

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners, held at the Chippewa County Courthouse, 319 Court St., Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan on the 8th day of February, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Scott Shackleton, Richard Timmer, Ted Postula, Don Cooper, James Moore, Don McLean and Jesse Knoll

ABSENT: None

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Commissioner McLean seconded by Commissioner Timmer.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 10-03**

#### **RESOLUTION OBJECTING TO ELECTION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM LICENSE RENEWAL FEES**

**WHEREAS**, the State of Michigan has entered into contract pricing for software license fees established for the GEMS Election Management System; and,

**WHEREAS**, the pricing is the same for all who utilize the software regardless of whether the County performs the programming, or a vendor performs the programming and the County only utilizes the software for uploading local election results; and,

**WHEREAS**, Chippewa County does not program for elections and utilizes a vendor to provide the programming for elections, and already pays for this service; and,

**WHEREAS**, Chippewa County only utilizes the software to upload local elections results, so as to compile reports required by the State of Michigan; and,

**WHEREAS**, Chippewa County would be required to pay an estimated \$6,000.00 per year simply to upload local election results on election night; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost of this license renewal is an unfunded mandate required by the State of Michigan; and

**WHEREAS**, the original agreement distributed by the State of Michigan in 2004, never mentioned these exorbitant fees.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners objects to the contract license cost for GEMS Election management System in the current structure, and encourages the State of Michigan to negotiate a fee structure which incorporates a prorated payment schedule for counties who do not utilize the entire programming element of the GEMS software.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to Senator Jason Allen, Representative Gary McDowell, Governor Jennifer Granholm, and the County Clerks of the State of Michigan.

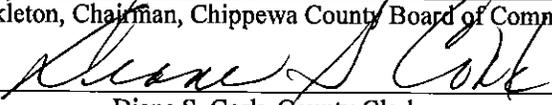
**A VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS**

AYES: Shackleton, Timmer, Postula, Cooper, Moore, McLean and Knoll

NAYS: None

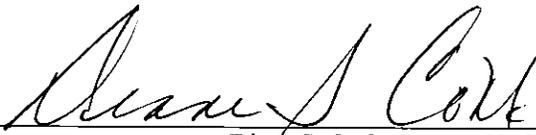
**RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.**

  
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Scott Shackleton, Chairman, Chippewa County Board of Commissioners

  
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Diane S. Cork, County Clerk

STATE OF MICHIGAN        )  
  ) ss.  
COUNTY OF CHIPPEWA    )

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the resolution adopted by the County Board of Commissioners of Chippewa County at a regular meeting held on the date first stated above, and I further certify that public notice of such meeting was given as provided by law.

  
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Diane S. Cork, County Clerk