

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners, held at the Chippewa County Building, 325 Court St., Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan on the 14th day of August 2025 at 4:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Jim Martin, Scott Shackleton, Justin Knepper, Damon Lieurance and Jim Traynor

ABSENT: None

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Commissioner Shackleton and seconded by Commissioner Knepper.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-15

County Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of \$2,500.00 annually from the Opioid Settlement Fund to the Chippewa County Health Department for the Purpose of Facilitation and Administration Expenses Associated with Leadership of the County's Opioid Settlement Planning Efforts starting October 2025

WHEREAS, as of August 1, 2025, Chippewa County has received \$463,646.29 from the settlements of multiple opioid-related lawsuits, and the total funding anticipated to be received by the County will occur over 18 years and is estimated to be \$1.6 million; and

WHEREAS, these funds are available to the County for use in remediating the impacts of opioids on the population of Chippewa County, including overdose reversal, treatment, recovery, prevention, planning, and evaluation, as described in Exhibit E - <https://www.attorneygeneral.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/Exhibit-E-Final-Distributor-Settlement-Agreement-8-11-21.pdf>; and

WHEREAS, on November 14, 2024, the Board of Commissioners established via resolution 2024-34 an Opioid Settlement Steering Committee to develop recommendations regarding the investment by the County of settlement funds, appointments were made on May 15, 2025, to the Committee; and

WHEREAS, the planning of opioid settlement funds is expected to include stakeholder and community engagement, needs assessment and resource inventory, identification of funding mechanisms and priorities, defining ongoing monitoring and accountability metrics, and development of a transition plan for ongoing oversight; and

WHEREAS, the Opioid Settlement Committee met on August 7, 2025, and will continue to meet, as needed to present recommendations to the Board of Commissioners annually; and

WHEREAS, the Chippewa County Administration initially managed the establishment of the Committee, solicited approval of the inaugural Request for Funding, and will now pass the opioid planning efforts to the Chippewa County Health Department (CCHD); as the initial contracts have been vetted and are ready for approval; and

WHEREAS, to date no county financial resources have been requested nor allocated to support this planning work; nor have any of the Opioid Settlement Funds been spent; and

WHEREAS, the scope of planning and the time required to support planning have expanded, and additional resources are necessary to ensure that the County delivers a sound, effective set of recommendations to the Board of Commissioners without disruption to the other critical health services provided by CCHD; and

WHEREAS, the County and Health Department reviewed the opioid remediation specifications and have determined a ten percent (10%) indirect rate for grantees and County planning efforts.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the transfer of \$2,500.00 on annually starting October 1st, 2025, from the opioid settlement fund to the Chippewa County Health Department for the purpose of facilitation and administration expenses associated with leadership of the county's opioid settlement planning efforts. Payments will be made annually until the Opioid Settlement Funds are expended per the settlement to remediate the impact of opioids.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board of Commissioners authorizes the budget adjustments necessary to complete the transfer.

A VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS

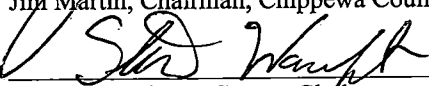
AYES: Jim Martin, Scott Shackleton, Justin Knepper, Damon Lieurance and Jim Traynor

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.



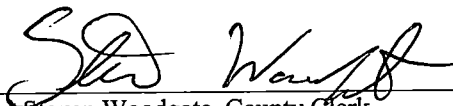
Jim Martin, Chairman, Chippewa County Board of Commissioners



Steven Woodgate, 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.



Steven Woodgate, County Clerk