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 2026 at 4:30 p.m.

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

ABSENT: None

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Commissioner Shackleton and seconded by Commissioner Traynor.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-41
Resolution Opting Out of the Requirements of PA 152 of 2011

Whereas, bargaining is strictly the responsibility of the county commission on behalf of the good citizens it serves; and

Whereas, PA 152 of 2011 erodes the responsibilities of duly elected local county commissioners and the trust held between those commissioners and their constituents; and

Whereas, PA 152 of 2011 constitutes an attempt by the legislature to dictate the terms on which counties bargain with their employees; and

Whereas, PA 152 of 2011 is a new foray by the state into dictating the terms of healthcare at the local level; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to the provisions of PA 152 of 2011, Section 8(1), Chippewa County exercises its right to opt out of the requirements of the Act for the plan year beginning January 1, 2027 by two-thirds majority vote of this Board in support of this resolution.

A VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS

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

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED
November 12, 2026
RESOLUTION 2026-41 – Opting Out of the Requirements of PA152 of 2011

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