

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 9th day of May, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

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

ABSENT: None

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

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RESOLUTION URGING STATE TRANSPARENCY

WHEREAS, in 2015, the Center of Public Integrity and Global Integrity conducted a national study of state ethics and transparency laws and safeguards, in which the State of Michigan was ranked last; and

WHEREAS, some of the reasons cited for the State's poor ranking was weak public records laws and the absence of laws requiring personal financial disclosures by lawmakers and top state officials; and

WHEREAS, another glaring issue cited was the exemption of the governor and the legislature from state open records laws; and

WHEREAS, the State had required transparency from local municipalities through EVIP and CIP, yet the State has chosen to not take the opportunity to lead by example; and

WHEREAS, this Board, along with its fellow Boards feels it is time that the State lawmakers and top officials stop exempting themselves from the laws that they expect others to follow; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners urges State lawmakers and top officials to stop the hypocrisy of exempting themselves from the laws that they enact for the governance of the State of Michigan, of which they are included; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to all Michigan counties, Senator Schmidt, Representative Chatfield, Governor Snyder and the Michigan Association of Counties.

A VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS

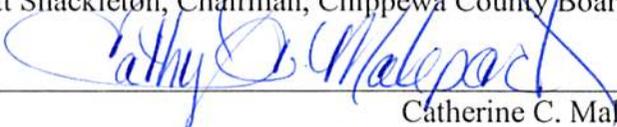
AYES: Scott Shackleton, Don McLean, Jim Martin, Rudy Johnson and Conor Egan

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.



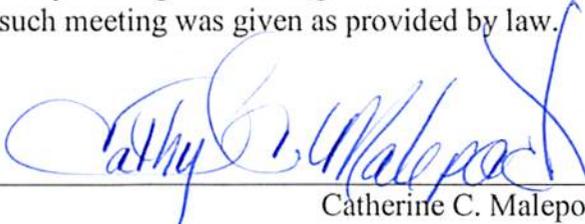
Scott Shackleton, Chairman, Chippewa County Board of Commissioners



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