

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 8th day of October, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Scott Shackleton, Jim Martin, Don McLean, Conor Egan and Robert Savoie

**ABSENT:** None

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Commissioner McLean and seconded by Commissioner Savoie.

**RESOLUTION NO. 18-23  
OPPOSING SENATE BILL 396**

**WHEREAS,** Roads are the backbone to the social, cultural and economic stability of Chippewa County and the Upper Peninsula; and

**WHEREAS,** Senate Bill (SB) 396 (S-5) passed and reported out of the Senate Transportation Committee on September 6, 2018 allows exemptions from seasonal weight restrictions (aka "frost laws") to the forest product industry during the spring thaw when roads are the most vulnerable to damage from heavy loads; and

**WHEREAS,** It is a fact in Chippewa County and throughout the northern states that roads become soft in the spring and applying unrestricted 164,000-pound truck loading on soft roads, is fool hardiness that defies common sense and a law allowing such nonsense is poor public policy; and

**WHEREAS,** SB-396 (S-5) also grants exemptions to the forest industry that will allow the hauling of forest products and transport of equipment on the public road system without obtaining proper permits from road authorities at all times of the year; and

**WHEREAS,** the provisions of SB 396 WILL result in damage to the public road system; and

**WHEREAS,** the provisions of SB 396 WILL negatively impact the traveling public accessing the road system, resulting in burdening road authorities with expensive reactive maintenance repairs and significantly increased taxpayer costs to maintain the public road system; and

**WHEREAS,** the provisions in SB 396 and subsequent impacts to the local road system WILL negatively impact the health, safety and welfare of Chippewa County residents and the traveling public; and

**WHEREAS,** the Chippewa County Road Commission and the other road commissions throughout the Upper Peninsula work closely with the logging industry to keep the economic vitality of the County and the Upper Peninsula moving by continuously monitoring road conditions and permitting the logging industry to move equipment and material on roads when the roads can structurally support such loading without negatively impacting the road system and the traveling public;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners hereby **STRONGLY** opposes SB 396; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the chairperson of both the house and senate transportation committees and to the offices of Representative Chatfield and Senator Schmidt.


A VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS

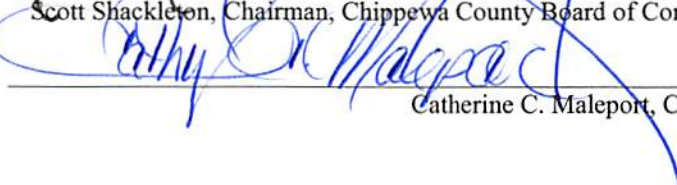
AYES: Scott Shackleton, Jim Martin, Don McLean, Conor Egan and Robert Savoie

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

**RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.**

  
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Scott Shackleton, Chairman, Chippewa County Board of Commissioners

  
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Catherine C. Maleport, 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.

  
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Catherine C. Maleport, County Clerk