

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Otsego County Board of Commissioners, held at the Hayes Township Hall, 4283 M-32 West, Gaylord, Michigan on the 28th day of August 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

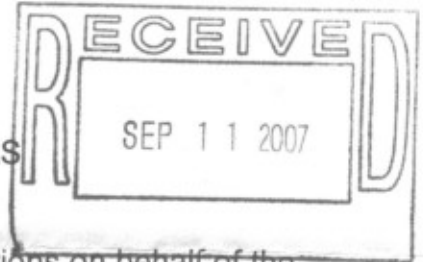
PRESENT: BACKENSTOSE, BEACHNAU, LISS, OLSEN, JOHNSON, HYDE, BENTZ.

ABSENT: BATES, GLASSER.

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Commissioner: BEACHNAU.

**RESOLUTION NO. OCR 07-39
Support of County Acceptance of
Passport Information**

OTSEGO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
August 28, 2007



Whereas, Michigan's Counties have been accepting passport applications on behalf of the United States Department of State for decades; and

Whereas, the ability to go to the county seat to apply for a passport gives citizens a convenient way to begin the process of obtaining a passport; and

Whereas, the county which issues a citizen's birth certificate certainly is in a much better position to verify someone's legal identity than the state or another county; and

Whereas, the United States Department of State recently issued letters to Michigan Counties informing them they are no longer able to accept passport applications from those citizens whom they have issued a birth certificate; and

Whereas, this decision, which is not pursuant to statute, would cause significant hardships in the rural areas of Michigan, which do not have a multitude of other outlets for citizens to apply for passports; and

Whereas, the vast majority of citizens in rural counties reside in their county of birth, and under this change would have to, in many cases, leave their county of residence to process a passport application; and

Whereas, in concert with the backlogs in issuing passports due to the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative, this proposal will likely greatly exacerbate the backlog for approval of passport applications; and

Whereas, this policy recommendation was put into effect without approval of Congress, and without any public comment period or public input; and

Whereas, this rule change will have a significant impact on counties' revenue streams, as less residents of the county will be able to use the services of the county clerk to process a passport application; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Otsego County Board of Commissioners urges the United States Department of State to reconsider implementation of this regulation; and be it further

Resolved, that copies of this resolution be sent to President George Bush, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, Congressman Bart Stupak, Senator Debbie Stabenow, Senator Carl Levin, Senator Gerald VanWoerkom, Representative Kevin Elsenheimer, Senator Tony Stamas, NACo, Michigan Association of Counties and the other 82 counties.

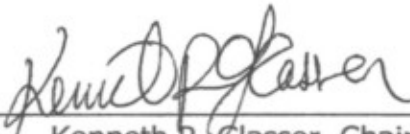
A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

YES: UNANIMOUS.

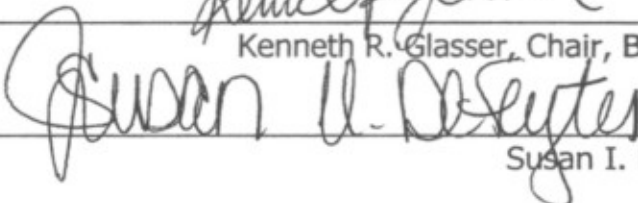
NO: NONE.

ABSTAIN: NONE.

THE RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED.



Kenneth R. Glasser, Chair, Board of Commissioners



Susan I. DeFeyter, County Clerk

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) ss.
COUNTY OF OTSEGO)

The undersigned, being the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the County of Otsego, hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Otsego County Board of Commissioners at its regular meeting held on the 28th day of August, 2007, at which meeting a quorum was present and remained throughout and that an original thereof is on file in the records of the County. I further certify that the meeting was conducted, and public notice thereof was given, pursuant to and in full compliance with Act No. 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended, and that minutes of such meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required thereby.



Susan I. DeFeyter, County Clerk

DATED: 9th, 2007