

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 14th day of November, 2016 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 McLean and seconded by Commissioner Martin.

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-24  
CDBG APPLICATION AND AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the has been invited by the Michigan Strategic Fund to submit a CDBG application in the amount of \$56,000; and

**WHEREAS**, Chippewa County desires to use the CDBG funds for the development of the Eastern Upper Peninsula Transportation-Logistics Strategy, an effort led by the Eastern Upper Peninsula Regional Planning & Development Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chippewa County commits local funds from the Eastern Upper Peninsula Regional Planning & Development Commission's Michigan Regional Prosperity Initiative grant award, Chippewa County Economic Development Corporation, and a Local Technical Assistance grant awarded to the Eastern Upper Peninsula Regional Planning & Development Commission in the amount of \$56,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed project is consistent with the local community development plan, *Elevating the Eastern Upper Peninsula*, the region's U.S. EDA Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy and Michigan Regional Prosperity Initiative plan as described in the Application; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed project will alleviate conditions having a particular urgency by providing foundation for local economic development organizations to demonstrate a business case to firms in the transportation and logistics sectors, thus, if successful, continue diversification of the local economy; and

**WHEREAS**, local funds and any other funds to be invested in the project have not been obligated and will not be obligated prior to a formal grant award, completion of the environmental review procedures and a formal written authorization to incur costs from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners hereby designates the County Administrator as the Certifying Officer, the person authorized to certify the Michigan CDBG Application, and the person authorized to sign the Grant Agreement and payment requests.

A VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS

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

NAYS: None

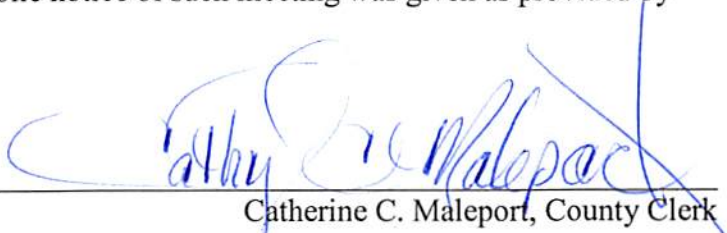
**RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED**

  
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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

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November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Jeff Hagan, CEO  
Eastern U.P. Regional Planning &  
Development Commission  
1118 E. Easterday Ave.  
SSM, MI 49783

Dear Mr. Hagan:

On behalf of the Chippewa County Board of Commissioner I would like to express our wholehearted support for the Eastern UP Prosperity Region's grant application for Regional Prosperity Initiative 2017 grant funding.

The Eastern UP's economic development, education, transportation and community organizations along with the business community have continued to make great strides together over the past four years to improve the Eastern UP's economy through the Regional Prosperity Initiative and the EDA Economic Development District planning program. The Region 1c Prosperity Alliance has been established in the tri-county region with its primary purpose being collaboration between the community and economic development organizations and implementation of regional strategies outlined in our 5-year plan, "Elevating the EUP", which was recently recognized by the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) and the Michigan Association of Planning for "Innovation in Regional Planning."

As a stakeholder on this application, we fully support the Eastern UP Regional Prosperity initiative. In addition we are committed to participating in this initiative. We believe this continued funding opportunity will provide the missing pieces to support the framework needed to spur community and economic development in the Eastern Upper Peninsula of MI and implement the goals and strategies identified in our Regional Plan. The RPI will enhance efforts region-wide to move us from good enough to GREAT and lay into place the critical framework for these efforts to flourish.

Sincerely,

Scott Shackleton  
Chippewa County Board Chairman