

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 August, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Scott Shackleton, George Kinsella, Don Cooper, Ted Postula and Don McLean

ABSENT: None

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Commissioner McLean and seconded by Commissioner Postula.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-14

RESOLUTION REQUESTING FULL FUNDING OF REVENUE SHARING

WHEREAS, in the Governor's recommendation for the FY 2014 budget, counties are scheduled to receive a 22.9% cut from what they were projected to receive based on the deal struck in 2004/2005, a deal that was advocated by the Michigan Association of Counties; and,

WHEREAS, the Governor is recommending an appropriation of \$140.6 million, \$41.7 million less than statutorily required, and counties will be required to "earn" 20 percent of their funding by fulfilling the County Incentive Program (CIP) requirements; and,

WHEREAS, with the proposed budget for FY 2014, counties would receive a cut of about \$42 million, and at first glance, it appears that the administration has recommended an additional \$10 million for county revenue sharing and CIP payment, but in reality, these additional funds result in less money to each county this year; and,

WHEREAS, counties have worked diligently for the past decade by leading the effort to reform, consolidate, and right size government in an effort to increase efficiency and adjust to declining revenues, but a one-size-fits-all approach to the CIP Employee Compensation Category is not acceptable; and,

WHEREAS, each local unit of government is in a different financial place, some growing, some declining, some healthy, and some struggling with their long-term liabilities. To say that all counties need to comply with a prescriptive formula on employee compensation would be a step backward for some and unattainable for others; and,

WHEREAS, compliance with the third category for this fiscal year is attainable because all counties are following the 80/20 healthcare law enacted last session, and the category should remain the same with the state stopping all attempts to move the bar; and,

WHEREAS, in 2004/2005, counties agreed to forego revenue sharing for a period of time in order to assist Michigan in balancing the budget and were promised a return of that funding once reserves were depleted; and,

WHEREAS, revenue sharing is more than just a pot of money to be allocated in whole or in part to counties; it is a statutory promise made to counties in exchange for giving up local taxing authority and for a more recent change in local taxing administration; and,

WHEREAS, the concept of earning what has already been earned is unfair and unacceptable; and,

WHEREAS, revenue sharing is used by counties to pay for a fractional share of the multitude of state-mandated services, including the courts, the jails, the constitutional officers, elections, and the public health system; and coupled with the recent reductions in property values and increased mandated state service delivery, counties are stretched to the financial limit; and,

WHEREAS, the County of Chippewa is without the economic resources to fund any new or additional state-mandated services, and, as a result thereof, the County of Chippewa will be unable to assume and/or provide any additional mandated responsibilities or duties without being provided the economic resources; and,

WHEREAS, any new mandates will not be assumed or done without the necessary state funding needed to assume or perform the same; and,

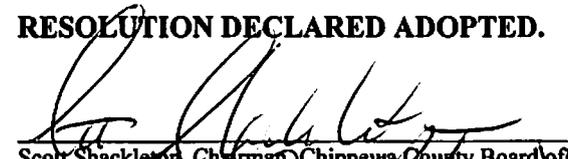
WHEREAS, it is projected that the Governor's recommended FY 2014 revenue sharing cut to Chippewa County is \$54,167.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners calls upon the Governor and the state legislature to live up to their promise by fully funding revenue sharing payments to counties in FY 2014 so that what is promised in Lansing can actually be accomplished and performed by counties at the local level.

A VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS

AYES: Shackleton, Kinsella, Cooper, Postula, McLean
NAYS: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.



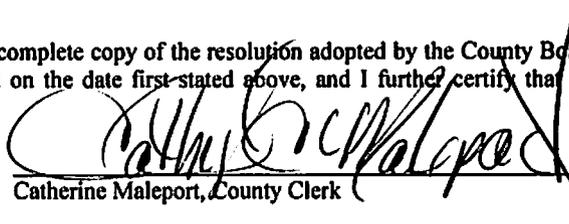
Scott Shackleton, Chairman, Chippewa County Board of Commissioners



Catherine 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.



Catherine Maleport, County Clerk