



CHIPPEWA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO CONTRACTORS AND EMPLOYEES FOR COURTHOUSE RESTORATION FOLLOWING WATER DAMAGE EVENT OF DECEMBER 14, 2025

RESOLUTION 2026-18

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 May 7, 2026, at 4:30 p.m.

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

ABSENT: None

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

WHEREAS, on December 14, 2025, the Chippewa County Courthouse sustained significant water damage requiring immediate response, coordination, and restoration efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Chippewa County Courthouse is an historic structure approaching 150 years of services to our community, presenting unique challenges in preservation, repair, and reconstruction; and

WHEREAS, the contractors, tradespeople, and professional restoration professionals engaged in this effort demonstrated exceptional skill, professionalism, and respect for the historic integrity of the building; and

WHEREAS, working with an aging and historically significant structure requires heightened care, specialized knowledge, and adaptability, all of which were evident throughout the restoration process; and

WHEREAS, due to structural damage, the stairwells within the Court were closed for almost four months, creating inconveniences and requiring adjustments by the courts, employees, and members of the public; and

WHEREAS, the County wishes to recognize and sincerely thank its employees and the public for their patience, flexibility, and understanding during this temporary disruption; and

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WHEREAS, the successful completion of this work reflects a strong commitment to public service, craftsmanship, and collaborations with County staff.

NOW THEREFORE, that the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners hereby expresses its sincere appreciation and gratitude to all contractors, subcontractors, and restoration teams involved in the repair and restoration of the Courthouse following the December 14, 2025, water damage event; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board extends its appreciation to County employees and members of the public for their patience and cooperation while the stairs were closed due to structural concerns; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board recognizes the outstanding quality of the completed work and commends all those involved for their dedication to preserving one of the County’s most historic and valued buildings and that a copy of this Resolution be shared with the contractors and entered into the official records of the County as a token of our appreciation.

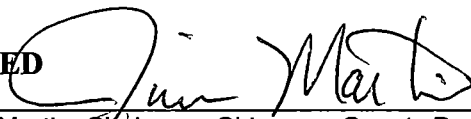
A VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS

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

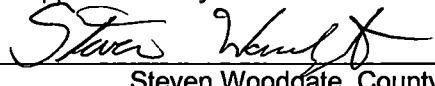
NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED



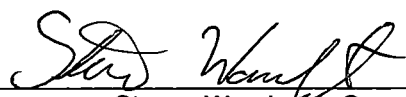
Jim Martin, Chairman, Chippewa County Board of Commissioners



Steven Woodgate, County Clerk

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) ss.
COUNTY OF CHIPPEWA)

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the resolution adopted by the County Board of Commissioners of Chippewa County at a regular meeting held on the date first stated above, and I further certify that public notice of such meeting was given as provided by law.



Steven Woodgate, County Clerk