

At a regular meeting of the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners, Chippewa County, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, held at the Chippewa County Building, 325 Court Street, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 on February 15, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Jim Martin, Damon Lieurance, Bob Savoie, Scott Shackleton, and Jim Traynor

ABSENT: None

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Savoie, supported by Commissioner Lieurance;

RESOLUTION 2024-05

A RESOLUTION FROM CHIPPEWA COUNTY EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE CITIZENS FOR LOCAL CHOICE BALLOT INITIATIVE WHICH SEEKS TO AMEND THE CLEAN AND RENEWABLE ENERGY AND ENERGY WASTE REDUCTION ACT TO REPEAL PART 8 AS ADDED BY PUBLIC ACT 233 OF 2023, IN AN EFFORT TO RESTORE LOCAL CONTROL FOR WIND AND SOLAR OPERATIONS

WHEREAS, the ability of local jurisdictions to determine for themselves which projects should and should not be in their local communities; what plans are best and reasonable for each neighborhood rather than these decisions be forced onto Townships without their best interest at hand; and

WHEREAS, the legislature of the State of Michigan has passed and the Governor has signed House Bill 5120, now Public Act 233 of 2023, that strips away local community control on these issues and places the control within the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC), and

WHEREAS, the Chippewa County will protect our communities land from the MPSC and special interests trying to strip away local control within legal limits; and

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners of Chippewa County feel strongly that our local government is best able to assess the needs of our community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Chippewa County Board of Commissioner of Chippewa resolves the following:

Section 1. Chippewa County is opposed to the legislature of the State of Michigan's passage of legislation that takes away local control and places it within the authority of the MPSC.

Section 2. Chippewa County is opposed to corporation- prioritized action such as building utility-scale wind and solar projects in our community.

Section 3. Chippewa County supports the statewide ballot initiative, Citizens for Local Choice, a grassroots coalition of local officials and community organizers across Michigan working to amend the Clean and Renewable Energy and Energy Waste Reduction Act to, among other things, repeal Part 8 as added by Public Act 233 of 2023 which will restore local control of land use to ensure reasonable regulation in our widely diverse communities.

