OF MICHIGAN)
County of Alpena)



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert Adrian".

Robert Adrian, Chairman
Alpena County Board of Commissioners

I, the undersigned, being duly qualified and acting Clerk of Alpena County, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of certain proceedings taken by the Alpena County Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting held on the 30th day of November 2021, and that notice of said meeting was given in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.

IN TESTIMONY THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court, at Alpena this 30th day of November 2021.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bonnie Friedrichs".

Bonnie Friedrichs, Alpena County Clerk

EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Resolution To Condemn Federal Vaccine & Testing Mandates

December 15, 2021

Submitted by Commissioners Reynnet, Droscha, and Mulder on
behalf of the Eaton County Republican Women Alliance

Introduced by the Health and Human Services Committee

Commissioner Mott moved the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Reynnet.

A resolution to condemn President Joe Biden's decision to impose vaccine requirements on private and public employers and healthcare facilities receiving funds from The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and urge the Governor and Attorney General of Michigan to pursue all available avenues to challenge these unlawful mandates.

WHEREAS, on September 9, 2021, President Biden announced his administration's plan to impose strict COVID-19 vaccine requirements on private businesses. Effective January 4, 2022, employers with over 100 employees will be required to ensure employees are vaccinated or impose burdensome weekly testing regimens; and

WHEREAS, on November 5, 2021, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) also issued a federal vaccine mandate for staff within all Medicare and Medicaid-certified facilities including nursing homes, hospitals, dialysis facilities, ambulatory surgical settings, and home health agencies, among others, as a condition for participating in the Medicare and Medicaid programs, as well as, federal contractors, and the majority of federal workers; and

WHEREAS, these requirements are capricious and arbitrary, infringing on Americans' civil liberties. Health care decisions, including whether or not to get vaccinated, are deeply personal and should not be subject to governmental edicts that cannot account for unique, individual medical needs; and

WHEREAS, the vaccine requirement will impact two-thirds of the nation's private sector workforce. Imposing sanctions, such as lost employment, on the most economically vulnerable is unnecessarily cruel; and

WHEREAS, federal overreach will exacerbate supply chain shortages; interrupt manufacturing production; risk destabilizing our critical water, sewer, and energy infrastructure; put additional life-threatening pressure on our health care industry; cause interruption in our education system; and cause additional labor shortages across all industries; and

WHEREAS, employers are already experiencing significant resource and workforce shortages that will only be made worse by adding additional requirements that limit the number of workers available; and

WHEREAS, to date, at least 27 states have filed legal challenges or expressly stated an intention to push back against this type of federal government overreach. Resistance to the federal mandate by state leaders has been bipartisan, as three states with Democrat governors – Kansas, Kentucky, and Louisiana – have joined the lawsuits. However, Governor Gretchen Whitmer and Attorney General Dana Nessel have thus far acquiesced to President Biden's intrusion upon our state's sovereignty and policymaking process; and

WHEREAS, on September 7, 2021, the administrator of the Eaton County Healing and Recovery center, Martha Richard, stated during her Semi-Annual Update that the vaccine mandate would further exacerbate staffing shortage; and

WHEREAS, on November 6, 2021, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit placed a hold on President Biden's vaccine mandate; and

WHEREAS, on November 12, 2021, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, further affirmed, it's hold on the vaccine mandate; and

WHEREAS, on November 29, 2021, The US District Court of Missouri ruled against implementation and enforcement of CMS vaccine mandates; and

WHEREAS, on November 30, 2021, a federal judge issued a preliminary injunction to halt implementation of the President's mandate for health care workers, which had been set to begin this week; and

WHEREAS, on December 2, 2021, the President clearly articulated that his policy goals for the business and medical communities has not changed or evolved in light of the afore mentioned judicial action. While announcing his Winter Covid 19 plan, President Biden stated he believes that "all Americans can rally around" this plan and stated that the plan, including vaccine mandates, "should get bipartisan support.", and left ALL of the afore mentioned vaccine mandates in place, with implementation pending judicial review.

NOW HERE BY, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Eaton County Board of Commissioners, That we, on behalf of the citizens of Eaton County, condemn President Biden's decision to impose vaccine requirements on both public and private employers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we call upon Governor Gretchen Whitmer and Attorney General Dana Nessel to join those leaders who have filed suit to protect the interests of their states and their citizens and pursue all available avenues to challenge President Biden's unlawful mandate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the Governor of the State of Michigan, the Michigan Attorney General, and the commissioners of the other Michigan counties.

AYES: Commissioners Barnes, Mulder, Droscha, Reynnet, Ridge, Lautzenheiser, Mott, Rogers and Whittum.

NAYS: Commissioner Augustine, Haskell, Pearl-Wright, Whitacre, Mudry, and Brehler. Carried.

I certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by the Eaton County Board of Commissioners at its meeting held on December 15, 2021, and that notice of such meeting was given as provided by law.

 Eaton County Clerk