

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 12th day of November, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Jim Martin, Don McLean, Scott Shackleton and Bobby Savoie

ABSENT: Conor Egan

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

**RESOLUTION TO RATIFY AND CONFIRM ACTIONS APPROVED BY
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DURING REMOTE MEETINGS**

RESOLUTION #2020-16

WHEREAS, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Governor declared a State of Emergency by Executive Order 2020-4 on March 10, 2020 and extended the State of Emergency by subsequent Executive Orders; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with the State of Emergency, on March 18, 2020 the Governor issued Executive Order 2020-15 which authorized remote participation in public meetings and specifically allowed public bodies to hold meetings electronically, either by telephonic or video conferencing; and

WHEREAS subsequent Executive Orders extended the authorization to hold remote meetings and ultimately, on July 17, 2020, through Executive Order 2020-154, extended the authority to hold remote meetings through the remainder of the State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, in reliance on the Executive Orders authorizing remote meetings, the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners, has conducted all meetings electronically since April 14, 2020.

WHEREAS, on October 2, the Michigan Supreme Court issued an opinion in which a majority of the Justices agreed that Executive Orders issued after April 30, 2020 are invalid as the law under which they were issued allowed an unconstitutional delegation of authority to the Governor; and

WHEREAS, in response to the October 2, 2020 Michigan Supreme Court Opinion, 2020 Public Act 228 was adopted by the state legislature and signed by the Governor. This Act is effective immediately and retroactively, and modifies the Open Meetings Act authorizing remote meetings through the December 31, 2020 for any circumstance and through December 31, 2021 for certain qualifying reasons.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in light of the October 2, 2020 Michigan Supreme Court Opinion and 2020 Public Act 228 amending the Open Meetings Act, the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners affirms and ratifies all actions approved by the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners at the following meetings:

- April 14, 2020 – Finance, Claims and Accounts
- May 7, 2020 – Finance, Claims and Accounts
- June 4, 2020 – Finance, Claims and Accounts
- July 9, 2020 – Finance, Claims and Accounts


- August 6, 2020 – Finance, Claims and Accounts
- September 3, 2020 – Finance, Claims and Accounts
- October 8, 2020 – Finance, Claims and Accounts
- November 5, 2020 – Finance, Claims and Accounts
- September 10, 2020 – Personnel, Equalization, Transportation, Health and Social Services Committee
- April 17, 2020 – Board of Commissioners Regular Session
- May 14, 2020 - Board of Commissioners Regular Session
- June 11, 2020 - Board of Commissioners Regular Session
- July 16, 2020 - Board of Commissioners Regular Session
- August 13, 2020 – Board of Commissioners Regular Session
- September 10, 2020 - Board of Commissioners Regular Session
- October 15, 2020 - Board of Commissioners Regular Session
- November 12, 2020 – Board of Commissioners Regular Session
- July 21, 2020 – Board of Commissioners Special Meetings
- June 11, 2020 – Public Hearing Truth in Taxation
- September 10, 2020 – Public Hearing – Upper Peninsula Environmental Health Code

A VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS

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

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.



 Jim Martin, Chairman, Chippewa County Board of Commissioners

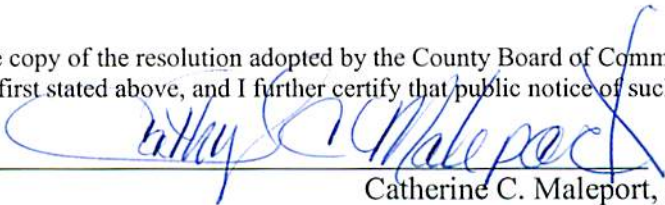

 Catherine C. Maleport, County Clerk

STATE OF MICHIGAN)

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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