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CHIPPEWA COUNTY
March 12, 2026 – 4:30 p.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

TO PARTICIPATE REMOTELY:

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order – Chairman Jim Martin
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Additions, Deletions, and agenda Approval
5. Approval of County Board Minutes
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10. Standing Committee Reports

- a. Finance, Claims and Accounts – Commissioner Shackleton – March 10, 2026 – To be handed out

11. Commissioner report on meetings as Board Representative and General Comments

12. Adjournment



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**CHIPPEWA COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**
Regular Session
February 12, 2026

The Chippewa County Board of Commissioners met at a regular session on Thursday, February 12, 2026, in the 91st District Courtroom.

Chairman Martin called the meeting to order at 4:29 P.M. with a quorum present. The meeting was also available via zoom. Commissioner Traynor lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Commissioners Justin Knepper, Damon Lieurance, James Traynor and Chairman Jim Martin

ABSENT: Scott Shackleton

ALSO PRESENT: Administrator Kelly Church, Clerk Steven Woodgate, Administrative assistant Cady Bauers, and 4 members of the public. 6 members of the public logged in via zoom.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

It was moved by Commissioner Lieurance, supported by Commissioner Knepper, to approve the agenda as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Knepper, supported by Commissioner Lieurance, to accept the following minutes as presented:

- Organizational Meeting – January 5, 2026

On a voice vote, the motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE

It was moved by Commissioner Knepper, supported by Commissioner Traynor, for the correspondence be forward in Clerk's office to the proper entity. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dave Deuman said he appreciated the Commission on taking the time to consider Resolution 2026-01.

Sarah Karasinski spoke about the Commission changing the requirements for board members and EUPTA not having an advisory committee

Phylis Reed spoke about the problems with the cuts in the Neebish Island Ferry schedule and that EUPTA has \$7 million in their savings.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Kelly Church provided for informational purposes only – *no action items*.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 2026-01

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Knepper and supported by Commissioner Lieurance.

**Supporting Citizen Petition to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Regarding Canal
Dredging of the St. Mary's River
2026-01**

WHEREAS, the Chippewa County Board of Commission recognizes the importance of maintaining healthy and navigable waterways for the benefit of residents, wildlife, and the broader community; and

WHEREAS, a petition has been submitted by residents David and Heather Deuman of 15905 S. Scenic Drive, Barbeau, Michigan, along with other concerned citizens, requesting assistance from the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers to dredge the canal located in front of their residential properties, which connects directly to the St. Mary's River; and

WHEREAS, the canal has experienced significant sediment accumulation resulting in stagnant water, trapped wildlife, excessive algae growth, overpopulation of amphibians, and reduced navigability, thereby impacting the local ecosystem, recreational use, and property enjoyment; and

WHEREAS, the petition seeks federal evaluation and potential dredging assistance to restore the canal's function and improve water access for the benefit of Bruce Township residents and the surrounding environment; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED, that Chippewa County Board of Commissioners formally supports the citizen petition submitted to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and encourage federal consideration of dredging assistance for the affected canal.

A ROLL-CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: Commissioners Knepper, Shackleton, Traynor, and Chairman Martin

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Shackleton

RESOLUTION 2026-01 DECLARED ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2026-02

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Lieurance and supported by Commissioner Knepper.

SPECIAL TRIBUTE 2026-02

Carmen Fazzari

Let It Be Known, that it is with great pride that the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners join with the employees and residents of Chippewa County, to express their wish for good health and happiness upon **Carmen Fazzari's** retirement as she prepares for the new and exciting experiences that lie ahead.

Carmen Fazzari has served the citizens of Chippewa County with unquestionable integrity, and for this we extend our thanks. **Carmen Fazzari** provided exceptional service to thousands of individuals for the past twenty-nine plus years.

Carmen Fazzari has taken personal pride in her work with Chippewa County starting here in November of 1996 and has served in all three positions in the Treasurer's Office, Deputy Treasurer, Chief Deputy Treasurer and was appointed Chippewa County Treasurer on November 1, 2019, and will be retiring February 28, 2026.

Carmen Fazzari through her recommendations, her high-performance standards, her friendship, her effectiveness, and her awareness to her fellow workers and citizens place her in the highest of categories.

Carmen Fazzari has served the citizens of Chippewa County with honesty and integrity and the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Chippewa County, extends their appreciation to a fellow elected official, and friend who is thoughtful, caring, dedicated, and who made a favorable impact on the betterment of life and well being in Chippewa County.

IN SPECIAL TRIBUTE, therefore upon her retirement from Chippewa County, this document is signed and dedicated to honor **Carmen Fazzari**, for her contributions to Chippewa County, and the individuals she served so well, we join to extend to **Carmen Fazzari** a gracious thank you for a job well done. Congratulations on your retirement.

A ROLL-CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: Commissioners Knepper, Shackleton, Traynor, and Chairman Martin
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Shackleton

RESOLUTION 2026-02 DECLARED ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2026-03

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Lieurance and supported by Commissioner Knepper.

Resolution 2026-03

Supporting Michigan House Bills 5152 and 5153

WHEREAS, the Office of the Register of Deeds is charged with maintaining accurate, accessible, and secure land records that form the foundation of real property ownership, economic development, and public trust in local governments; and

WHEREAS, predatory practices have been identified where third-party firms target vulnerable residents who are facing mortgage foreclosure and convince them to sell either their property or their statutory rights to surplus foreclosure proceeds and redemption for a fraction of the true value, often stripping residents of tens of thousands of dollars in home equity; and

WHEREAS, House Bills 5152 and 5153 have been introduced in the Michigan Legislature to amend the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, providing critical protection for homeowners during mortgage foreclosure proceedings; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 5153 would directly stop this predatory model by making a mortgagor's right to surplus money and right of redemption non-assignable and non-transferable after a notice of foreclosure is recorded, except through legitimate testate or intestate succession; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 5152 would further protect homeowners by requiring a mandatory "Notice of Rights" for any conveyance of property after a foreclosure notice is recorded, ensuring the seller fully understands they are waiving their rights to redemption, occupancy, and surplus proceeds; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Association of Registers of Deeds recognizes that one of the roles of the Register of Deeds Office is to protect the property rights of the public and recognizes House Bills 5152 and 5153 are securing said rights.

WHEREAS, the Michigan Association of Registers of Deeds fully supports House Bills 5152 and 5153, which will protect State of Michigan residents from foreclosure fraud, preserve home equity for families, and reduce the burden on local government resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chippewa Board of Commissioners are also in support of House Bills 5152 and 5153 which will safeguard Chippewa's residents during the foreclosure process and lessen the strain on county resources.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor of Michigan, the Chippewa County's state legislative delegation, and other Counties as a communication.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners asks the Michigan Association of Counties advocate on behalf of this legislation in the Michigan House of Representatives and the Michigan State Senate.

Resolution 2026-03 – Supporting House Bills 5152 and 5153

A ROLL-CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: Commissioners Knepper, Shackleton, Traynor, and Chairman Martin
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Shackleton

RESOLUTION 2026-03 DECLARED ADOPTED

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Building Grounds and Jail, Legislative and Natural Resources and Information
Technology Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2026**

Agenda Items

Building and Grounds

Courthouse Water Remediation & Repairs Update

The Committee was updated on the progress of the water and materials remediation needed after the December 14, 2025, water line break from the third-floor bathroom. Atlas Cleaning & Restoration LLC provided a detailed twenty-four-page report showing what services were provided by office and floor of the Courthouse. There was water and material damage on each floor of the Courthouse, with the stairwell and the Probate Courtroom having the most needed mitigation, including engineering needed for necessary stairwell repairs. The Committee reviewed the mitigation estimate and the processes used to clean and dry the affected areas, the estimate for reconstruction, which did not include the stairwell added structural repairs. The Committee then reviewed a recent air quality complaint received third-party by County Administration from the Court Administrators who were made aware of possible concerns from local attorneys. The Committee reviewed the indoor particulate levels from a January 8, 2026, report, as testing was sought as soon as the complaints were received. The particulate levels were all lower (better) than the outdoor environment; it was noted that these tests would not determine what actual particulates are in the air. Discussion followed regarding odors and needed follow-up, if any. The Committee also received the Engineering Services documents and repairs drawing, the architectural/engineering services were \$2,900.00. It was noted that the fire panel had already been replaced; and the door security system was awaiting approval from the insurance company and that flow-based shutoff valves were being researched for the Courthouse, Animal Shelter and Sheriff's Office Training Office, to prevent future water issues. A tour of the Courthouse followed at the end of the meeting.

Legislative and Natural Resources

Policy No. 324 County Payments Postmark Policy

The Committee was updated on an issue regarding the need to establish a policy for postmarked payments to County Offices, as the U.S.P.S. has made changes that may affect when envelopes are postmarked. Policy 324 County Payments Postmark Policy and a press release from County Treasurer Carmen Fazzari will establish and help to notify the payor of acceptable proof of timely mailings, as well as, non-acceptable and includes the responsibility of the payor. This policy will be implemented as of February 12, 2026, following the Board of Commissioners Regular February meeting.

Note: House Bill 4799 could require Treasurers to accept the postmark from the U.S.P.S. if not less than five days prior to the due dates, the House currently has this bill placed on third reading as of January 21, 2026. The bill is intended to protect taxpayers from unnecessary penalties and ensure consistency across all taxes in Michigan.

It was moved by Commissioner Traynor, supported by Commissioner Knepper, to approve and authorize Policy 324 – County Payments Postmark Policy, as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Note: Administration will update policy if necessary per HB 4799.

Committee and Chairman’s Comments

No additional comments were offered.

Adjourn

It was moved by Commissioner Traynor, supported by Commissioner Knepper, to approve the notes as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

**FINANCE, CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
February 10, 2026**

AGENDA ITEMS

Health Department – Pink Ribbon Request #26-01 - \$1,888.50

The Committee received and reviewed Pink Ribbon Request #26-01 in the amount of \$1,888.50 for payment from the Pink Ribbon Fund, all expenses were previously reviewed by Health Officer Karen Senkus.

It was moved by Commissioner Knepper, supported by Commissioner Lieurance, to approve and authorize Pink Ribbon Request #26-01 for payment in the amount of \$1,888.50. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Health Department – Smiles on Wheels – Provider Agreement

The Health Department presented a new service agreement for Smiles on Wheels to provide the services necessary for Kindergarten Oral Health Program through the Health Department. Smile on Wheels will do all the reporting, outreach and contacting the schools, and the Health Officer will approve the reports before they are submitted and act as a liaison when needed.

It was moved by Commissioner Knepper, supported by Chariman Martin, to approve and authorize the new provider Smiles on Wheels to provide the required Kindergarten Oral Health Program for the Health Department. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Sheriff’s Office – Purchase New Handguns - \$18,507.50 (budgeted)

The Committee reviewed the Sheriff’s Office request to purchase twenty-two new handguns and accessories for the road division employees, a total cost of \$18,507.50 which is below the budget requested amount by \$4,727.03. The Committee asked a couple questions regarding the difference in firearms quoted by CMP Distributors, Inc.

It was moved by Commissioner Knepper, supported by Commissioner Traynor, to approve and authorize the purchase from CMP Distributors, Inc, to purchase new handguns and accessories for the road division employees at the price of \$18,507.50. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Sheriff’s Office – Deputy handgun buyback guideline \$200.00

The Committee also reviewed a request to establish a policy handgun buyback guideline, which will offer the Sheriff’s Office staff the opportunity to purchase their old service weapons at the cost of \$200.00. This will change the past practice of getting estimates and having the Board of Commissioners approve each handgun buyback.

It was moved by Commissioner Knepper, supported by Commissioner Traynor, to approve and authorize the Sheriff’s Office a \$200.00 handgun buyback program for the Sheriff’s Office employees to purchase their service weapons. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Sheriff’s Office – Vehicle Purchase update (no action needed)

New 2024 Chevy truck purchase \$45,989.00

2026 Chevy Tahoe \$55,792.00

The Committee was updated that these vehicles were purchased at the State of Michigan pricing per the FY26 Budget request; and were also notified that Sheiff’s Office purchased a lesser cost Chevy truck at a saving of approximately \$9,000.00.

Sheriff’s Office – Canteen Services, Inc. Amendment Four Renewal

The Committee reviewed the Sheriff’s Office request to approve Amendment Four from Canteen Services, Inc., which will go into effect March 8, 2026, with a revision to the pricing schedule and will remain in force through March 8, 2027. The Committee received and reviewed the

breakdown cost increases that covered the past three years, the agreement allows for one (1) additional one-year renewal.

It was moved by Commissioner Knepper, supported by Commissioner Lieurance, to approve and authorize Canteen Services, Inc. Amendment Four Renewal, increasing the per meal cost effective March 8, 2026, through March 8, 2027. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Sheriff's Office – Diamond Pharmacy Services – 4% Increase

The Committee reviewed noticed from Diamond Pharmacy Services of a 4% increase effective January 1, 2026; Diamond Pharmacy Services provides inmate medication dispensing and management services for the Chippewa County Correctional Facility. The increase is applicable to the dispensing and return processing fees per the pricing agreement for the remainder of the calendar year.

It was moved by Commissioner Knepper, supported by Commissioner Lieurance, to acknowledge the 4% increase from Diamond Pharmacy Services, effective January 1, 2026, for twelve months; Diamond Pharmacy Services provides inmate medication dispensing and management services. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Information Systems – 50 MBPS Point to Point Bid Summary – 10-Year - \$48,775.00

The Committee reviewed a request from Information Systems to change from a firewall with internet to point-to-point services to meet new CJIS (Criminal Justice Information Services) requirements of having 140-3 (security requirements for cryptographic modules) Certificate for the Sheriff's Office Training Building, the service billing will be split 25/75 with the Animal Shelter covering 25% and the Sheriff's Office covering the other 75% and will replace the current Charter line. The Committee reviewed the savings and the 10-year bids provided.

It was moved by Commissioner Knepper, supported by Commissioner Lieurance, to approve the low bid of \$48,775.00, a 10-year locked in rate with Peninsula Fiber Network, to provide a 50 MBPS point-to-point connection between the County Building and the Animal Shelter/Sheriff's Office Training Building, as presented (monthly cost of \$400.00, one-time cost of \$775.00 = total cost \$48,775.00). On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Information Systems – Release Request for Proposals

Zulty Desk Phones

Firewall

Website Refresh

The Committee received the Request for Proposals for the Zulty Desk Phones, Firewall and Website Refresh.

It was moved by Commissioner Knepper, supported by Commissioner Traynor, to approve and authorize the release of the Requests for Proposals, as presented for the Zulty Desk Phones, Firewall and Website Refresh. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Office of Emergency Services – Incident Command System 400 Advanced Training
\$2,500.00

The Committee reviewed a request from Director Greg Postma, to provide requested Incident Command System training for ICS-400, to provide an opportunity for local community leaders and employees to attend class at the cost of \$2,500.00 which will occur on March 5th and 6th. Providing Emergency Training to county officials and partners is also a requirement of the EMPG Grant.

It was moved by Commissioner Knepper, supported by Commissioner Lieurance, to approve and authorize Incident Command System 400 Advanced Training at the cost of \$2,500.00 per requirement. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

2026 Survey & Remonumentation – BCC 26-17 \$122,687.00

- **Administration - \$17,735.88 – Patricia Weinreis**
- **Monumentation Contracts**
 - **\$48,600.00 – Alpine Engineering – 27 corners**
 - **\$48,600.00 – Sidock Group – 27 corners**
- **Peer Review Professional Surveyors - \$5,000.00 shared**
 - **Jeff Davis, P.S., Sidock Group**
 - **William L. Karr, P.S., retired**
 - **Ginger L. Michalski, P.S., Alpine Engineering**
 - **Larry Rogers, P.S., retired**
 - **Lawrence Weinreis, P.S., retired**

The Committee reviewed the 2026 Survey and Remonumentation Grant from the Office of Land Surveying and Remonumentation of \$107,687.00 and the County contributed \$15,000.00 for a total of \$122,687.00. The Committee reviewed the contracts for administration, monumentation and peer review for the 2026 Remonumentation Program. All documents need to be approved and authorized for signature by the Committee.

It was moved by Commissioner Knepper, supported by Commissioner Traynor, to accept and authorize the Program Representative/Administrative contract in the amount \$17,735.88 for Patricia Weinreis, P.S., under the direct supervision of Robert Laitinen, PS, Chippewa County Surveyor; to approve two (2) Monumentation contracts each contract for \$48,600.00 for Alpine Engineering and Sidock Group to monument 27 corners each; to approve five Professional Service Agreements for the Peer Review Surveyors, total not to exceed \$5,000 for the following Surveyors: Jeff Davis, P.S., Sidock Group; William L. Karr, P.S., retired, Ginger L. Michalski-Wallace, P.S., Alpine Engineering; Larry Rogers, P.S., retired and Lawrence Weinreis, P.S., retired. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Administration – Chippewa County Courthouse Complex and the City of SSM for Parking Enforcement Activities and Juror Parking Passes

The Committee reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding between Chippewa County Courthouse Complex and the City of Sault Ste. Marie for Parking Enforcement Activities and Juror Parking Passes, these MOU came about in April of 2024, when the City of SSM looked to terminate the process of providing the free paper parking passes with the jury notices and transition to paid parking as it is with all other users and asked that it be possible to transition as soon as May 1, 2024. Since that point the MOU has been bounced back and forth for many months, including having the courts go directly with City staff to try to come to an agreement; recently an updated draft MOU was drafted and reviewed, with an outstanding question about parking on Court and Bingham Avenue meters. The Committee discussed several topics regarding parking and the conflicts, including the comments from the Courts with Commissioner Knepper indicating that the cost of snowplowing and maintenance of the parking lots brought this forward and the metered parking on Court Street and Bingham Avenue was just an oversight. Discussion followed.

It was moved by Commissioner Knepper, supported by Commissioner Lieurance, to approve the amended Memorandum of Understanding between Chippewa County Courthouse Complex and the City of Sault Ste. Marie for Parking Enforcement Activities and Juror Parking Passes. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Administration – Flow-based Water Shutoff Valves

The Committee reviewed flow-based water shutoff valves for the Courthouse, Animal Shelter and the Sheriff’s Training Building. These flow-based water shutoff valves could have saved much of the damage to the Courthouse’s December 14th water line break and were suggested by a Facility Consultant who reached out following the water damage. This type of valve would not work in the Jail Facility.

It was moved by Commissioner Knepper, supported by Commissioner Traynor, to approve and authorize the quote from Albert Heating & Cooling to install water shutoff valves as follows: Courthouse \$3,166.00, Animal Shelter \$2,312.00 and Sheriff’s Training Building \$2,468.00; not including electrical. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Administration – Courthouse Water Damage Update

Administrator Church gave a quick update on the status of the Courthouse water damage, everything is fully dried and we have approval to move forward with repairing the damages, MMRMA will only be covering 50% of the stairwell repairs and the water damage did not cause the structural issue it only aggravated the already broken stringers. Repairs should start within the next week.

Finance - Claims and Accounts – January– County

It was moved by Commissioner Knepper, supported by Commissioner Traynor, to recommend the approval of January bills and payroll: general claims \$619,808.01, other fund claims \$948,653.98, payroll \$634,804.33 total claims \$2,203,266.32. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

Collective Bargaining Negotiations pursuant MCL 15.268 (c)

It was moved by Commissioner Knepper, supported by Commissioner Lieurance, to approve and authorize the Collective Bargaining Agreements between Chippewa County, Police Officers Association of Michigan (POAM), from 1/1/2026 to 12/31/2028; covering the Sheriff's Office Road Patrol, as re-negotiated and ratified by the Road Patrol Union members, and authorizing the 457 adoption agreement changes for Nationwide as negotiated. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Knepper, supported by Commissioner Lieurance, to accept the minutes as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

COMMISSIONER REPORT ON MEETINGS AS BOARD REPRESENTATIVES AND GENERAL COMMENTS

Commissioner Knepper said he is interested in looking into the EUPTA Advisory Committee legal concern, would like to meet with the staff at EUPTA, and would be interested in possibly having a joint meeting with the Board of Commissioners and the EUPTA Board to brainstorm ideas. Commissioner Lieurance mentioned he thought it was important to establish a policy to make only residents serve on the local boards. He also mentioned that EUPTA has an Advisory Board that meets annually. Commissioner Traynor said he tried to get the EUPTA Board to help Neebish Island, but he does not see them giving any of the \$7 million they have in the bank to help them. Chairman Martin said people serving on local boards need to be residents, and money from EUPTA's fund equity should only be spent sparingly to prevent financial difficulties if any problems occur in the future. He also said the County was in bad financial shape 20 years ago from money going to the retired employees' pensions and health care at the time, and he doesn't want the County to be in bad financial shape again. Chairman Knepper mentioned Chippewa County has incredibly unique geography with its large islands, and it may be short sighted not to think about strategic growth on the islands. Chairman Martin said the islands downstate do not get the subsidies like the islands in Chippewa County, and asking for more money could do more harm than good.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Traynor, supported by Commissioner Lieurance, to adjourn, accordingly. On a voice vote, the motion carried. The Board adjourned at 5:34 P.M.



Steven Woodgate, Clerk

James Martin, Chairman

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Correspondence Received in the Clerk's Office
3/12/2026

- 2/12/2026 **EGLE Permit Revision Letter** – Permit #WRP044505 v1.1
Site Name: 17-31197 E. Tourist Rd-Drummond Twp
Revision to move the permitted 8' long by 16' wide L-shaped feature on the west side of the crib extension to the east side of the crib extension. Dredge a 30' long by 25' wide by 5' deep section to the east side of the dock and 150' long by 15' wide by 5' deep access channel to the east side of the dock.
- 2/18/2026 **EGLE Notice of Authorization** – Permit #WRP048003 v. 1
Site Name: 17 – 31503 E Tourist Rd.-Drummond Twp
Install 3 new cribs off an existing dock. An 8' long by 8' wide by 10' deep crib and two 8' wide by 16' long by 10' deep extensions off the eastern end of the dock.
- 2/19/2026 **EGLE Notice of Authorization** – Permit #WRP048009 v. 1
Site Name: 17-1730 S. Maple Rd.-Dafter Twp
Install 6' wide by 25' long livestock bridge over an unnamed stream.
- 2/19/2026 **EGLE Notice of Authorization** – Permit #WRP047856 v. 1
Site Name: 17-30775 E Tourist Rd.-Drummond Twp
Dredge a 100' long by 35' wide by 2' deep access channel.
- 2/19/2026 **EGLE Notice of Authorization** – Permit #WRP048058 v. 1
Site Name: 17-Drummond Dolomite Inc
Repair an existing seawall in Lake Huron at the Carmeuse Drummond Island limestone shipping dock.
- 2/19/2026 **EGLE Public Notice** – Site Name LH-619 – Huron – Drummond Island – Marina Lease – ML-
Finalized PN with two documents.

Chippewa County is an Equal Opportunity Employer

- 2/24/2026 **EGLE** announcement of the Michigan Stormwater Floodplain Association (MSFA) 39th Annual Conference April 22 – April 24, 2026 in Marquette, MI
- 2/26/2026 **EGLE** Registration for the MSFA Conference

Administrator's Report
March 12, 2026

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**Chippewa County Health Department
Health Officer's Report to the Board of Commissioners – March 2026**

Personal and Family Health:

Service	Current Month (Jan)	Year-to-date
Family Planning	25	113
Maternal/Infant Health	44	205
WIC- avg. monthly participation	662	654 average
UP MOMS Caseload	8	8
Breast/cervical cancer/Well Woman	0	1
Immunizations (includes travel vaccine)	253	2,513
TB cases active/managed	0	2
Hearing/Vision screenings	293	1,068
Children's Special Health Care	178	181 average
HIV Tests Administered	24	79
Hep C Tests Administered	21	73
Pink Ribbon Fund Balance	\$39,808.50	\$39,808.50
Car Seats installed/education provided	6	10
Medicaid Applications processed	4	10

SHACC

Service	Current Month (Jan)	Year-to-date
Nurse Practitioner – gen med	65	237
Mental Health	75	266
Hearing/Vision	0	31
Physicals	0	15
Immunizations	36	93
Substance Abuse counseling/education	0	3
Classroom/General Health education	0	0
Concussion – post injury visits	3	3

Emergency Preparedness (Jan):

<p>Review and Updated CCHD EOP & Annexes Planning for 2026 Severe Weather Functional Exercise Attended Red Cross Shelter Training Meetings attended CCHD Administrative Staff CCHD Media Planning PHEP Partners Meeting Severe Weather Exercise Health Group Planning Region 8 EPC Workshop Legionella Response Local Healthcare Partners call EOS Health Group Coordination Meeting LEPC Area Maritime Security Committee R8 HCC Board Meeting CCHD Infection Control</p>

Environmental Health: Staff change; updated stats will be reflected in the April report.

Service	Current Month (Nov-Dec)	Year-to-date
Foster Care/Day Care: Inspections	0	0
Methamphetamine Activity:		
Condemnations	0	0
Lift Condemnations	0	0
Campgrounds:		
Inspections	0	0
Enforcements	0	0
Complaints	0	0
Public Swimming Pools/Spas:		
Inspections	0	0
Enforcements	0	0
Complaints	0	0
Fixed Food Establishments:		
Inspections	35	59
Enforcements	0	0
Complaints	2	5
Plans Received	1	2
HAACP Plans Reviewed	0	0
Temporary Food:		
Inspections	1	4
Enforcements	0	0
Complaints	0	0
Mobile Food:		
Inspections	0	0
Enforcements	0	0
Complaints	0	0
Plans Received	0	0
Other Food/TFU:		
Inspections	2	3
Enforcements	0	0
Complaints	0	0
Plans Received	0	0
Private & Commercial Sewage:		
Applications Received	1	11
Site Visits	16	41
Permits Issued	9	22
Enforcements	0	0
Complaints	2	2
Septage Truck & Land Application:		
Inspections	0	0
Enforcements	0	0
Complaints	0	0
Water Supplies:		
Applications Received	5	14
Site Visits	4	17
Permits Issued	11	27
Enforcements	0	0
Complaints	0	0

City Bacti Water Samples Received	112	180
Positive Sample Response	7	18
Beach Activity:		
Beach Samples Taken	0	0
Beach Warnings Issued	0	0
Beach Closures Issued	0	0
Beach Warnings/Closures Lifted	0	0
Tattoo Ordinance:		
Inspections	0	0
Plans Received	0	0
Enforcements	0	0
Complaints	0	0

Substance Abuse Prevention:

Service	Current Month (Jan)	Year-to-date
Classroom-based prevention classes	0	0
Community-based prevention activities/classes	0	0
Court /school admn referred classes: Tobacco/alcohol/marijuana	0	0

Harm Reduction/Syringe Access Services (Oct-Jan)

# Syringes Collected/distributed	# Referrals to/engaged in treatment	# of HIV/Hep C tests	# Narcan kits distributed	OD reversals reported
6,192/15,630	0/28	11/11	216	0

Since last April, 382 books have been given to children that receive services through CCHD's WIC program. Donations for books are collected through agency dress-down days and direct support. This program was the idea of Jill Schaefer, Executive Assistant and has been very well received by parents and children.

Clinic renovations wrapped up at the end of February and CCHD administration and staff are very pleased with the results.

CCHD applied for two new streams of funding through the Rural Health Transformation Grant program; we are hopeful that we will be awarded funding to implement additional Community Health Workers into CCHD's programs and the community.

CCHD administrative staff are preparing for Public Health Accreditation which is scheduled for the week of May 4, 2026. All mandatory programs will be reviewed and if all goes well CCHD will receive a 3-year accreditation.

Current open positions include part-time health educator, tobacco control coordinator, part-time RN and a full-time administrative assistant for the Personal and Family Health division.

Respectfully submitted by
Karen Senkus, Health Officer

DATE: January 2026 Sheriff's Office

	Last Year	Last mo. to date	This Month	Total to Date
1 MAN CAR (regular hrs)	8167.25	0:00	753.50	753.50
SECONDARY ROAD (416 hrs)	1830	0:00	144.00	144.00
MILEAGE	412915	0	34,627	34,627
COMPLAINTS	11295	0	1120	1120
CIVIL PROCESS	1691	0	120	120
CITATIONS	543	0	14	14
WARNINGS	714	0	26	26
ARRESTS	139	0	8	8
ACCIDENTS	272	0	38	38
OWI/OUID	18	0	2	2
TETHER	88	0	6	6
ASSAULTS	87	0	5	5
COURT	527	0:00	113.50	113.50
TRAINING	516	0:00	18.00	18.00
REPORT	1796.25	0:00	185.00	185.00
LIQUOR INSP:	29	0	1	1
PROPERTY INSP:	1252	0	177	177
TRANSPORTS	124	0	9	9
FEDERAL INMATES	742	0	53	53
GUN PUR PER	321	0	19	19
GUN REGISTERED	1125	0	63	63
INMATES LODGED	1244	0	99	99
INMATES RELEASED	339	0	79	79
FOC OFFICER	57.75	0:00	1.00	1.00
FOC MILEAGE	1111.5	0	0	0
FORECLOSURES	36	0	3	3
DRONE HOURS	19	0	0	0

DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

February 23, 2026

A regular meeting of the Chippewa County Department of Veteran Affairs Committee was held on Monday, February 23, 2026, at the Chippewa Courthouse in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. Acting Chairman Brooks Partridge called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. The Veterans Board had a quorum and normal business was conducted.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brooks Partridge, Dr. Frederick Ludwig, Robert Savoie, David Pearce

MEMBERS ABSENT: Damon Lieurance

OTHERS PRESENT: John Miller

Approval of the Agenda

It was moved by Robert Savoie, supported by David Pearce, to approve the agenda as presented. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

Public Comment

No public comment was offered.

Monthly Report

The office has been open for Twenty-four (24) days from January 26, 2026 – February 23, 2026. There were approximately fifty-two (52) visits to the office. Our office received and placed approximately two hundred fifty-five (255) phone calls during this period. Several home visits were completed this month. The number of home visits has increased as our local Veteran population is aging. The UP Veteran's Cemetery Committee has put together a draft letter and legislative proposal for submission to the State. The next meeting for the Cemetery Committee will be March 18th at 7 pm. Claims have been processing through the VA much faster than last year. This has made the process better for Veterans. The DAV vehicle had a slower month. This is normal for this time of year. John will be attending VSO training in Traverse City March 24 through March 26. This training is presented by the MVAA and helps maintain accreditation. We did not have any MVTF applications for the month of February.

Approval of the Minutes

The committee received and reviewed the January 26, 2026, committee minutes.

It was moved by Dr Fredrick Ludwig, supported by Brooks Partridge, to approve the January 26, 2026, minutes as presented. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

Burials

No reimbursements for burials were submitted for the month of February.

No action needed.

Grave Markers

No grave marker funds were used in February.
No action needed.

Food Assistance

No food assistance was needed in February
No action needed.

Chairman of the Committee

The committee discussed the open Chairman position on the board and made a selection of a new Chairman.

The committee discussed filling the Chairman position. The committee made an initial proposal to have current Acting Chairman Brooks Partridge assume the Chairman position. Brooks was honored but declined the position for personal reasons. The committee continued discussion and Dr. Frederick Ludwig was proposed as the next Chairman. Dr. Ludwig accepted the nomination. The committee conducted a vote of members, with Dr. Ludwig abstaining, and on a voice vote Dr. Ludwig was elected Chairman with all members in favor. Dr. Ludwig will assume the role of Chairman effective immediately. Brooks Partridge will return to his prior role as Secretary Treasurer.

Date of next committee meeting.

The next meeting will be Monday, March 30, 2026, at noon.

It was moved by Robert Savoie, supported by Brooks Partridge, to have the next meeting take place on Monday, March 30, 2026, at noon. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

Committee Comments

No comments

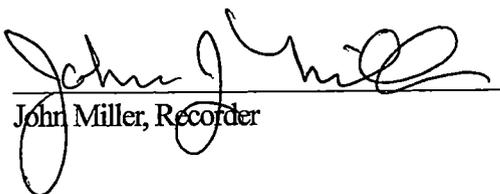
Chairman Comments

No comments

Adjourn

It was moved by Robert Savoie, supported by Dave Pearce to adjourn. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm.


John Miller, Recorder

Dr Fredrick Ludwig, Chairman

NorthCare Network

1230 Wilson Street
Marquette, Michigan 49855

February 10, 2026

Kelly Church
Chippewa County Courthouse
319 Court Street
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

Dear Kelly Church:

Thank you for your continued partnership and support of Substance Use Disorder (SUD) services for Chippewa County. NorthCare Network, as one of ten regional Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans (PIHP) for the State of Michigan, serves the fifteen-county region of the Upper Peninsula. NorthCare provides a comprehensive array of specialty mental health and substance use disorder services and supports for adults with serious mental illnesses, children and adolescents with serious emotional disturbances, persons with intellectual/developmental disabilities, and persons with substance use disorders. NorthCare manages its responsibilities in a manner that promotes maximum value, efficiency and effectiveness consistent with state and federal statute and applicable waiver standards.

The NorthCare Network SUD Policy Oversight Board helps with the management of these services. The SUD Policy Oversight Board is a designated committee of the NorthCare Network Governing Board. As such, the SUD Policy Oversight Board advocates in the planning, development, and provision of SUD services for the counties in the Upper Peninsula. Each county elects one representative to sit on the SUD Policy Oversight Board to support their county and share information between the Oversight Board and the County Commissioners.

The SUD Policy Oversight Board is responsible for the approval of any NorthCare budget containing Public Act 2 (i.e. Liquor Tax) funding for the treatment, prevention and recovery services of substance use disorders which are only to be used for SUD services in the Counties from which the Public Act 2 funds originated. The SUD Policy Oversight Board also advises and makes recommendations to the NorthCare Governing Board on budgets containing SUD funding as well as on contracts for SUD treatment, prevention, or recovery support services.



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Admin. Fax: (906) 232-1070 Clinical Fax: (248) 406-1287 SUD Fax: (248) 406-1286
www.northcarenetwork.org

The SUD Policy Oversight Board approved the following breakdown of Public Act 2 funds: 35% for local county requests, 35% for prevention services with paneled prevention providers, and 30% for treatment services with paneled treatment providers. Annual amounts are determined by the previous year's Liquor Tax receipts from each county.

For your review, a summary of the funding and services is enclosed for Chippewa County for October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025.

Please contact me at 906-936-6844 or ssircely@northcarenetwork.org with any questions regarding the summary or services.

Again, thank you for your continued support and partnership in supporting individuals with a substance use disorder.

Sincerely,

Sara Sircely

Sara Sircely
SUD Services Director

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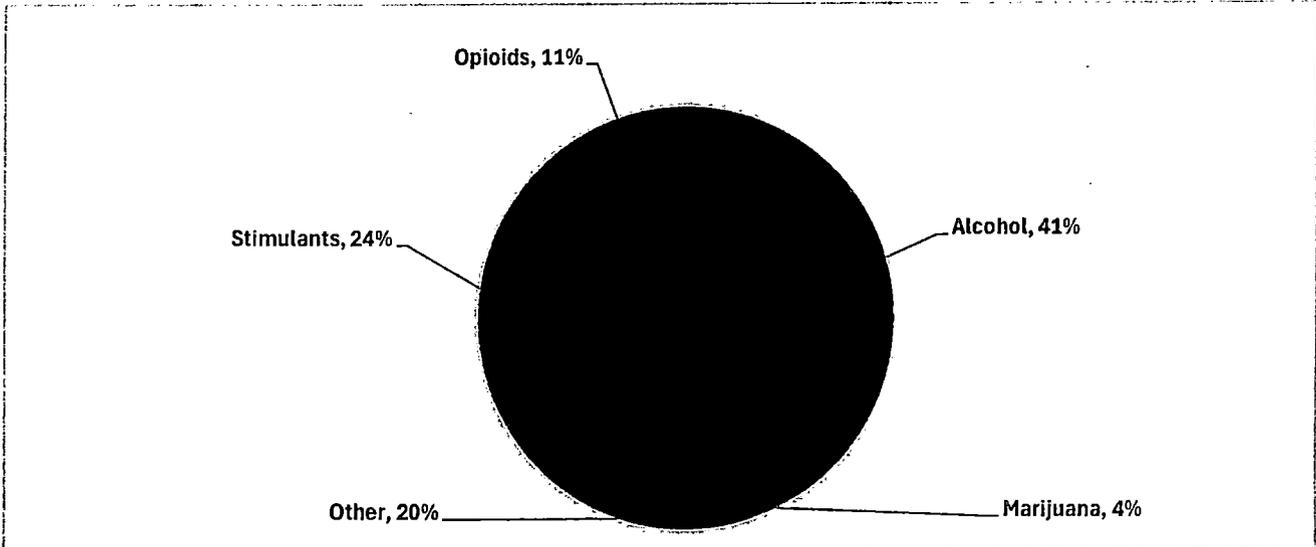


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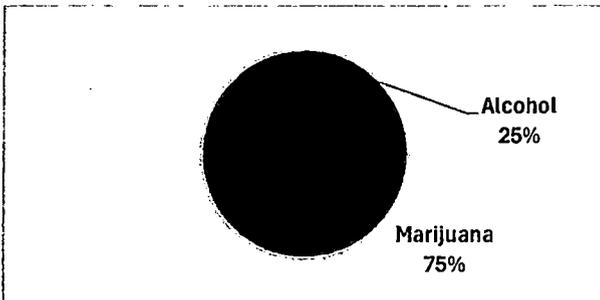
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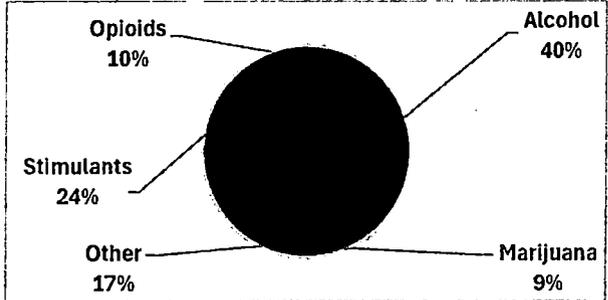


Primary Substance Admissions by Age Group

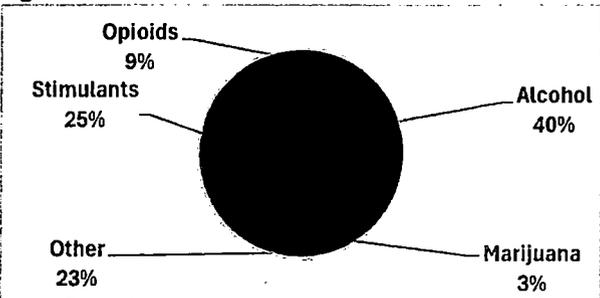
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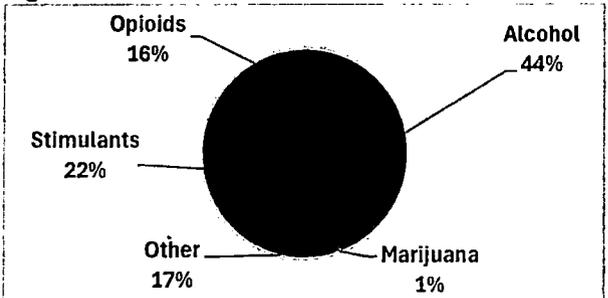
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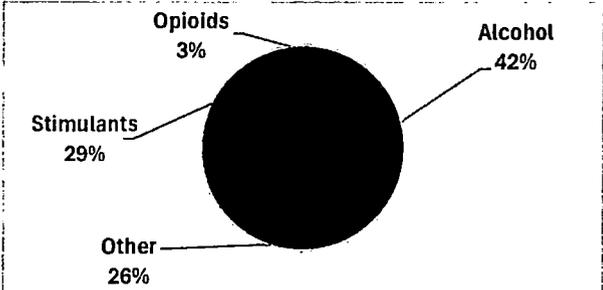
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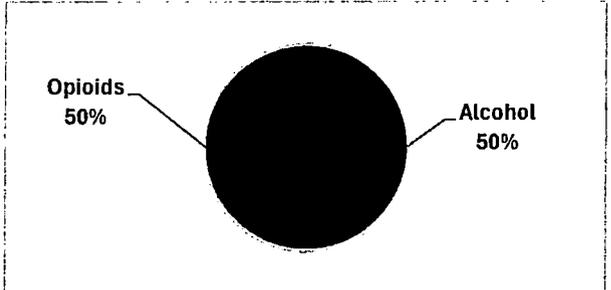
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Chippewa

October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025

Funding

\$	90,347.07	PA2 Amount Due/Expected
\$	90,347.07	PA2 Amount Received
\$	663,694.36	PA2 Balance

*PA2 Amount Received to be used for FY25 requests for services in the county the funds were received from

Expenses

PA2 Expenses

\$	32,760.43	County Requests
\$	21,903.30	Overdose Prevention
\$	1,250.00	Sober Graduation Events
\$	55,913.73	Total

Treatment Service Expenses by Funding Source

\$	71,709.84	Community Block Grant
\$	404,603.57	Healthy Michigan Plan
\$	190,586.14	Medicaid
\$	68,086.83	Substance Use Disorder Health Home
\$	734,986.38	Total Treatment Expenses

Services Provided

Prevention Services

Number of Individuals receiving:

66	Catch My Breath
113	Communities That Care (CTC)
7	Prime for Life
4	Synar Compliance Checks
43	Tobacco Vendor Education
1	Prevention Awareness
5	Prescription Take Back
239	Grand Total

Treatment Services

Number of individuals receiving:

23	Detox
6	Methadone
169	Outpatient
10	Peer Services
17	Recovery Housing
84	Residential
42	SUDHH

County Requests

Services provided from County Requests

- Case Management
- Home checks
- Soberlinks
- Alcohol and Drug Testing
- SCRAM
- Transportation assistance
- Referrals to SUD Counseling
- Referrals to Mental Health Services

Regional Grant Funding

Regional Grant Funding Expenses by Funding Source

\$	1,494,513.40	American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)
\$	89,586.00	Alcohol Use Disorder Grant
\$	377,944.92	Community Block Grant Prevention
\$	81,451.79	Gambling Use Prevention
\$	553,836.00	Healing and Recovery Infrastructure Grant
\$	260,741.11	Michigan Partnership for Advancing Coalitions (MIPAC)
\$	13,770.00	Recovery Incentives
\$	371,899.10	State Opioid Response 4 (SOR)
\$	4,000.00	Tobacco grant
\$	3,247,742.32	Total Grant Funding

Service Availability

Residential

- DOT Caring (Freeland)
- Great Lakes Recovery Centers - ARS (Men)
- Great Lakes Recovery Centers - New Hope (Men)
- Great Lakes Recovery Centers - New Hope (Women)
- Great Lakes Recovery Centers - Teal Lake (Women)
- KBIC Phoenix House (Calumet)
- Sacred Heart (Richmond)

Withdrawal Management

- DOT Caring (Freeland)
- Great Lakes Recovery Centers - ARS (Men)
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- Sacred Heart (Richmond)

Opioid Treatment Program (methadone services)

- Sacred Heart - St. Ignace

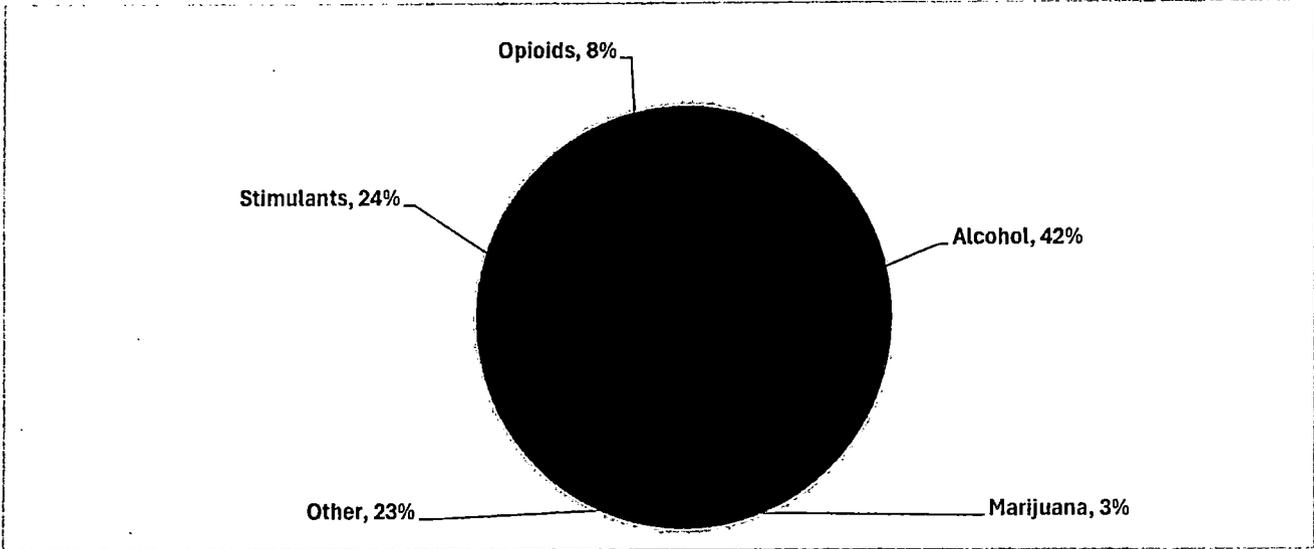
Outpatient

- Catholic Social Services - Escanaba -
- Catholic Social Services - Marquette
- Great Lakes Recovery Centers - Escanaba
- Great Lakes Recovery Centers - Iron Mountain
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- Great Lakes Recovery Centers - Munising
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- Great Lakes Recovery Centers - Sault Ste Marie
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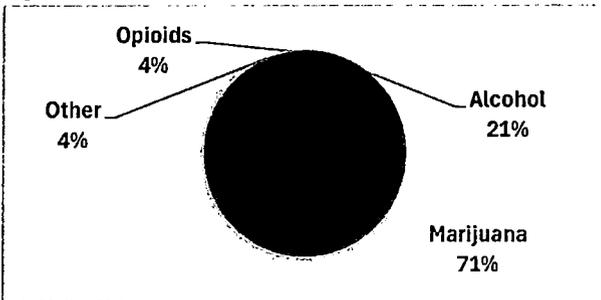
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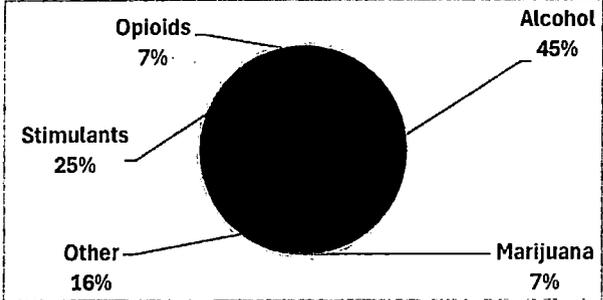


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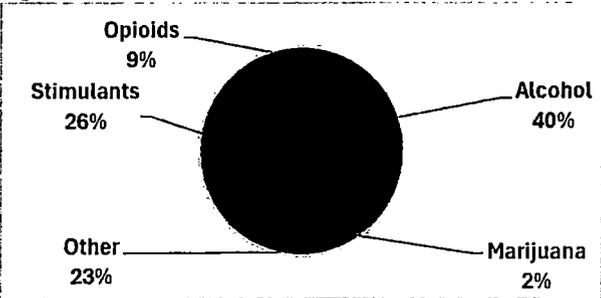
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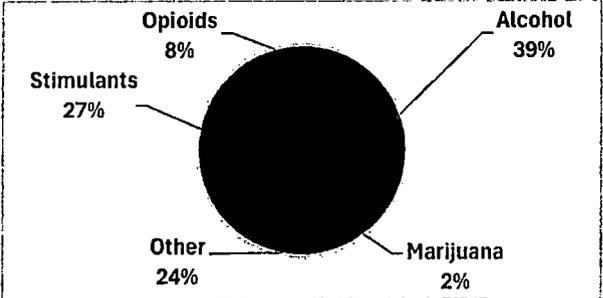
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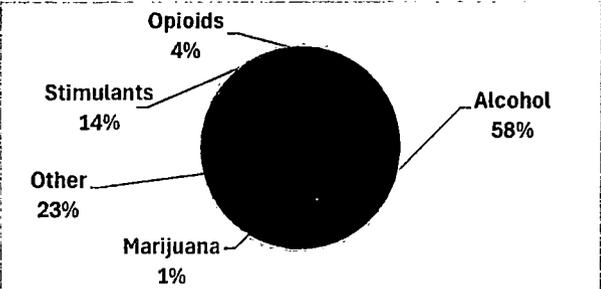
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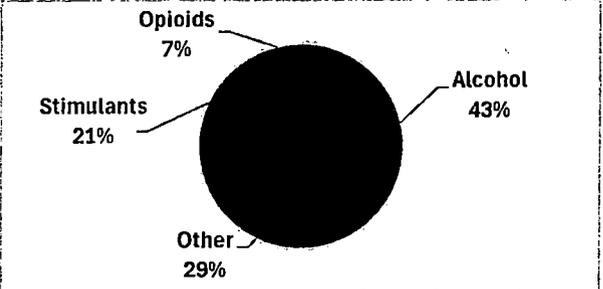
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October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025

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\$	769,752.50	PA2 Amount Due/Expected
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\$	3,115,055.65	PA2 Balance

*PA2 Amount Received to be used for FY25 requests for services in the county the funds were received from

Expenses

PA2 Expenses

\$	357,569.25	County Requests
\$	96,034.04	Prevention
\$	39,248.09	Overdose Prevention
\$	8,500.00	Sober Graduation Events
\$	501,351.38	Total

Treatment Service Expenses by Funding Source

\$	619,402.75	Community Block Grant
\$	3,070,839.94	Healthy Michigan Plan
\$	1,417,862.00	Medicaid
\$	649,094.46	Substance Use Disorder Health Home
\$	5,757,199.15	Total Treatment Expenses

Services Provided

Prevention Services

Number of individuals receiving:

5635	Botvin's Life Skills Training
66	Catch My Breath
256	Coalition Participation
1890	Communities That Care (CTC)
2	INDEPTH
401	Prime for Life
49	Synar Compliance Checks
221	Tobacco Vendor Education
74	Narcan Training
5168	Prevention Awareness
5	Prescription Take Back
42	Youth Leadership
13809	Grand Total

Treatment Services

Number of individuals receiving:

1	Contingency Management
149	Detox
30	Methodone
1172	Outpatient
63	Peer Services
118	Recovery Housing
653	Residential
316	SUDHH

County Requests

Services provided from County Requests

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- SUD Assessments
- Preventative Education
- Peer Support Services
- Sobriety Court Coordinator for participant navigation
- Recovery Workbooks
- Jail Counseling Services
- Inside Out and Thinking Matters Groups
- D.A.R.E. program

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MEMO TO: Commissioner Scott Shackleton, Finance Committee Chair
Carmen Fazzari, Chippewa County Treasurer
Jenni Pace, Appointed Chippewa County Treasurer Beginning March 1, 2026
Angie McArthur, Superintendent, Intermediate School District
Tom Ball, Chippewa County Secretary for MTA
Robin Troyer, Interim City Manager
Kelly Church, Chippewa County Administrator

FROM: Steven Woodgate, County Clerk

SUBJECT: Chippewa County Allocation Board

DATE: February 11, 2026

It is again time to reconvene the Tax Allocation Board. The Fixed Millage in Chippewa County will expire at the end of 2026. By law, the first meeting of the Allocation Board must be held on the third Monday in April (April 20th).

For your information, the Allocation Board consists of the following representatives.

1. The County Treasurer
2. The Chair of the County Board's Finance Committee
3. The Intermediate School Superintendent, or a representative
4. A member of the Sault Ste. Marie City Commission, or one of its officers.
5. A person selected by the County Board of Commissioners who is not officially connected with or employed by a county or local unit.
6. A township supervisor who is chosen by a majority of the township supervisors in the county.
7. The County Clerk

Please advise, in writing, of your appointment before April 1, 2026. I will notify each member of the meeting date and time for the first meeting of the Allocation Board.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Chippewa County is an Equal Opportunity Employer



RESOLUTION NO. 2026-04

**RESOLUTION IN APPRECIATION AND
SPECIAL RECOGNITION
OF JOY ANDERSON**

WHEREAS, *Joy Anderson* began her career with Chippewa County November 1996; and has filled many roles with the Friend of the Court Office, including Clery/Typist, Legal Secretary, Office Manager and will retire as the Enforcement Officer effective March 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, *Joy Anderson* will retire from service with Chippewa County, after serving twenty-nine (29) plus years of exceptional service to the citizens of Chippewa County; and

WHEREAS, *Joy Anderson* has worked diligently and has taken personal pride in her work with the Chippewa County Friend of the Court Office; she will be leaving after setting a high professional standard for the Chippewa County Friend of the Court Office; and

WHEREAS, *Joy Anderson's* work ethic, reliability and attention to detail have earned her the highest regard from all those she has worked with; and

WHEREAS, *Joy Anderson* during her career with Chippewa County's Friend of the Court has assisted thousands of parents and/or guardians with questions and helped to make sure that the cases had all the necessary documentation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

1. That the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners respectfully dedicates this document to honor and thank *Joy Anderson* for her many years of public service with the County of Chippewa.
2. That the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners extends their best wishes to *Joy Anderson* for many years of enjoyment in her retirement.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

March 12, 2026

Jim Martin, Chairman
Chippewa County Board of Commissioners



**Chippewa County
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-05**

National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week

April 12th – 18th, 2026

Whereas emergencies can occur 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year at any time that require police, fire, or emergency medical services; and,

Whereas when an emergency occurs the prompt response of police officers, firefighters and paramedics is critical to the protection of life and preservation of property; and,

Whereas the safety of our police officers and firefighters is dependent upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained from citizens who telephone the Chippewa County Central Dispatch emergency communications center; and,

Whereas Public Safety Telecommunicators are the first and most critical contact our citizens have with emergency services; and,

Whereas Public Safety Telecommunicators are the single vital link for our police officers, EMS personnel, firefighters, and all emergency responders by monitoring their activities by radio, providing them information, and ensuring their safety; and,

Whereas Public Safety Telecommunicators of the Chippewa County Central Dispatch have contributed substantially to rendering aid to citizens, the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires and treatment of patients; and,

Whereas each dispatcher has exhibited compassion, understanding and professionalism during the performance of their job in the past year.

Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners declares the week of April 12 through 18, 2026, to be National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week in Chippewa County, in honor of the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our county and citizens safe. Especially the dispatchers at our own Chippewa County Central Dispatch Center, serving Chippewa, Mackinac and Luce Counties, its citizens and its visitors.

March 12, 2026

Jim Martin, Chairman



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 12th day of March 2026 at 4:30 p.m.

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Commissioner _____ and seconded by Commissioner _____.

CHIPPEWA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION #26-06

**RESOLUTION SUBMITTING TO A VOTE OF THE ELECTORATE
AUTHORIZATION OF THE TELEPHONE SURCHARGE
FOR EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SERVICES (911 SERVICES)**

WHEREAS, Chippewa County has established a county-wide system of emergency telephone and dispatch services for the benefit of the citizens of the County; and

WHEREAS, 911 emergency telephone and dispatch services are of substantial benefit to the citizens of the County of Chippewa; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Emergency Telephone Service Enabling Act, Section 401b(1), being MCL 484.1401b(1), the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners may with voter approval authorize a telephone surcharge of up to \$2.75 for each service user, except for users of a prepaid wireless telecommunications service, for recurring emergency telephone operational costs and charges; and

WHEREAS, under the Emergency Telephone Service Enabling Act the County is currently charging \$2.25 for each service user; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners believes that, after receiving a recommendation from the County 911 Board of Directors, there is need to increase the surcharge from the current level of \$2.25 to \$2.75 for each service user to provide an adequate and equitable financing mechanism for the needs of Chippewa County 911 Communications Center.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners, pursuant to the Emergency Telephone Service Enabling Act and acting in

accordance with the already approved ballot measure by the voters of Chippewa County, will increase the current surcharge of \$2.25 to \$2.75 for each eligible service user, knowing that the surcharge amount of \$2.75 is limit for an increase, without voter approval, under the current Emergency Telephone Service Enabling Act. .

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this surcharge will remain in effect until further notice or date that this Resolution #26-06 is replaced by action of the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners.

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent:

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
COUNTY OF CHIPPEWA)

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Chippewa, Michigan, at a regular meeting held on the 16th day of February, 2023, and I further certify that the meeting was held and the minutes therefore were filed in compliance with Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of 1976.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my official signature this 12th day of
March 2026.

Steven Woodgate, Clerk
County of Chippewa

**ORDINANCE ADDRESSING FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT PROVISIONS
OF THE STATE CONSTRUCTION CODE**

Community Name: Superior Township, County: Chippewa

Ordinance number 22026-01

An ordinance to designate an enforcing agency to discharge the responsibility of the Township of Superior located in Chippewa County, and designated regulated flood hazard areas under the provisions of the State Construction Code Act, Act No. 230 of the Public Acts of 1972, as amended.

The Township of Superior ordains:

Section 1. AGENCY DESIGNATED.

Pursuant to the provisions of the state construction code, in accordance with Section 8b(6) of Act 230, of the Public Acts of 1972, as amended, the Building Inspector of the Chippewa County Building Department of Chippewa County is hereby designated as the enforcing agency to discharge the responsibility of the Township of Superior under Act 230, of the Public Acts of 1972, as amended, State of Michigan. The Township of Superior assumes responsibility for the administration and enforcement of said Act throughout the corporate limits of the community adopting this ordinance.

Section 2. CODE APPENDIX ENFORCED.

Pursuant to the provisions of the state construction code, in accordance with Section 8b(6) of Act 230, of the Public Acts of 1972, as amended, Appendix G of the Michigan Building Code shall be enforced by the enforcing agency within the jurisdiction of the community adopting this ordinance.

Section 3. DESIGNATION OF REGULATED FLOOD PRONE HAZARD AREAS.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Insurance Study (FIS) Entitled "Chippewa County, Michigan (all Jurisdictions)" and dated June 23, 2026 and the Flood Insurance Rate Map(s) (FIRMS) listed on the index panel 26033CIND2B, effective June 23, 2026 are adopted by reference for the purposes of administration of the Michigan Construction Code, and declared to be a part of Section 1612.3 of Michigan Building Code, and to provide the content of the "Flood Hazards" section of Table R301.2(1) of the Michigan Residential Code.

Section 4. REPEALS

All ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 5. PUBLICATION

This ordinance shall be effective after legal publication and In accordance with the provisions of the Act governing same.

Adopted this 24 day of Feb, 2026

This ordinance duly adopted on February 24, 2026 at a regular meeting of the

Superior Township Board and will become effective on _____

Signed on 2-24-26 by Jolene Passmore (Signature)

Jolene Passmore, Clerk of the Township of Superior

Attested on 2-24-26

by Mike Fox (Signature)

Mike Fox, Supervisor of the Township of Superior

**MICHIGAN COMMUNITY RESOLUTION AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL
AGREEMENT TO MANAGE FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT
FOR THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM**

Community A (NFIP community): Superior Township Community/Entity B (enforcing agency): Chippewa County

WHEREAS, Community A (*check the appropriate following box statement*)

currently participate *desires to participate* in the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) by complying with the program's applicable statutory and regulatory requirements for the purposes of significantly reducing flood hazards to persons, reducing property damage, reducing public expenditures, and providing for the availability of flood insurance and federal funds or loans within its community; and

WHEREAS, the NFIP requires that floodplain management regulations must be present and enforced in participating communities, and utilize the following definitions which also apply for the purposes of this resolution:

1. *Flood or Flooding* means:
 - a. A general and temporary condition of partial or complete inundation of normally dry land areas from: 1) the overflow of inland or tidal waters, 2) the unusual and rapid accumulation or runoff of surface waters from any source, 3) mudflows, and
 - b. The collapse or subsidence of land along the shore of a lake or other body of water as a result of erosion or undermining caused by waves or currents of water exceeding anticipated cyclical levels or suddenly caused by an unusually high water level in a natural body of water, accompanied by a severe storm, or by an unanticipated force of nature, such as flash flood or an abnormal tidal surge, or by some similarly unusual and unforeseeable event which results in flooding, as defined in paragraph (a)(1) of this definition.
2. *Flood Hazard Boundary Map (FHBM)* means an official map of a community, as may have been issued by the FEMA, where the boundaries of the areas of flood, mudslide (i.e., mudflow) related erosion areas having special hazards have been designated as Zone A, M, and/or E.
3. *Floodplain* means any land area susceptible to being inundated by water from any source (see definition of flooding).
4. *Floodplain management* means the operation of an overall program of corrective and preventive measures for reducing flood damage, including but not limited to emergency preparedness plans, flood control works, and floodplain management regulations.
5. *Floodplain management regulations* means zoning ordinances, subdivision regulations, building codes, health regulations, special purpose ordinances (such as a floodplain ordinance, grading ordinance, and erosion control ordinance) and other

applications of police power that provide standards for the purpose of flood damage prevention and reduction.

6. *Structure* means a walled and roofed building that is principally above ground, gas or liquid storage facility, as well as a mobile home or manufactured unit.

WHEREAS, the Stille-Derossett-Hale Single State Construction Code Act, Act No. 230 of the Public Acts of 1972, as amended, (construction code act), along with its authorization of the state construction code composed of the Michigan Residential Code and the Michigan Building Code [and its Appendices (specifically Appendix G)] contains floodplain development and management regulations that comply with the FEMA NFIP minimum floodplain management criteria for flood prone areas as detailed in Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations (44 CFR), Section 60.3, and

WHEREAS, by the action dates of this document or an existing historical agreement dated 2/24/2026, Community/Entity B affirms/agrees on behalf of Community A to function as the designated enforcing agency to discharge the responsibility of administering, applying, and enforcing the construction code act and the state construction code, specifically the Michigan Residential Code and the Michigan Building Code, and the Michigan Rehabilitation Code for Existing Buildings to all development within Community A's political boundaries, and

WHEREAS, Community A and Community/Entity B enforce floodplain regulations of the construction code act, and Community A wishes to ensure that the administration of that code complies with requirements of the NFIP, and

NOW THEREFORE, to *maintain* eligibility and continued participation in the NFIP,

1. Community A and Community/Entity B agree that Community/Entity B's officially designated enforcing agency for the construction code act, Chippewa County Building Inspector, be directed to administer, apply, and enforce on Community A's behalf the floodplain management regulations as contained in the state construction code (including Appendix G) and to be consistent with those regulations, by:
 - a. Obtaining, reviewing, and reasonably utilizing flood elevation data available from federal, state, or other sources pending receipt of data from the FEMA to identify the flood hazard area, and areas with potential flooding, and
 - b. Ensuring that all permits necessary for development in floodplain areas have been issued, including a floodplain permit, approval, or letter of no authority from the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy under the floodplain regulatory provisions of Part 31, Water Resources Protection, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended, and
 - c. Reviewing all permit applications to determine whether the proposed building sites will be reasonably safe from flooding. Where it is determined that a proposed building will be located in a flood hazard area or special flood hazard area, Community/Entity B shall implement the following applicable codes according to their terms:

- i) All appropriate portions and specifically the floodplain management regulation portions and referenced codes and standards of the current Michigan Residential Code.
 - ii) All appropriate portions and specifically the floodplain management regulation portions and referenced codes and standards of the current Michigan Building Code.
 - iii) Appendix G of the current Michigan Building Code.
 - iv) All appropriate portions and specifically the floodplain management regulation portions and referenced codes and standards of the current Michigan Rehabilitation Code for Existing Buildings.
- d. Reviewing all proposed subdivisions to determine whether such proposals are reasonably safe from flooding and to ensure compliance with all applicable floodplain management regulations.
 - e. Assisting in the delineation of flood hazard areas; provide information concerning uses and occupancy of the floodplain or flood-related erosion areas, maintain flood proofing and lowest floor construction records, and cooperate with other officials, agencies, and persons for floodplain management.
 - f. Advising FEMA of any changes in community boundaries, including appropriate maps, and .
 - g. Maintaining records of new structures and substantially improved structures concerning any certificates of floodproofing, lowest floor elevation, basements, floodproofing, and elevation to which structures have been floodproofed.
2. Community A and Community/Entity B assure the Federal Insurance Administrator (Administrator) that they intend to review, on an ongoing basis, all amended and revised FHBMs and Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) and related supporting data and revisions thereof and revisions of 44 CFR, Part 60, Criteria for Land Management and Use, and to make such revisions in its floodplain management regulations as may be necessary to assure Community A's compliant participation in the program.
 3. Community A further assures the Administrator that it will adopt the current effective FEMA Flood Insurance Study (FIS), FHBMs, and/or the FIRMs by reference within its Floodplain Management Map Adoption Ordinance or similarly binding ordinance documentation.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, both communities declare their understanding that, until this resolution is rescinded or Community A makes other provision to enforce the construction code act:

1. Community/Entity B must administer and enforce the construction code act in accordance with the terms and the conditions contained herein, and
2. For Community A to continue its participation in the NFIP, the construction code act must be administered and enforced according to the conditions contained herein.

Community A: Superior Township

Date Passed: 02/24/2026

Officer Name: Jolene Passmore

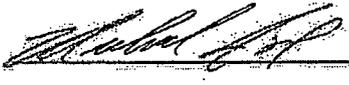
Title: Township Clerk

Signature: 

Date: 2-24-24

Witness Name: Michael Fox

Title: Township Supervisor

Signature: 

Date: 2/24/26

Community/ Entity B: Chippewa County

Date Passed: _____

Officer Name: _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Witness Name: _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

**MICHIGAN COMMUNITY RESOLUTION TO
MANAGE FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT
FOR THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the community of Superior Township in Chippewa County (*check the appropriate following box statement*) *currently participate* *desires to participate* in the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) by complying with the program's applicable statutory and regulatory requirements for the purposes of significantly reducing flood hazards to persons, reducing property damage, and reducing public expenditures, and providing for the availability of flood insurance and federal funds or loans within its community, and

WHEREAS, the NFIP requires that floodplain management regulations must be present and enforced in participating communities, and utilize the following definitions which also apply for the purposes of this resolution:

1. Flood or Flooding means:
 - a. A general and temporary condition of partial or complete inundation of normally dry land areas from: 1) the overflow of inland or tidal waters, 2) the unusual and rapid accumulation or runoff of surface waters from any source, 3) mudflows, and
 - b. The collapse or subsidence of land along the shore of a lake or other body of water as a result of erosion or undermining caused by waves or currents of water exceeding anticipated cyclical levels or suddenly caused by an unusually high water level in a natural body of water, accompanied by a severe storm, or by an unanticipated force of nature, such as flash flood or an abnormal tidal surge, or by some similarly unusual and unforeseeable event which results in flooding, as defined in paragraph (a)(1) of this definition.
2. Flood Hazard Boundary Map (FHBM) means an official map of a community, as may have been issued by the FEMA, where the boundaries of the flood, mudslide (i.e., mudflow) related erosion areas having special hazards have been designated as Zone A, M, and/or E.
3. Floodplain means any land area susceptible to being inundated by water from any source (see definition of flooding).
4. Floodplain management means the operation of an overall program of corrective and preventive measures for reducing flood damage, including but not limited to emergency preparedness plans, flood control works, and floodplain management regulations.
5. Floodplain management regulations means zoning ordinances, subdivision regulations, building codes, health regulations, special purpose ordinances (such as a floodplain ordinance, grading ordinance and erosion control ordinance), and other applications of police power that provide standards for the purpose of flood damage prevention and reduction.

6. Structure means a walled and roofed building that is principally above ground, gas or liquid storage facility, as well as a mobile home or manufactured unit.

WHEREAS, the Stille-Derossett-Hale Single State Construction Code Act”, Act No. 230 of the Public Acts of 1972, as amended (construction code act), along with its authorization of the state construction code composed of the Michigan Residential Code and the Michigan Building Code [and its Appendices (specifically Appendix G)] and the Michigan Rehabilitation Code for Existing Buildings contains floodplain development and management regulations that comply with the FEMA NFIP minimum floodplain management criteria for flood prone areas, as detailed in Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations (44 CFR), Section 60.3, and

WHEREAS, by the action dates of this document or an existing historical ordinance adoption action dated February 24, 2026, the community affirms/accepted the responsibility to administer, apply, and enforce the provisions of the construction code act and the state construction code, specifically the Michigan Residential Code and the Michigan Building Code, to all construction within its community boundaries, and

NOW THEREFORE, to maintain eligibility and continued participation in the NFIP,

1. The community directs its construction code act designated enforcing agency, Building Inspector of Chippewa County, to administer, apply, and enforce the floodplain management regulations as contained in the state construction code (including Appendix G) and to be consistent with those regulations by:
 - a. Obtaining, reviewing, and reasonably utilizing flood elevation data available from federal, state, or other sources pending receipt of data from the FEMA to identify the flood hazard area and areas with potential flooding.
 - b. Ensuring that all permits necessary for development in floodplain areas have been issued, including a floodplain permit, approval, or letter of no authority from the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy under the floodplain regulatory provisions of Part 31, Water Resources Protection, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended.
 - c. Reviewing all permit applications to determine whether the proposed building sites will be reasonably safe from flooding. Where it is determined that a proposed building will be located in a flood hazard area or special flood hazard area, the construction code act enforcing agent shall implement the following applicable codes according to their terms:
 - i) All appropriate portions and specifically the floodplain management regulation portions and referenced codes and standards of the current Michigan Residential Code.
 - ii) All appropriate portions and specifically the floodplain management regulation portions and referenced codes and standards of the current Michigan Building Code.
 - iii) Appendix G of the current Michigan Building Code.

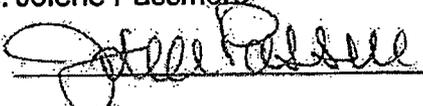
- iv) All appropriate portions and specifically the floodplain management regulation portions and referenced codes and standards of the current Michigan Rehabilitation Code for Existing Buildings.
 - d. Reviewing all proposed subdivisions to determine whether such proposals are reasonably safe from flooding and to ensure compliance with all applicable floodplain management regulations.
 - e. Assisting in the delineation of flood hazard areas; providing information concerning uses and occupancy of the floodplain or flood-related erosion areas, maintaining floodproofing and lowest floor construction records, cooperating with other officials, agencies, and persons for floodplain management.
 - f. Advising FEMA of any changes in community boundaries, including appropriate maps.
 - g. Maintaining records of new structures and substantially improved structures concerning any certificates of floodproofing, lowest floor elevation, basements, floodproofing, and elevations to which structures have been floodproofed.
2. The community assures the Federal Insurance Administrator (Administrator) that it intends to review, on an ongoing basis, all amended and revised FHBMs and Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) and related supporting data and revisions thereof and revisions of 44 CFR, Part 60, Criteria for Land Management and Use, and to make such revisions in its floodplain management regulations as may be necessary to continue to participate in the program.
 3. The community further assures the Administrator that it will adopt the current effective FEMA Flood Insurance Study (FIS), FHBMs, and/or the FIRMs by reference within its Floodplain Management Map Adoption Ordinance or similarly binding ordinance documentation.

Community: Superior Township

Date Passed: 2/24/2026

Officer Name: Jolene Passmore

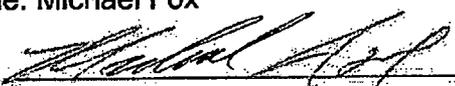
Title: Township Clerk

Signature: 

Date: 2/24/26

Witness Name: Michael Fox

Title: Township Supervisor

Signature: 

Date: 2/24/26

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-2

AN ORDINANCE ADDRESSING FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT

PROVISIONS OF THE STATE CONSTRUCTION CODE

**Township of Drummond Island
Chippewa County, Michigan**

AN ORDINANCE

To designate an enforcing agency to discharge the responsibility of the Township of Drummond Island located in Chippewa County, and to designate regulated flood hazard areas under the provisions of the State Construction Code Act, Act No. 230 of the Public Acts of 1972, as amended.

The Township of Drummond Island ordains:

Section 1. AGENCY DESIGNATED.

Pursuant to the provisions of the State Construction Code, in accordance with Section 8b(6) of Act 230 of the Public Acts of 1972, as amended, the Building Official of Chippewa County is hereby designated as the enforcing agency to discharge the responsibility of the Township of Drummond Island under Act 230 of the Public Acts of 1972, as amended.

The County of Chippewa assumes responsibility for the administration and enforcement of said Act throughout its corporate limits by adopting this ordinance.

Section 2. CODE APPENDIX ENFORCED.

Pursuant to the provisions of the State Construction Code, in accordance with Section 8b(6) of Act 230 of the Public Acts of 1972, as amended, Appendix G of the Michigan Building Code shall be enforced by the enforcing agency within the jurisdiction of the Township of Drummond Island.

Section 3. DESIGNATION OF REGULATED FLOOD PRONE HAZARD AREAS.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Insurance Study (FIS) entitled:

"Flood Insurance Study for Chippewa County, All Jurisdictions"
Effective June 23, 2026,

and the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) listed on the index panels:

- 26033CIND3B

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Effective June 23, 2026,

are hereby adopted by reference for the purposes of administration of the Michigan Construction Code, and are declared to be part of Section 1612.3 of the Michigan Building Code and to provide the content of the "Flood Hazards" section of Table R301.2(1) of the Michigan Residential Code.

Section 4. MOST RESTRICTIVE STANDARDS. If another ordinance contains standards inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance, the most restrictive standards shall apply.

Section 5. PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

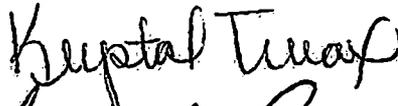
This ordinance shall take effect upon publication as provided by law.

ADOPTION

This ordinance was duly adopted by the Township Board of the Township of Drummond Island, Chippewa County, Michigan, at a regular meeting held on the 3 day of March 2026.

TOWNSHIP OF DRUMMOND ISLAND

Township Supervisor



Township Clerk



**MICHIGAN COMMUNITY RESOLUTION AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL
AGREEMENT TO MANAGE FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT
FOR THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM**

**Community A (NFIP community): Drummond Island Township Community/Entity B
(enforcing agency): Chippewa County**

WHEREAS, Community A (check the appropriate following box statement) currently participate desires to participate in the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) by complying with the program's applicable statutory and regulatory requirements for the purposes of significantly reducing flood hazards to persons, reducing property damage, reducing public expenditures, and providing for the availability of flood insurance and federal funds or loans within its community; and

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applications of police power that provide standards for the purpose of flood damage prevention and reduction.

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WHEREAS, by the action dates of this document or an existing historical agreement dated March 3, 2026, Community/Entity B affirms/agrees on behalf of Community A to function as the designated enforcing agency to discharge the responsibility of administering, applying, and enforcing the construction code act and the state construction code, specifically the Michigan Residential Code and the Michigan Building Code, and the Michigan Rehabilitation Code for Existing Buildings to all development within Community A's political boundaries, and

WHEREAS, Community A and Community/Entity B enforce floodplain regulations of the construction code act, and Community A wishes to ensure that the administration of that code complies with requirements of the NFIP, and

NOW THEREFORE, to *maintain* eligibility and continued participation in the NFIP,

1. Community A and Community/Entity B agree that Community/Entity B's officially designated enforcing agency for the construction code act, Chippewa County, be directed to administer, apply, and enforce on Community A's behalf the floodplain management regulations as contained in the state construction code (including Appendix G) and to be consistent with those regulations, by:
 - a. Obtaining, reviewing, and reasonably utilizing flood elevation data available from federal, state, or other sources pending receipt of data from the FEMA to identify the flood hazard area, and areas with potential flooding, and
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FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, both communities declare their understanding that, until this resolution is rescinded or Community A makes other provision to enforce the construction code act:

1. Community/Entity B must administer and enforce the construction code act in accordance with the terms and the conditions contained herein, and
2. For Community A to continue its participation in the NFIP, the construction code act must be administered and enforced according to the conditions contained herein.

Community A: Drummond Island Township

Date Passed: March 3, 2026

Officer Name: Krystal Truax

Title: Township Supervisor

Signature: Kristal Turner Date: 3/3/21

Witness Name: Amanda Fairchild Title: Township Clerk

Signature: Amanda Fairchild Date: 3/3/21

Community/ Entity B: Chippewa County Date Passed:

Officer Name: Title:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Witness Name: Title:

Signature: _____ Date: _____