

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 13th day of June 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

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

ABSENT: None

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Commissioner Lieurance and seconded by Commissioner Traynor.

RESOLUTION #2023-09

Opposition to Legislative Proposals on Establishing a Statewide Septic Code

Whereas, the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners understands the importance for clean water, which a public health matter for all the counties, but particularly for those with shoreline on the Great Lakes; and

Whereas, the local Chippewa County Health Department, follows *The Upper Peninsula Environmental Health Code* which is for the purpose of protecting public health and safety and the quality of the environment; adopted pursuant to the Michigan Public Health Code, and

Whereas, the Chippewa County Health Department inspects and issues permits for Type II, Type III water wells, septic systems, along with public pools and beaches throughout the County, as well as, for both residential and commercial property systems; and

Whereas, this proposed code would apply to all residential and commercial systems and the Chippewa County Board Commissioners opposes any additional requirements for inspection of septic wastewater systems; as the proposed policy changes may be overly burdensome; for businesses and local residences alike; and

Whereas, recent proposals House Bills 4479 and 4480 and Senate Bills 299 and 300, only reintroduce a failed bipartisan septic code package from 2018; without structure or an agreed upon timing for the proposed inspections; and

Whereas, these changes would cause undue hardship for our citizens, as Chippewa County lacks the needed infrastructure and manpower that would be necessary to uphold the proposed Code changes, and

