

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 13th day of July, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Scott Shackleton, Don McLean, Jim Martin, Conor Egan and Rudy Johnson

ABSENT: None

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

RESOLUTION NO. 15-15

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF MAINTAINING THE STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES OFFICE IN ALGER COUNTY

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan, Family Independence Agency now known as the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has been a tenant of the County of Alger since before 1978;

WHEREAS, the County of Alger incurred considerable long-term debt to enlarge its courthouse in 1998 by approximately 20% to accommodate the needs of the DHHS through the sale of bonds in excess of one million;

WHEREAS, imminent failure of outdated equipment created a need to refinance said bonds in 2011- extending the term of the mortgage to 2026;

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan now wishes to sever the long standing partnership between DHHS and Alger County which Alger County depends on to repay the debt incurred on the Department's behalf;

WHEREAS, the closure of the Alger County DHHS office would adversely impact the in-need population if Alger County and – despite what Bob Wheaton was quoted in the May 28, 2015 Lansing State Journal as saying - is NOT “putting people first”.

WHEREAS, local sources indicate there are few or no community partners available, and both privacy for clients and safety for children will be lost;

WHEREAS, the loss of the lease payment would result in a deficit within the Alger County budget of over \$100,000 and impose the need for reduction in critical services;

WHEREAS, the Alger County general fund balance is well below the recommended 60-day operational budget. The Alger County general fund budget for 2015 is \$3.7 million, so \$100,000 is significant;

WHEREAS, Alger County will honor its debts and keep the promises made.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners do hereby recognize and support Alger County's respectfully requesting that Governor Rick Snyder and our State of Michigan Legislature keep the promises the State has made and restore and maintain the funding for the Department of Health and Human Services in Alger County.

A VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS

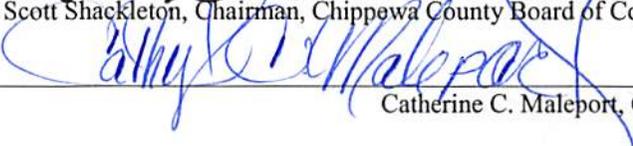
AYES: Shackleton, McLean, Martin, Egan, Johnson

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.



Scott Shackleton, Chairman, Chippewa County Board of Commissioners



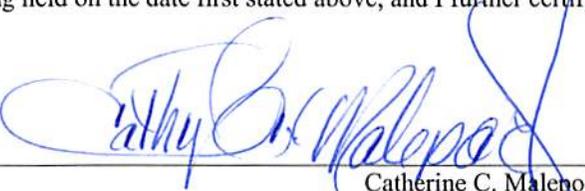
Catherine C. Maleport, County Clerk

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.



Catherine C. Maleport, County Clerk