

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 21st day of December, 2015 at 5:30 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 Martin.

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Resolution in support of Eastern Upper Peninsula Regional Planning and Development Commission (EUP) application on behalf of the Eastern Upper Peninsula Regional Prosperity Collaborative

WHEREAS, Governor Snyder and the Michigan Legislature have created the Regional Prosperity Initiative with the goal of improving organizational collaboration to further economic prosperity; and

WHEREAS, in 2014 and 2015 EUP was awarded funds to form and continue a Regional Prosperity Collaborative to foster greater communication and collaboration among organizations involved in economic, workforce, and community development; adult and higher education; transportation; and other areas; and

WHEREAS, the Eastern Upper Peninsula Regional Prosperity Collaborative (REDAC) is composed of Chippewa, Luce and Mackinac Counties, known as Prosperity Region 1c; and

WHEREAS, EUP completed a five-year Regional Prosperity Plan in 2014 and has been implementing some priority projects in 2015, in the areas of economic development, career and technical education, broadband internet, housing, and recreation planning; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan enacted legislation in 2015 authorizing and appropriating funds for continuation of the Regional Prosperity Initiative for Fiscal Year 2016; and

WHEREAS, only EUP is eligible in the Eastern Upper Peninsula to receive funding under the Regional Prosperity Initiative; and

WHEREAS, EUP has the opportunity to form a Regional Prosperity Council in 2016, which includes representation from private, public, and nonprofit entities with shared administrative services and an executive governing entity, as demonstrated by a formal local agreement(s), and which requires development of a ten-year Regional Prosperity Plan; and

WHEREAS, EUP is proposing to form a Regional Prosperity Council, develop the required ten-year plan, and implement new and continuing priority projects in 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE Chippewa County Board of Commissioners hereby supports the Eastern Upper Peninsula Regional Planning and Development Commission's grant application for the Fiscal Year 2016 Regional Prosperity Initiative.

A VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS

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

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.



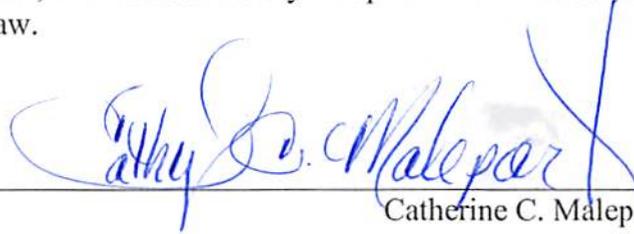
Scott Shackleton, Chairman, Chippewa County Board of Commissioners



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

December 14th, 2015

Jeff Hagan, Chief Executive Officer
Eastern Upper Peninsula Regional Planning and Development Commission &
UPWARD Talent Council – Eastern Upper Peninsula Regional Director
1118 East Easterday Avenue
Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan 49783

Dear Mr. Hagan:

On behalf of Chippewa County, I hereby state our support for the Regional Prosperity Initiative grant application that the Eastern Upper Peninsula Regional Planning and Development Commission (EUPRPDC) has prepared for Prosperity Region 1(c), Michigan's Eastern Upper Peninsula.

The ongoing effort in the Eastern Upper Peninsula between professionals in economic development, workforce development, transportation, education (post-secondary, adult, and K-12), community leaders, and private businesses under the banner of the Regional Prosperity Initiative has begun to positively affect the region's economy and has provided grounds for collaboration that previously did not exist. Through *Elevating the Eastern Upper Peninsula*—a plan that combines the state-level Regional Prosperity Plan and the federal-level Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy—the Eastern Upper Peninsula now has economic development guide that outlines both where organizational collaboration and strengthening should occur, as well as projects and initiatives that organizations and local units of government have strategically identified to improve their respective communities and economies. We have already seen this initiative pay dividends in several instances: the projects that EUPRPDC has pursued using grant funding that was not available prior to the inception of the Regional Prosperity Initiative, and the integration of staffing between EUPRPDC and Michigan Works! If awarded again, we know EUPRPDC will continue to work this model to the region's advantage, which will benefit the vitality of the region itself.

As a stakeholder in this part of Michigan, we fully support the EUPRPDC's application on behalf of the entire region; and we are committed to participating in this initiative. We believe EUPRPDC's leadership in the transition from collaborative to council is appropriate and will elevate the region to new heights.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Shackleton", written over a horizontal line.

Scott Shackleton, County Commission Chair
Chippewa County