

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 9th day of November, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Scott Shackleton, Don McLean, Jim Martin, Conor Egan and Rudy Johnson

ABSENT: None

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Martin.

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-31
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF MICHIGAN SENATE BILL NO. 524
And
MICHIGAN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BILL NO. 4909**

Whereas, the Michigan Legislature is considering Senate Bill No. 524 and House Bill 4909 to bring clarity and fairness to the assessment process regarding large commercial and warehouse stores, also known as big box stores.

Whereas, Senate Bill 524 amends the General Property Tax Act, stating that the true cash value of a property shall consider the highest and best use of the property and that it shall also consider the value of the property as vacant as well as a value of the property as improved.

Whereas, Senate Bill 524 provides some important direction to ensure that speculative evidence and assumptions are kept out of the assessment process.

Whereas, HB 4909 would amend the Zoning Enabling Act by preventing negative use restrictions that prohibit occupancy or use of a property when such restrictions go against the lawful use of the property under a local zoning ordinance.

Whereas, Senate Bill 524 and House Bill 4909 would ensure that all businesses are assessed equally regardless of what they are or the size of such businesses.

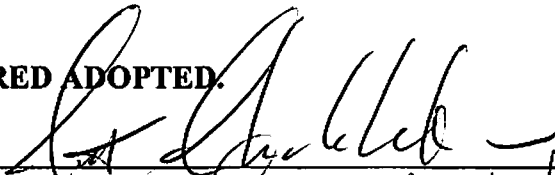
Be it resolved, that the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners urges the Michigan Legislature to pass Senate Bill No. 524 and House Bill No. 4909 ensure that all businesses are assessed equally regardless of what they are or the size of such businesses.

A VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS


AYES: Scott Shackleton, Don McLean, Jim Martin, Conor Egan and Rudy Johnson

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.



Scott Shackleton, Chairman, Chippewa County Board of Commissioners



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.



Catherine C. Maleport, County Clerk