

**CHIPPEWA COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Regular Session

April 16, 2026

The Chippewa County Board of Commissioners met at a regular session on Thursday, April 16, 2026, in the 91st District Courtroom.

Vice Chairman Shackleton called the meeting to order at 4:30 P.M. with a quorum present. The meeting was also available via zoom. Commissioner Lieurance led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Commissioners Damon Lieurance, Scott Shackleton, and James Traynor

ABSENT: Commissioner Justin Knepper and Chairman Jim Martin

ALSO PRESENT: Administrator Kelly Church, Clerk Steven Woodgate, Administrative assistant Cady Bauers, and 35 members of the public. 19 members of the public logged in via zoom.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

It was moved by Commissioner Lieurance, supported by Commissioner Traynor, to approve the agenda as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Traynor, supported by Commissioner Lieurance, to accept the following minutes as presented:

- Regular Board Meeting – March 12, 2026

On a voice vote, the motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE

It was moved by Commissioner Lieurance, supported by Commissioner Traynor, to acknowledge and forward the correspondence received in Clerk's office as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Vice-Chairman Shackleton informed the public Chippewa County does not have a planning commission, its governmental structure does not do zoning, and all zoning in Chippewa County is at the township level.

Kalvin Carter, Dr. Chloe Kannan, John Hardesty, Jerusha Lane, Susie Schlehuber, Andy Kaye, Molly Engelman, Trevor, Alex Pink, James Williams, Frank Messet, Amy Brzuchalski, Hayden Trucky, Sarah Gobler, David Markem, Sarah, Carla, Sarah Karasinski, Zeke McCluer, and Aneen Stallman voiced their concerns with data centers and crypto mining possibly coming to the Eastern Upper Peninsula and asked what the County can do about it.

Vice Chairman Shackleton complemented everybody in being well spoken, organized and respectful. He said the County does not do zoning and does not plan on doing zoning because he

does not want to take the power away from the townships. The County is here for support, involvement, and advice. Everything the County does is at a public meeting, and he will not sign any NDAs (non-disclosure agreements). If the townships need the County's support, the County will do what it can.

Commissioner Lieurance said it's new and no matter what way we move in a society, we need to take our time and see the results.

Commissioner Traynor stated he was the Raber Township Supervisor before becoming a County Commissioner. They did zoning in Raber Township, but it didn't go anywhere and just caused problems.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Kelly Church provided for informational purposes only – *no action items*.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 2026-09

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

RESOLUTION NO. 26-09

RESOLUTION IN APPRECIATION AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF MARY SUSAN NELSON

Let It Be Known, that it is with great pride that the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners join with the employees and residents of Chippewa County, to express their wish of good health and happiness upon her retirement; and

WHEREAS, Mary Susan Nelson, has served the citizens of Chippewa County through her commitment to the County and its citizens. ***Mary Susan Nelson*** has provided exceptional service to hundreds of individuals during her thirty-four plus years of service, and for this we extend our thanks; and

WHEREAS, Mary Susan Nelson, has taken personal pride in her work with the Chippewa County Friend of the Court Office, and those she has worked with; she worked hard through multiple system changes and upgrades to continue the enhancements for the office, and her efforts have not gone unnoticed by those who benefit from her efforts; and

WHEREAS, Mary Susan Nelson, through her performance standards, her effectiveness, and her insight, has earned her the utmost appreciation for a job well done. Mary Susan Nelson is an excellent example of an employee's commitment needed to serve the citizens of Chippewa County.

IN SPECIAL TRIBUTE, therefore upon her retirement from Chippewa County, this document is signed and dedicated to honor ***Mary Susan Nelson***, for her countless contributions to Chippewa County, and the individuals she served so well. For her untiring efforts in improving Friend of the Court services for the

citizens of this County, we join together to extend to *Mary Susan Nelson* a gracious thank you for a job well done.

A ROLL-CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: Commissioners Lieurance, Traynor, and Vice-Chairman Shackleton

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Knepper and Chairman Martin

RESOLUTION 2026-09 DECLARED ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2026-10

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

**Chippewa County
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-10
Correctional Officers' Week
May 3rd – 9th, 2026**

Whereas each year the first full week of May, our nation takes time to recognize and honor the dedicated individuals who serve in one of the most challenging and often overlooked professions: corrections. Known officially as National Correctional Officers and Employee Week, this observance pays tribute to the correctional officers and all correctional staff who work tirelessly to maintain safety, enforce court mandates, and rehabilitate individuals within our criminal justice system; and

Whereas Correctional Officers work on the front lines of our correctional facility, ensuring the safety of staff, inmates, and the public. The role is critical not only in enforcing rules and regulations but also managing crises and serving as the daily stabilizing force, often which can be unpredictable, and

Whereas the safety and well-being of every citizen in Chippewa County is of the utmost importance, and the correctional officers who work in our correctional facilities dedicate themselves to this critical task each shift they work; their job demands vigilance, courage, integrity, and a deep sense of responsibility, and,

Whereas in an environment that may become intimidating, aggressive, or even hostile, correctional officers are skilled professionals that are trained to maintain composure while preserving safety and property, and restraining people that may be dangerous to themselves or other; and,

Whereas these honorable hard-working men and women are committed public servants, and without their expertise and service, the Chippewa County correctional facilities would be unable to operate as successfully and efficiently as they do today; and,

Whereas during this week, we join with the citizens of Chippewa County to recognize every correctional officer that serves or has served with Chippewa County. We thank them for the essential role they play in helping to protect the people of Chippewa County, now,

Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners declares the week of May 3, 2026, through May 9, 2026, to be Correctional Officers' Week in Chippewa County, in honor of the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our county and citizens safe

A ROLL-CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: Commissioners Lieurance, Traynor, and Vice-Chairman Shackleton

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Knepper and Chairman Martin

RESOLUTION 2026-10 DECLARED ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2026-11

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

Chippewa County RESOLUTION NO. 2026-11 POLICE WEEK

A resolution to declare May 11th-16th, 2026, as Police Week in Chippewa County, Michigan.

Whereas, in 1962, President John F. Kennedy proclaimed May 15th as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15th falls as National Police Week. Established by a joint resolution of Congress in 1962, National Police Week pays special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others, and;

Whereas, there are more than 700,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the approximately 17,000 full-time uniformed police officers in Michigan, and;

Whereas, Members of law enforcement deserve the appreciation and respect of the people of Chippewa County, Michigan for the merit, dignity, bravery, and reliability they exhibit each and every day.

We must also honor the sacrifices made by families of police officers, as each day they must face constant fear as their loved one works to protect us, and;

Whereas, in 2024 alone, 145 law enforcement officers were killed and many, many more assaulted in the line of duty across the country. That includes five from Michigan: Motor Carrier Officer Daniel Kerstetter from Michigan State Police, Corporal Mohamed Said from the Melvindale Police Department, Deputy William Butler, Jr. from the Hillsdale County Sheriff's Office, Deputy Bradley Reckling from the Oakland County Sheriff's Office, and Trooper Joel Popp from the Michigan State Police.

Whereas, the names of these dedicated public servants who made the ultimate sacrifice are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C., and;

Whereas, Michigan's Chippewa County fallen officers will never be forgotten, nor will their service to their respective communities. By choosing to commit themselves to law enforcement, these brave individuals answered the call for service and willingly put their lives in jeopardy. We commend them for recognizing service as a noble career, and protecting the public safety; and also, all of those who are serving without incident to date, and;

Whereas, Chippewa County, Michigan and all Michigan citizens have turned to members of law enforcement for assistance and support in times of distress, whether they are coping with a personal crisis, bearing the strains of a pandemic, or struggling through civil disorder or a natural disaster. Our communities rely on these courageous individuals when it is difficult to stand on our own, and we are indebted to the unwavering public service of our local and state police. We are indeed fortunate and grateful for the contributions of law enforcement officers to the people of this state;

Now, therefore, be it Resolved that the members of this Chippewa County Board of Commissioners declare May 11th -16th 2026, as Police Week in Chippewa County, Michigan. We publicly salute the service of law enforcement officers in our community as well as those of our state and nation and honor police who place their lives on the line for the safety and security of their communities.

A ROLL-CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: Commissioners Lieurance, Traynor, and Vice-Chairman Shackleton

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Knepper and Chairman Martin

RESOLUTION 2026-11 DECLARED ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2026-12

The following resolution was offered by Vice Chairman Shackleton and supported by Commissioner Lieurance.

CHIPPEWA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENTRY OF PARTICIPATION AGREEMENTS IN PARTIAL SETTLEMENT OF THE NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION OPIATE LITIGATION

RESOLUTION 2026-12

At a regular meeting of the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners, Chippewa County, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, held at the Chippewa County Building, 325 Court Street, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 on April 16, 2026, at 4:30 p.m.

WHEREAS, the Chippewa County filed a lawsuit to address the public nuisance that is the Opioid Epidemic;

AND WHEREAS Associated Pharmacies, Inc.; J M Smith Corporation; Louisiana Wholesale Drug Company, Inc.; Morris and Dickson Co.; North Carolina Mutual Wholesale Drug Company, Inc.; United Natural Foods, Inc.; and their subsidiaries ("Six Remnant Defendants") have negotiated a proposed settlement agreement ("Proposed Settlement") for Eligible Entities;

AND WHEREAS the Proposed Settlement contains an agreement for the Six Remnant Defendants to pay a combined \$97,625,000.00 in cash to resolve pending opioid-related litigation;

AND WHEREAS Chippewa County previously executed Participation Agreements for the Distributor and Janssen Settlements, the Teva, Allergan, CVS, Walmart, Walgreens Settlements, the Kroger Settlement, the Sandoz Settlement, and the Secondary Manufacturer and Purdue/Sackler Settlements, which have conferred and continue to confer valuable benefits; NOW THEREFORE, Chippewa County authorizes the execution of a Participation Agreement for the Remnant Defendants Settlement.

Resolution 2026-12 – Approving Participation in Remnant Settlement Adopted this 16th day of April 2026

A ROLL-CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: Commissioners Lieurance, Traynor, and Vice-Chairman Shackleton

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Knepper and Chairman Martin

RESOLUTION 2026-12 DECLARED ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2026-13

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

MICHIGAN COMMUNITY RESOLUTION AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT TO MANAGE FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT FOR THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

Please see Exhibit A

A ROLL-CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: Commissioners Lieurance, Traynor, and Vice-Chairman Shackleton

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Knepper and Chairman Martin

RESOLUTION 2026-13 DECLARED ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2026-14

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

National Public Health Week Proclamation

April 6th – 12th, 2026

Whereas, the week of April 6, 2026, is National Public Health Week and the theme is “***Ready, Set, Action!***” highlighting that public health actions occurring through scientific discoveries, legislation and community initiatives have significantly improved the health of all Americans;

Whereas, significant strides have been made in public health since the inception of National Public Health Week in 1994, including the following public health successes:

- 1) Reduction in childhood mortality rates, due to vaccines, better health care access and nutrition;
- 2) Reduction in smoking rates, due to comprehensive smoke-free policies, public awareness campaigns and taxation of tobacco products;
- 3) Reduction in deaths due to HIV/AIDS, due to accessibility of antiviral and preventative therapies;
- 4) Increase in access to mental health treatment due to increased awareness and integration in primary care;
- 5) Reduction of childhood lead poisoning, due to policies addressing leaded gasoline, and lead in paint, pipes and water systems;
- 6) Improvement in pandemic preparedness due to scientific advancements in vaccines, vaccine deployment and investment in community infrastructure, stockpiles and global surveillance.

Whereas, public health professionals help communities prevent, prepare for, withstand and recover from the impact of a full range of health threats, ranging from infectious disease outbreaks to natural disaster preparedness; and

Whereas, efforts to adequately support public health and the prevention of disease and injury can continue to transform a health system focused on treating illness into a health system on preventing disease and injury and promoting wellness.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Chippewa County Commission hereby proclaims the week of April 6th – 12th, 2026, as National Public Health Week in Chippewa County, Michigan, and calls upon the residents of Chippewa County to observe this week by promoting health and well-being for all citizens.

A ROLL-CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: Commissioners Lieurance, Traynor, and Vice-Chairman Shackleton

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Knepper and Chairman Martin

RESOLUTION 2026-14 DECLARED ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2026-15

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

CHIPPEWA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION #26-15

RESOLUTION SUBMITTING TO A VOTE OF THE ELECTORATE THE FOLLOWING MILLAGES; RENEWAL OF ROAD MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR, AMBULANCE AND FIRE PROTECTION AND RECYCLING AND A NEW MILLAGE FOR HEALTH CARE SERVICES FOR COUNTY RESIDENTS

WHEREAS, as authorized by the General Property Tax Act, 1983 PA 206 MCL 211.1 *et seq.*, counties may levy dedicated millages upon property within the county to finance lawful public services such as road maintenance, ambulance, and fire protection, recycling programs, and health care services; and

WHEREAS, the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners believes that residents should have an opportunity to consider four ballot proposals to authorize tax levies to provide funding for the following important public services as described in this resolution; and.

WHEREAS, road maintenance and improvements are important for the safety of residents and visitors and to maintain property values; and

WHEREAS, the voters of Chippewa County approved a Road Maintenance and Repair millage in 2021 that will expire on December 31, 2027, if not renewed; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Road Commissioners is required to maintain approximately 1,300 roadways under its jurisdiction and it will not be able to maintain adequate staffing levels and road maintenance if a renewal millage is not approved; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Road Commissioners has asked the County Board of Commissioners to present a ballot proposal to voters to renew the Road Maintenance and Repair millage for a period of five years, beginning in 2027 through 2031, at the rate of 0.9624 mills, which has been reduced from the 2021 voter approved millage of 0.9879 mills due to Headlee rollbacks and would raise an estimated \$1,493,004.41 in the first year; and

WHEREAS, the Road Commission has also asked if the Road Maintenance and Repair millage is not approved in the August 4, 2026, election, that the proposal be placed on November 3, 2026, ballot; and

WHEREAS, fire protection services within Chippewa County are provided by city, township, tribal and volunteer organizations. Ambulance service is provided by local and regional EMS authorities, and the County operates a Central Dispatch to receive and dispatch 911 calls and coordinates multi-agency responses and supports countywide emergency planning and response; and

WHEREAS, in 2022 the voters approved a 0.4275 millage for Ambulance and Fire Protection for providing funds ambulance and fire protection with the levy distributed 35% for administration, training and communication operations and 65% distributed annually to the City of Sault St. Marie and the townships within the County based on the pro-rata value of their taxable valuations. This millage will expire on December 31, 2026, if a new millage is not approved; and

WHEREAS, a renewal of the Ambulance and Fire Protection millage at 0.4189 mills for a period of four years, 2026 through 2029, inclusive, commencing December 1, 2026, would raise an estimated \$649,867.12 in the first year; and

WHEREAS, the County Recycling program provides a valuable service to residents by accepting household recyclable items at a recycling center and helps to protect the environment through the proper disposal of these items; and

WHEREAS, the 2022 voter approved millage of .5000 mills, which has been reduced by Headlee Rollbacks, will expire on December 31, 2026, if a new millage is not approved; and

WHEREAS, a renewal of the Recycling Program millage at 0.4900 mills for a period of four years, 2026 through 2029, inclusive, commencing December 1, 2026, would raise an estimated \$760,175.53 in the first year and help continue the operation of this valuable program; and

WHEREAS, based on U.S. Census data, approximately 5,600 people in Chippewa County are uninsured, which is almost 18% of the residents in the County; and

WHEREAS, uninsured residents tend to delay health care until conditions are serious and use more costly emergency rooms as a last resort. Providing funding to help uninsured residents seek preventative care results in healthier residents, fewer medical crises and a decline in preventable hospitalizations and reduction in medical debt; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has determined that a County-wide dedicated millage to provide health care services to uninsured and underinsured County residents and for community-based outreach and education to all residents regardless of health care coverage, through a contract with the Community Health Access Coalition (CHAC), will benefit all residents within the County and reduce the costs of medical service for residents and providers; and

WHEREAS, a new millage of 0.150 mills for a period of four years, 2026 through 2029, inclusive, commencing December 1, 2026, would raise an estimated \$232,706.59 in the first year; and

WHEREAS, under the General Property Tax Act, specifically MCL 211.24f, the County Board of Commissioners is authorized to submit ballot proposals to levy millages for a stated public purpose as long as the ballot clearly discloses the millage rate, the duration, and the purpose of the tax; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners approves four millage ballot questions to the voters: 1) for road maintenance and repair, 2) ambulance and fire protection; 3) recycling programs, and 4) health care services; and directs the County Clerk to submit the proposals for placement on the August 4, 2026 State Primary Election ballot.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if 1) the road maintenance and repair proposal, 2) ambulance and fire protection, 3) recycling programs and 4) health care services does not pass on the August 4, 2026 election ballot, the County Clerk is directed to submit the 1) road maintenance and repair proposal, 2) ambulance and fire protection, 3) recycling programs and 4) health care services on the November 3, 2026 State General Election ballot.

**CHIPPEWA COUNTY
RENEWAL OF
ROAD MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS DEDICATED MILLAGE**

This millage is to renew the millage that will expire after the 2026 tax levy and that has been reduced from the 2021 voter approved millage of 0.9879 mill as a result of Headlee rollbacks.

Shall the existing authorized Road Maintenance and Repairs Millage within the County of

Chippewa, Michigan, be renewed at 0.9624 mills (\$0.9624 per \$1,000 of taxable value) upon all

taxable property within Chippewa County for a period of five years, 2027 through 2031, inclusive, with the first levy commencing December 1, 2027, for the purpose of road repairs and maintenance within Chippewa County and streets within the City of Sault St. Marie and the Village of DeTour? If approved, in the first year this millage would raise an estimated \$1,493,004.41.

YES _____

NO _____

**CHIPPEWA COUNTY
RENEWAL OF
AMBULANCE AND FIRE PROTECTION DEDICATED MILLAGE**

This millage is to renew the millage that will expire in 2026 and that has been reduced from the 2022 voter approved millage of 0.4280 mills as a result of Headlee rollbacks. Shall the existing authorized Ambulance and Fire Protection Millage within the County of Chippewa, Michigan, be renewed at 0.4189 mills (\$0.4189 per \$1,000 of taxable value) upon all taxable property within Chippewa County for a period of four years, 2026 through 2029, inclusive, commencing December 1, 2026 for the purpose of supplementing funding for public services of County-wide ambulance and fire protection with the levy to be distributed as follows: 35% for County administration, training and communication operations and 65% to be distributed annually to the City of Sault Ste. Marie and the Townships of Chippewa County (Bay Mills, Bruce, Chippewa, Drafter, Detour, Drummond, Sugar Island, Superior, Trout Lake, Whitefish, Hulbert, Kinross, Pickford, Raber, Rudyard and Soo) based on the pro-rated value of their respective taxable valuations? If approved, in the first year this millage would raise an estimated \$649,867.12.

YES _____

NO _____

**CHIPPEWA COUNTY
RENEWAL OF
RECYCLING PROGRAM DEDICATED MILLAGE**

This millage is to renew the millage that will expire in 2026 and that has been reduced from the 2022 voter approved millage of 0.5000 mills as a result of Headlee rollbacks. Shall the existing authorized Recycling Millage within the County of Chippewa, Michigan, be renewed at 0.4900 mills (\$0.4900 per \$1,000 of taxable value) upon all taxable property within Chippewa County for a period of four years, 2026 through 2029, inclusive, commencing December 1, 2026, for the purpose of the continued operation of the Chippewa County Recycling Program, which allows residents to drop off common household recyclables at a recycling center, and if approved, in the first year this millage would raise an estimated \$760,175.53.

YES _____

NO _____

**CHIPPEWA COUNTY
COMMUNITY-BASED HEALTH CARE SERVICES FOR COUNTY RESIDENTS
DEDICATED MILLAGE PROPOSAL**

Shall the County of Chippewa, Michigan, be authorized to levy a new millage of 0.150 mills (\$0.150 per \$1,000 of taxable value) upon all taxable property within Chippewa County for a period of four years, 2026 through 2029, inclusive, commencing December 1, 2026 for the purpose of improving access to primary, behavioral and preventative health services, care coordination and navigation for uninsured and underinsured residents of Chippewa County, support services addressing health-related social needs, and community-based health outreach and education programs within the County, with such services to be provided through a contract between Chippewa County and Community Health Access Coalition (CHAC), a non-profit organization within Chippewa County that provides health care services? If approved, in the first year this millage would raise an estimated \$232,706.59.

YES _____

NO _____

A ROLL-CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: Commissioners Lieurance, Traynor, and Vice-Chairman Shackleton
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Knepper and Chairman Martin

RESOLUTION 2026-15 DECLARED ADOPTED

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

**COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PERSONNEL, EQUALIZATION AND
APPORTIONMENT/TRANSPORTATION/HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
COMMITTEE**

April 13, 2026

Equalization – Millages and property values

The Committee was updated by Equalization Director Dulcee Atherton who provided information on the County's Personal and Real property totals, Equalized Valuations – REAL and Assessed Valuations – REAL all which are part of the L-4024 report broken down by township acreage with the report showing each of the township's breakdown by the categories of: agriculture, commercial, industrial, residential, timber-cutover and development. The Committee also reviewed the 2026 Millage Reduction Fraction Computation for 2026, and Proposal A (Headlee rollback), and its effects on tax bills and the upcoming millage questions. Equalization Director Atherton asked the Committee to approve the post Board of Review equalized and certified figures on the L4026. The Committee discussed the June Truth in Taxation upcoming public hearing. Discussion followed.

It was moved by Commissioner Lieurance, supported by Commissioner Traynor, that the 2026 equalized and certified values, tentative taxable values presented by Director Atherton be approved as reported and that all state required forms regarding same be completed and filed as required by statute and to establish a Truth in Taxation Public Hearing for the June 11, 2026 meeting of the County Board. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Personnel – Sheriff's Office – Chippewa Youth Outreach Program

Undersheriff Ryan Hering notified the Committee regarding the formation of the Chippewa Youth Outreach Program, which will be led by Erica Mattson with funding established at the Chippewa County Community Foundation as a 501 3c account to be used as a platform for first responders to be more accessible to the youth in the Community, programs for youth enrichment and support through community wide events. There will be no funding from Chippewa County as the program will be relying on donations, fund raising events and possibly grant funds. No action was taken.

Personnel – Sheriff’s Office – Sheriff’s Officer Wellness Program

The Committee reviewed a request from the Sheriff’s Office to implement a more proactive employee wellness program, Undersheriff Hering addressed the Committee regarding Sheriff’s Office employee’s mental health and well-being and the four-part plan. The plan includes a mental health training program, sit-down office-wide events, mental health time for deputies and a physical fitness program. The Undersheriff is trying to make a proactive change so that the County stops losing talent he shared statistics regarding police officer lifespans compared to the average life expectancy. The Office already utilizes reactive program including Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM), Blue H.E.L.P (Honor Educate Lead Prevent), Partners in mental health therapy with Sheriff’s Office Administration creating a culture where it is acceptable to talk about mental health and to reach out if needed. The first part of the plan starts with a program called Protect the Protectors™, provided by Robertson Research Institute, the program optimizes brain health for better first responder emotional, physical, and mental health. The Sheriff’s Office would like to implement the program utilizing Fund 245 – Continuing Professional Education (CPE) Pilot Program funds, initially for the Sheriff’s Road Division, at a cost of \$9,000.00 for FY2026 or \$500 per employee, if grant eligible. The second part of the plan is to use the current mental health budget for gatherings and office-wide events to help create a supportive culture. The third part of the plan is to allow for all full-time employees and 79-hours corrections employees to be able to utilize 1 hour a week for mental health activities which could include therapy, physical training which leads to the final part of the plan which is to incorporate a physical fitness program. Discussion followed.

It was moved by Commissioner Lieurance, supported by Commissioner Traynor, to support the Sheriff’s Office Employee Wellness Program, establishing a more proactive program and to authorize the Protect the Protectors™ program provided by the Robertson Research Institute at a cost of \$9,000.00 for FY2026 for the Sheriff’s Road Division. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Personnel – Sheriff’s Office Administration Non-Union – Hybrid Eligible – 457 Match

The Committee was updated on benefits within the Sheriff’s Office and inconsistencies that develop after negotiations, and when personnel transfer into Sheriff’s Office Administrative roles (Sheriff, Undersheriff, Captain and Lieutenant). The difference between a defined contribution vs a Hybrid retirement was discussed; as well as the loss of the 457 Match, if an officer chooses to transfer into Administration. Discussion followed.

It was moved by Commissioner Lieurance, supported by Commissioner Traynor, to authorize employees currently enrolled in the County’s 457 Match Plan (Road Patrol 8% - Corrections 10%) to maintain their current level of contribution upon transfer into Sheriff’s Administration positions of Sheriff, Undersheriff, Captain and Lieutenant and to extend eligibility for the 457 match contribution to employees who have previously transferred and are eligible under a hybrid retirement plan, effective 4/27/2026. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Personnel – Health Department – Medical Director Dr. Michael Beaulieu, M.D.

The Committee was notified that Dr. Michael Beaulieu, M.D. will be replacing retiring Medical Officer Dr. Catherine Wilkerson as the Health Department's Medical Director beginning May 15, 2026, with a built-in transition period. The contract is \$60,000.00 annually and Dr. Beaulieu is required to spend 16 hours per week in the health department. The Medical Director Agreement will be on the Finance Claims and Accounts agenda for approval. No action was necessary.

Personnel – Health Department – Permission to speak with LMAS regarding

County and Health Department Administration addressed the Committee regarding the recently announced retirement of Health Officer Karen Senkus, who will be retiring June of 2027. Administration would like the support to reach out to LMAS District Health regarding a potential future merger to not only consolidate services, but to maintain the current services provided to our constituents and possibly add new services. A brief discussion regarding leadership, future unfunded liabilities, and consolidation of services took place.

It was moved by Commissioner Lieurance, supported by Commissioner Traynor, to authorize Administration to explore options for a potential merger between the Chippewa County Health Department and LMAS District Health our neighboring jurisdiction and to report back the findings for further consideration. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Personnel – County Wide Staffing Update

The Committee was updated on the current job openings, outstanding personnel issues, and reminded of upcoming negotiations.

Personnel – Non-union Part-time Wages

The Committee reviewed the proposed changes to the non-union part-time wages scale, which would eliminate the first three steps and change the starting wage to \$15.49 and change the basis of increase to years instead of hours. This is to keep up with the demands of seeking qualified applicants and to keep pace with the changes to minimum wage. Discussion followed.

It was moved by Commissioner Lieurance, supported by Commissioner Traynor, to approve the Non-Union Part time (NUPT) as follows: starting rate \$15.49; after 1-year \$15.91; after two-years \$16.36 and after three-years \$16.78; this scale will be effective 4/27/2026. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Health and Social Services – M-129 Drinking Water Follow-Up

Health Officer Karen Senkus reviewed the investigative report from MDHSS from the July August 2025 reports of potential groundwater contamination along M-129 and updated the Committee on the findings which did not find any aquifer issues, there were many similar issues at the household including needing new caps and another needing chlorination cleaning. The report concluded that the bacteria detections being widespread, not within the same aquifer and with a majority of the

MDHHS bacteria detections being identified on properties with identified environmental health hazards, widespread aquifer contamination is unlikely, with many of the houses being resampled with no bacteria detected. Discussion followed regarding the actions of Environmental Health being the correct actions and the possibility of posting the MDHSS report to the Health Department website. No action was taken.

Health and Social Services – RxSaveCard – Program Cost Summary

The Committee was updated on the first quarter of the RxSaveCard program, showing a total of 28 members and a savings to date of \$12,350.00. No action was taken.

It was moved by Commissioner Lieurance, supported by Commissioner Traynor, for the minutes of Personal, Equalization and Apportionment/Transportation/Health and Social Services Committee be approved and accepted. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

FINANCE, CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES April 14, 2026

AGENDA ITEMS

Health Department – Family Planning Policy Update – combined into three comprehensive policies

15.00.038 Family Planning Program Policy

15.00.039 General Recommendations

15.00.041 Minor Counseling

The Committee received and reviewed three new comprehensive policies for Family Planning which previously were twenty-two separate policies; this change will help keep the policies and requirements in a more concise presentation for the Health Department staff.

It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, supported by Commissioner Lieurance, to approve and authorize the three combined Family Planning policies as presented: 15.00.038 Family Program Policy, 15.00.039 General Recommendations and 15.00.041 Minor Counseling. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Health Department – Tobacco Campaign 2026 Billboard Placements (Grant Expense)

\$5,000.00 (Lamar Advertising)

\$5,000.00 (LSSU Dept. of Athletics)

The Committee reviewed quotes from both Lamar Advertising and LSSU Dept. of Athletics for \$5,000.00 each for the 2026 Tobacco media campaign to promote tobacco-free parks and beaches, the dangers of vaping/tobacco use and promotion of the Quit Line. The campaign cost is covered by the Tobacco Control Grant; one billboard is will be placed for the general public to see and the second is for students and community members that attend events at LSSU.

It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, supported by Commissioner Traynor, to approve and authorize the media advertisement for the 2026 Tobacco Campaign with billboards by Lamar Advertising and LSSU Dept. of Athletics for \$5,000.00 each, to promote tobacco-free parks and beaches, the dangers of vaping/tobacco and to Promote the Quit Line. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Health Department – Medical Director Agreement – Dr. Michael Beaulieu, M. D.
\$60,000.00 effective May 15, 2026, with automatic renewal and 90-day notice to terminate Agreement

The Committee review the Medical Director Agreement between the Chippewa County Health Department “CCHD” and Dr. Michael Beaulieu, M.D. “Medical Director” to be retained to perform the functions and related duties of the Medical Director as specified in the Michigan Public Health Code. The Medical Director agrees to remain permanently under contract with CCHD beginning May 15, 2026, the contract will automatically renew with periodic performance reviews conducted at the discretion of the Board of Commissioners through the Health Officer. Compensation for the Medical Director will be an annual fee of \$60,000.00 paid monthly through payroll, the contract does have a 90-day notice to terminate, and the Medical Director shall devote on average 16 hours per week to perform the duties and responsibilities of the position. Dr. Beaulieu will be replacing Dr. Catherine Wilkerson who has provided the County with excellent services since August 2021.

It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, supported by Commissioner Lieurance, to approve and authorize the Medical Director Agreement between Dr. Michael Beaulieu and the Chippewa County Health Department, effective May 15, 2026, in the annual amount of \$60,000.00 to be paid monthly through payroll, the agreement includes an automatic renewal and 90-day notice to terminate, including all section of the contract as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Health Department – Opioid Settlement Funds Amendment to extend use of funds through March 31, 2026 – with final report for FY2025 funds due April 30, 2026
Chippewa County Mental Health Court (CCMHC)
Face Addiction Now (FAN)

The Committee was asked to back date an approval to extend two of the FY2025 Opioid Settlement Fund Agreements expiration dates to March 31, 2026, as the spending time was limited from the time of the award to December 31, 2025. The two entities seeking extension are Chippewa County Mental Health Court (CCMHC) and Face Addiction Now (FAN), with the extension the entities final report will be due on April 30, 2026 for the FY2025 funds.

It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, supported by Commissioner Traynor, to approve and authorize the extension of the Chippewa County Mental Health Court (CCMHC) and Face Addiction Now (FAN) FY2025 Opioid Settlement Funds to be expended no later than March 31, 2026; with final report due on April 30, 2026, as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Sheriff’s Office – Drones Purchase – DSLRPros.com \$14,655.00

The Committee reviewed the Sheriff’s Office request to purchase five (5) drones (two night and three day) and recommends DSLRPros.com as their package contains more batteries and support equipment, with a total cost of \$14,655.00; the Sheriff’s Office did provide the required three quotes per County Purchasing Policy (one quote did not meet the requirements of the Office) and

this purchase was budgeted for FY2026; the Sheriff's Office has four licensed pilots.

It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, supported by Commissioner Lieurance, to approve and authorize the purchase from DSLRPros.com in the amount of \$14,655.00 to purchase five (5) drones (two night and three day) with batteries and support equipment, as presented and recommended by the Sheriff's Office. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Sheriff's Office – Purchase 16 – 800MHz Mobile and Portable Radio's - \$36,099.84 utilizing the TC Energy Grant of \$9,599.94 and approve budget amendments as needed

The Committee reviewed a request to purchase refurbished Motorola APX 6000 and APX 4500 Radio's from Command Communications, as new radios cost roughly \$7,000.00 each, these refurbished radios are quoted at \$1,999.99 and have been recently purchased by local emergency services entities without issue. The need to replace sixteen (16) radios is due to the need for encryption, to meet the new LEIN (Law Enforcement Information Network) standard, these radios will be for the Sheriff's Office part-time Special deputy positions. These sixteen radios will be a combination of mobile (in-car) and portable(on-hip) at the price of \$1,999.99 for a total cost of \$31,999.84 plus \$100.00 for shipping, once purchased there is an additional cost of \$250.00 per radio for templating (\$4,000.00 total) for a total purchase, including shipping and templating of \$36,099.84. The radios will be charged as follows: \$3,000.00 reimbursed out of FY2026 Snowmobile grant, \$10,980.00 from FY24 OPSG grant, \$12,000.00 from FY25 OPSG and \$9,599.95 from recently received TC Energy grant and the remaining \$519.90 from Fund 232 Community Correction Special Fund.

It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, supported by Commissioner Traynor, to approve and authorize the purchase of 16 – 800MHz Mobile and Portable Radios from Command Communications at the total price of \$32,099.84 including shipping and authorizing \$250.00 per radio for templating a total of \$4,000.00 for a grant total of \$36,099.84, to meet in the LEIN standard and to be used by Sheriff's Office part-time Special deputies and to make a budget amendment for the TC Energy grant in the amount of \$9,599.95 and the snowmobile grant in the amount of \$3,000.00 (both revenue and expense). The purchase will be paid for as broken down and referenced above. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Sheriff's Office – Purchase Accident Investigator and Crime Scene Trailer \$13,213.00 plus trade-in of Interstate single axel 8' covered trailer and additional \$4,000.00 from 232 to cover additional costs and to out the new trailer to make budget amendments for Fund 232

The Committee was asked to authorize the purchase of a new partially budgeted accident investigator and crime scene trailer for a full aluminum frame trailer from Gaylor-Thompson at the price of \$13,213.00; including the trade-in of a 8' long Interstate covered trailer and use of additional funds of \$4,000.00 from Fund 232 Community Corrections to cover the purchase and to outfit the new trailer with required shelving, bins, tables etc., a budget amendment will be needed for the additional expense from Fund 232.

It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, supported by Commissioner Lieurance, to approve and authorize the purchase of RC Trailer model name AD712SAE single axel aluminum trailer, including trade-in of 8' Interstate single axel trailer from Gaylor-Thompson at the cost of

\$13,213.00; and to authorize an additional \$4,000.00 from Fund 232 to complete the purchase and outfitting of the trailer, including a budget amendment of \$4,000.00 for 232-000-979.000. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Sheriff's Office – Purchase Body Armor Vests – 21 interior and 5 exterior vests estimated cost of \$19,395.00

The Committee reviewed a request to purchase body armor vests for the Sheriff's Office, specifically for the part-time employees, including transport deputies, door security, bailiff, tether, community service, corrections and recreational enforcement deputies. Each vest is \$695.00 plus an added cost of \$265.00 for the exterior vests and additional for shipping from CMP Distributors Inc.; the Sheriff's Office is not asking for any additional funds as they will not be purchasing a previously budgeted convection steamer that was budgeted at \$21,049.18 from Department 351, as the purchase of the vests is a higher priority for the safety of the staff.

It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, supported by Commissioner Traynor, to approve and authorize the purchase of 26 armor vests from CMP Distributors Inc. at the price of \$695.00 for interior, \$265.00 for exterior plus shipping for an estimated total of \$19,395.00 and changing the equipment budget request previously approved. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Sheriff's Office – Release RFQ – Sheriff's Vehicle – 2026 4-door mid-size SUV

The Committee received and reviewed the request for quotations to be released for a 2026 4-door mid-size SUV.

It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, supported by Commissioner Lieurance, to release the request for quotations for a 2026 4-door mid-size SUV, as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Information Systems – Bid Summary – Website Refresh – Recommendation WAMDt \$10,000.00, first year support \$2,400.00

The Committee reviewed the bid summary for the Website refresh, twenty-two bids were received, with a budget of \$15,000.00 for the project with \$4,000.00 for hosting and licensing; all bids were reviewed and then separated by cost all bids below \$20,000.00 were originally considered and checked to make sure they met the requirements; next vendor interviews were held and references checked. Information Systems both Health Department and County made the recommendation to go with WAMDt with at the cost of \$10,000.00 for the build and \$2,400.00 for the first year of support.

It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, supported by Commissioner Traynor, to approve and authorize the bid from WAMDt of \$10,000.00 for the County and Health Department website refresh, as recommended and vetted by County staff, with an additional cost of

\$2,400.00 for the first-year support and hosting, total cost \$12,400.00. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Office of Emergency Services – Colligo Mapping Tool License \$1,800.00 to add GIS map overlays

The Committee reviewed a request from Director Greg Postma, regarding adding a mobile license for the CAD map overlay, these can currently be seen at the CAD positions and this would add remote access options including in the EOC smart board screen, but also in the field for search and rescue operations, disaster management incident command locations and damage assessment operations. These overlays would be presented on an interactive map and would allow users to add and subtract the overlay as needed during an emergency. The license cost is \$1,800.00, adding the license will allow access to Colligo's systems outside of the CAD positions and remotely if necessary.

It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, supported by Commissioner Lieurance, to approve and authorize the \$1,800.00 Colligo license to add remote access to the CAD map overlay, as requested. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Central Dispatch – MOU Agreement with Bay Mills Police Department for radio dispatching services

The Committee reviewed a request from Central Dispatch Director Greg Postma to approve an MOU Agreement with Bay Mills Police Department for radio dispatching services, to eliminate communications problems and improve officer safety by having Chippewa County Central Dispatch handle the Bay Mills Police Department traffic 24/7, which is how it is currently handled on weekends and if their dispatcher is not available for calls or when they do not have a dispatcher on duty. This agreement closely mirrors what is already in place for the Sault Tribe Police Department and is supported by the Bay Mills Police Department and its officers. The agreement will supersede the previous Enforcement Assistance Agreement dated September 15, 2022.

It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, supported by Commissioner Traynor, to approve and authorize signature on the updated Enforcement Assistance Agreement between the Bay Mills Indian Community and Chippewa County Central Dispatch, replacing the prior Agreement dated September 15, 2022; the new Agreement authorizing CCCD to provide full-time dispatch responsibilities for the Bay Mills Police Department, as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

2026 Millage Language Update (no action needed, resolution to Full Board)

The Committee was updated on renewal millage language for the Recycling Program, Road Maintenance and Repair, the Ambulance and Fire Protection and the CHAC request, as the new SEV and Headlee rollback figures have been received and a resolution has been prepared by legal counsel.

Public Defender – FY2027 MIDC Cost Analysis

The Committee reviewed the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission FY2027 Cost Analysis, showing a total project cost for the Public Defender's Office starting October 1, 2026, through

September 30, 2027, of \$1,253,107.35 (\$1,028,952.93 grant and \$224,154.42 local share/general fund portion).

It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, supported by Commissioner Lieurance, to acknowledge and accept the FY2027 Michigan Indigent Defense Commission's Cost Analysis Renewal with a project total cost of \$1,253,107.35 including grant request of \$1,028,952.93 and general fund expense of \$224,154.42, as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Administration – Senior Services Agreement between Chippewa County and Chippewa-Luce-Mackinac Community Action Agency

The Committee reviewed a new agreement between Chippewa County and Chippewa-Luce-Mackinac Community Action Agency for a Senior Services Agreement to have CLMCAA perform senior services which are partially funded through County millage for the mutual benefits of the County constituents. CLMCAA to engage in the administration and provision of senior services with Chippewa County, including nutritional services, in-home supportive services, community-based adult services, and other supportive services designed to promote independent living, prevent institutionalization, and enhance the quality of life for eligible older adults. The term of this contract is January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2028, which matches the term of the current millage.

It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, supported by Commissioner Traynor, to approve and authorize the agreement between Chippewa County and Chippewa-Luce-Mackinac Community Action Agency to provide Senior Services as defined by the Agreement for a period of January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2028, as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Administration – Bid for Multifunction Copier Machine – Central Dispatch \$4,338.93

The Committee received and reviewed the one bid received for a multi-function copier machine for Central Dispatch from National Office Products in the amount of \$4,338.93, which met the requirements of the previously released RFQ and was budgeted according to the County's replacement schedule.

It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, supported by Commissioner Traynor, to approve and authorize the purchase of one (1) Konica Minolta Bizhub 361I at the price of \$4,338.93 with a maintenance agreement that covers toner, imaging units, fuser, transfer belt, staples, parts and labor for \$.008 cents per copy. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Administration – May Meetings change to May 5th and 7th conflicts

The Committee was asked to change the May meetings to May 5th and 7th, due to timing conflicts of the Allocation Board recommendations due to the County Clerk, per MCL the Allocation Board will meet on Monday, April 20th.

It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, supported by Commissioner Lieurance, to change the May Finance Claims and Accounts to Tuesday, May 5th and the Regular Board Meeting to Thursday, May 7th, 2026, meeting time to remain 4:30 p.m. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Finance - Claims and Accounts – March County

It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, supported by Commissioner Traynor, to recommend the approval of March bills and payroll: general claims \$478,260.99, other fund claims \$1,051,200.84, payroll \$897,427.57 total claims \$2,426,889.40 and to approve budget amendments for Health Department RU610 – SDOH (Social Determinants of Health), RU640 – Wellness Grant (MALPH), RU643 – (HCZ) Healthy Community Zones, RU645 – SHF Hep C, RU836 – Needle Exchange and RU843 - Emergency Preparedness Grant, as presented and to acknowledge the various financial reports that were emailed. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

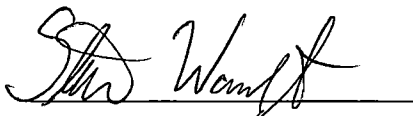
It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, supported by Commissioner Traynor, for the Finance, Claims, and Accounts Committee of April 14, 2026 be received and approved by the full Board. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

COMMISSIONER REPORT ON MEETINGS AS BOARD REPRESENTATIVES AND GENERAL COMMENTS

Administrator Church informed the Commission the courthouse stairs are now open. Vice-chairman Shackleton thanked everybody for coming to the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Lieurance, supported by Commissioner Trayner, to adjourn, accordingly. On a voice vote, the motion carried. The Board adjourned at 6:23 P.M.


Steven Woodgate, Clerk


James Martin, Chairman

EXHIBIT A

**MICHIGAN COMMUNITY RESOLUTION AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL
AGREEMENT TO MANAGE FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT
FOR THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM**

Community A (NFIP community:) Village of DeTour Community/Entity B (enforcing agency): Chippewa County

WHEREAS, Community A (check the appropriate following box statement)
☒ **currently participate** ☐ **desires to participate** in the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) by complying with the program's applicable statutory and regulatory requirements for the purposes of significantly reducing flood hazards to persons, reducing property damage, reducing public expenditures, and providing for the availability of flood insurance and federal funds or loans within its community; and

WHEREAS, the NFIP requires that floodplain management regulations must be present and enforced in participating communities, and utilize the following definitions which also apply for the purposes of this resolution:

1. ***Flood or Flooding* means:**
 - a. A general and temporary condition of partial or complete inundation of normally dry land areas from: 1) the overflow of inland or tidal waters, 2) the unusual and rapid accumulation or runoff of surface waters from any source, 3) mudflows, and
 - b. The collapse or subsidence of land along the shore of a lake or other body of water as a result of erosion or undermining caused by waves or currents of water exceeding anticipated cyclical levels or suddenly caused by an unusually high water level in a natural body of water, accompanied by a severe storm, or by an unanticipated force of nature, such as flash flood or an abnormal tidal surge, or by some similarly unusual and unforeseeable event which results in flooding, as defined in paragraph (a)(1) of this definition.
2. ***Flood Hazard Boundary Map (FHBM)* means an official map of a community, as may have been issued by the FEMA, where the boundaries of the areas of flood, mudslide (i.e., mudflow) related erosion areas having special hazards have been designated as Zone A, M, and/or E.**
3. ***Floodplain* means any land area susceptible to being inundated by water from any source (see definition of flooding).**
4. ***Floodplain management* means the operation of an overall program of corrective and preventive measures for reducing flood damage, including but not limited to emergency preparedness plans, flood control works, and floodplain management regulations.**
5. ***Floodplain management regulations* means zoning ordinances, subdivision regulations, building codes, health regulations, special purpose ordinances (such as a floodplain ordinance, grading ordinance, and erosion control ordinance) and other**

applications of police power that provide standards for the purpose of flood damage prevention and reduction.

6. *Structure* means a walled and roofed building that is principally above ground, gas or liquid storage facility, as well as a mobile home or manufactured unit.

WHEREAS, the Stille-Derossett-Hale Single State Construction Code Act, Act No. 230 of the Public Acts of 1972, as amended, (construction code act), along with its authorization of the state construction code composed of the Michigan Residential Code and the Michigan Building Code [and its Appendices (specifically Appendix G)] contains floodplain development and management regulations that comply with the FEMA NFIP minimum floodplain management criteria for flood prone areas as detailed in Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations (44 CFR), Section 60.3, and

WHEREAS, by the action dates of this document or an existing historical agreement dated 08/10/2015, Community/Entity B affirms/agrees on behalf of Community A to function as the designated enforcing agency to discharge the responsibility of administering, applying, and enforcing the construction code act and the state construction code, specifically the Michigan Residential Code and the Michigan Building Code, and the Michigan Rehabilitation Code for Existing Buildings to all development within Community A's political boundaries, and

WHEREAS, Community A and Community/Entity B enforce floodplain regulations of the construction code act, and Community A wishes to ensure that the administration of that code complies with requirements of the NFIP, and

NOW THEREFORE, to *maintain* eligibility and continued participation in the NFIP,

1. Community A and Community/Entity B agree that Community/Entity B's officially designated enforcing agency for the construction code act, Chippewa County Building Inspector, be directed to administer, apply, and enforce on Community A's behalf the floodplain management regulations as contained in the state construction code (including Appendix G) and to be consistent with those regulations, by:
 - a. Obtaining, reviewing, and reasonably utilizing flood elevation data available from federal, state, or other sources pending receipt of data from the FEMA to identify the flood hazard area, and areas with potential flooding, and
 - b. Ensuring that all permits necessary for development in floodplain areas have been issued, including a floodplain permit, approval, or letter of no authority from the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy under the floodplain regulatory provisions of Part 31, Water Resources Protection, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended, and
 - c. Reviewing all permit applications to determine whether the proposed building sites will be reasonably safe from flooding. Where it is determined that a proposed building will be located in a flood hazard area or special flood hazard area, Community/Entity B shall implement the following applicable codes according to their terms:

- i) All appropriate portions and specifically the floodplain management regulation portions and referenced codes and standards of the current Michigan Residential Code.
 - ii) All appropriate portions and specifically the floodplain management regulation portions and referenced codes and standards of the current Michigan Building Code.
 - iii) Appendix G of the current Michigan Building Code.
 - iv) All appropriate portions and specifically the floodplain management regulation portions and referenced codes and standards of the current Michigan Rehabilitation Code for Existing Buildings.
- d. Reviewing all proposed subdivisions to determine whether such proposals are reasonably safe from flooding and to ensure compliance with all applicable floodplain management regulations.
 - e. Assisting in the delineation of flood hazard areas; provide information concerning uses and occupancy of the floodplain or flood-related erosion areas, maintain flood proofing and lowest floor construction records, and cooperate with other officials, agencies, and persons for floodplain management.
 - f. Advising FEMA of any changes in community boundaries, including appropriate maps, and
 - g. Maintaining records of new structures and substantially improved structures concerning any certificates of floodproofing, lowest floor elevation, basements, floodproofing, and elevation to which structures have been floodproofed.
- 2. Community A and Community/Entity B assure the Federal Insurance Administrator (Administrator) that they intend to review, on an ongoing basis, all amended and revised FHBMs and Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) and related supporting data and revisions thereof and revisions of 44 CFR, Part 60, Criteria for Land Management and Use, and to make such revisions in its floodplain management regulations as may be necessary to assure Community A's compliant participation in the program.
 - 3. Community A further assures the Administrator that it will adopt the current effective FEMA Flood Insurance Study (FIS), FHBMs, and/or the FIRMs by reference within its Floodplain Management Map Adoption Ordinance or similarly binding ordinance documentation.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, both communities declare their understanding that, until this resolution is rescinded or Community A makes other provision to enforce the construction code act:

- 1. Community/Entity B must administer and enforce the construction code act in accordance with the terms and the conditions contained herein, and
- 2. For Community A to continue its participation in the NFIP, the construction code act must be administered and enforced according to the conditions contained herein.

Community A: Village of DeTour

Officer Name: Lindsey McGuire

Date Passed: 03/02/2026

Title: President of Village of DeTour

DeTour Village

Ordinance number 2026-01

amending Ordinance 20260202.600-1

March 2, 2026

ADDRESSING FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT PROVISIONS OF THE STATE CONSTRUCTION CODE

Community Name: Village of DeTour, County: Chippewa

An Ordinance Amendment to affirm an enforcing agency to discharge the responsibility of the Village of De Tour located in Chippewa County, and to designate regulated flood hazard areas under the provisions of the State Construction Code Act, Act No. 230 of the Public Acts of 1972, as amended.

The Village of DeTour ordains:

Section 1. AGENCY DESIGNATED. Pursuant to the provisions of the state construction code, in accordance with Section 8b(6) of Act 230, of the Public Acts of 1972, as amended, the Building Official of the County of Chippewa is hereby designated as the enforcing agency to discharge the responsibility of the Village of De Tour under Act 230, of the Public Acts of 1972, as amended, State of Michigan. The County of Chippewa County assumes responsibility for the administration and enforcement of said Act throughout the corporate limits of the community adopting this ordinance.

Section 2. CODE APPENDIX ENFORCED. Pursuant to the provisions of the state construction code, in accordance with Section 8b(6) of Act 230, of the Public Acts of 1972, as amended, Appendix G of the Michigan Building Code shall be enforced by the enforcing agency within the jurisdiction of the community adopting this ordinance.

Section 3. DESIGNATION OF REGULATED FLOOD PRONE HAZARD AREAS. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Insurance Study (FIS) Entitled The Flood Insurance Study for Chippewa County, All Jurisdictions, effective June 23, 2026 and the FIRM panels 26033CIND3B, 26033C1175E, 26033C1335E, effective June 23, 2026." are adopted by reference for the purposes of administration of the Michigan Construction Code, and declared to be a part of Section 1612.3 of the Michigan Building Code, and to provide the content of the "Flood Hazards" section of Table R301.2(1) of the Michigan Residential Code.

Section 4. REPEALS. All ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 5. PUBLICATION. This ordinance shall be effective after legal publication and in accordance with the provisions of the Act governing same.

Adopted this 2nd day of March 2026.

This ordinance was duly adopted on 2nd day of March, 2026 at a Regular meeting of the Village of De Tour Council and will become effective 2nd day of March, 2026.

Signed on 2nd day of March 2026 by Jen Postula (Signature),

Jen Postula, Clerk of the Village of DeTour

Attested on 2nd day of March 2026 by Lindsey McGure (Signature),

Lindsey McGure President of the Village of DeTour.

Signature: Linda ME

Date: 3/2/26

Witness Name: Jen Postula

Title: Clerk for Village of DeTour

Signature: Jen Postula

Date: 03/02/2026

Community/ Entity B: Chippewa County

Date Passed: 4/16/2026

Officer Name: Steve Woodgate

Title: Clerk

Signature: Steve Woodgate

Date: 4/17/2026

Witness Name: Kelly J Church

Title: Administrator

Signature: Kelly J. Church

Date: 4/17/2026