Chippewa County

At a meeting of the County Board of the County of Chippewa (the "County"), Chippewa County, Michigan, held on October 15, 2026, located at Sault Ste. Marie, MI at 5:30 P.M.

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

ABSENT: None

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Knepper and supported by Commissioner Traynor.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-38

County Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Funds Annually from the Opioid Settlement Fund to the Chippewa County Health Department for the Purpose of Facilitation and Administration Expenses Associated with Leadership of the County's Opioid Settlement Planning Efforts

WHEREAS, Chippewa County Board of Commissioners previously passed Resolution No. 2025-15, allocating $2,500 to the Chippewa County Health Department for purposes of facilitation and administrative support associated with opioid settlement funds; and

WHEREAS, additional staff time and administrative support are necessary to ensure the responsible stewardship, planning, implementation, and oversight of opioid settlement funds; and

WHEREAS, as of July 1, 2026, Chippewa County has received $634,511.95from the settlements of multiple opioid-related lawsuits, and the total funding anticipated to be received by the County will occur over 18 years and is estimated to be $1.6 million; and

WHEREAS, these funds are available to the County for the purpose of remediating the impacts of the opioid crisis on the residents of Chippewa County, including activities related to prevention, overdose response, treatment, recovery, planning, and evaluation, as authorized under Exhibit E of the settlement agreements; and

WHEREAS, the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners held a public meeting to gather community voices related to community needs associated with the drug overdose crisis; and

WHEREAS, the Chippewa County Opioid Settlement Steering Committee (Steering Committee) has been created by the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners will receive recommendations from the Steering Committee on an annual basis; and

WHEREAS, the Steering Committee's responsibilities include stakeholder and community engagement, needs assessment and resource inventory, identification of funding priorities, development and administration of competitive funding processes, contract development and management, performance monitoring, evaluation, reporting, and quality improvement activities; and

WHEREAS, the use of opioid settlement funds must meet certain requirements as outlined in Settlement Agreement Exhibit E and by the definition of opioid remediation as outlined in the settlement agreements; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Chippewa County Board of Commissioners hereby rescinds and replaces Resolution No. 2025-15 with this resolution, allowing for appropriate funding and staffing levels to support opioid settlement planning, steering committee facilitation, competitive bid processes, contract execution and monitoring, reporting, and quality improvement to be provided to the Chippewa County Health Department at $4,000.00 annually, starting October 1, 2026 using the Health Department's fiscal year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT that the Board of Commissioners authorizes all necessary budget amendments and fund transfers required to implement this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT that the Chippewa County Health Department shall provide periodic updates to the Board of Commissioners regarding the use of these administrative funds and the progress of opioid settlement-funded activities.

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

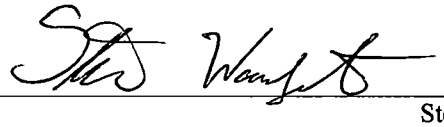
NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED, October 15, 2026

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.



Steve Woodgate, County Clerk