

CHIPPEWA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT:
WAYSIDE CHURCH, *et al* v VAN BUREN COUNTY, *et al*
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN CASE NO. 1:14-CV-01274**

RESOLUTION # 2022-21

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of CHIPPEWA County, Michigan, held in the CHIPPEWA County Courthouse, in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, on December 22nd, 2022, at 4:30 p.m., local time.

PRESENT: Commissioners Jim Martin, Robert Savoie, Scott Shackleton, and Don McLean

ABSENT: Commissioners Ted Postula

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Shackleton and supported by Commissioner Savoie.

WHEREAS, Wayside Church, *et al*, filed a class action complaint against a number of counties in the United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan in Civil Action No. 1:14-cv-01274 (“Complaint”); and

WHEREAS, Parties have been exploring and preparing defenses and participating in settlement negotiations under the oversight of the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals Mediation process; and,

WHEREAS, the parties are desirous of avoiding future litigation and controversy and after extensive negotiations, have agreed to certain terms and conditions set forth in the Settlement and Release Agreement, subject to approval by the Court, and as outlined by counsel; and

WHEREAS, the County understands that the Settlement and Release Agreement is a compromise of a disputed claim and that payment(s) made and conditions state therein are not to be construed as an admission of liability on the part of the parties being released by who all liability is expressly denied; and,

WHEREAS, after consultation with legal counsel, and the County Treasurer and upon the recommendation and endorsement of the Settlement by each, the County believes it is in the best interests of the citizens of CHIPPEWA County to resolve the litigation in accordance with the Settlement and Release Agreement, subject to approval by the Court.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the CHIPPEWA County Board of Commissioners approves entering into the Settlement and Release Agreement in connection with Civil Action No. 1:14-cv-01274, subject to approval by the Court.

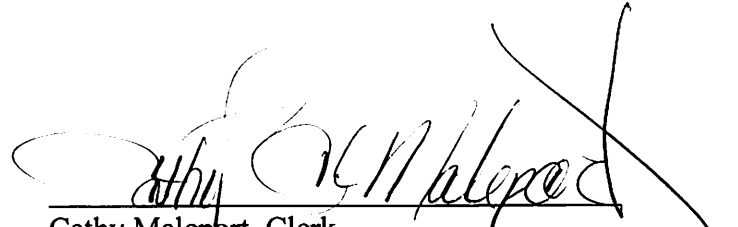
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners, the Treasurer or counsel are hereby authorized to sign the Settlement and Release Agreement on behalf of CHIPPEWA County, subject to approval by the Court.

YEAS: Commissioners Jim Martin, Robert Savoie, Scott Shackleton, and Don McLean

NAYS: Commissioners None

ABSTAIN: Commissioners None

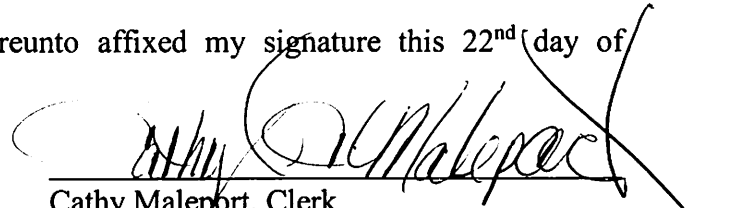
RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.


Cathy Maleport, Clerk
County of CHIPPEWA

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) SS
COUNTY OF CHIPPEWA)

I, Cathy Maleport, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of CHIPPEWA County, Michigan (the “County”) does hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners at a meeting held on December 22, 2022, the original of which is on file in my office. Public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in compliance with Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1976, as amended.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my signature this 22nd day of December, 2022.


Cathy Maleport, Clerk
County of CHIPPEWA