

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 19th day of November, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Scott Shackleton, Don McLean, Jim Martin, Conor Egan and Robert Savoie

ABSENT: None

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

RESOLUTION NO. 19-29

SUPPORTING PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION TO ADOPT 4-YEAR TERMS FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS the 1963 Michigan Constitution stipulated four-year terms for the county Board of Supervisors, the preceding body to today's Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS the Legislature voted in 1966 to abolish Boards of Supervisors and formally replace them with Board of Commissioners after the 1968 elections; and

WHEREAS Public Act 261 of 1966 promulgated that the length of terms for the new county commissioners shall be concurrent with that of state representatives, as specified in Article IV, section 3 of the Michigan Constitution; and

WHEREAS the scope of duties of a county commissioner has greatly increased in the last century – road patrols, indigent defense, mental health treatment and substance abuse prevention programming, solid waste pick-up and disposal, food and water supply safety, park operations, economic development efforts, emergency management and response; and

WHEREAS Michigan is one of only five state in the United States that provides for exclusively two-year terms for county commissioners; and

WHEREAS all other county and township elected officials in Michigan are elected to terms of at least four years; and

WHEREAS the position of county commissioner is a highly complex oversight role that requires years to master; and

WHEREAS legislation to amend state law to enact four-year terms had been file in the form of House bills 4937-38 and Senate Bills 504-505; and

WHEREAS the Michigan Association of Counties supports the legislation as introduced:

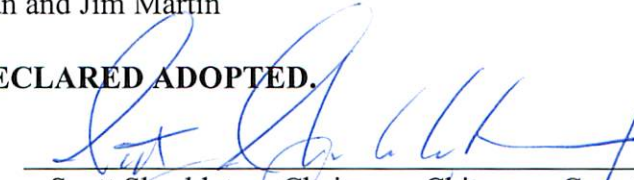
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Chippewa County supports House Bills 4937-38 and Senate Bills 504-505 to enact four-year terms for county commissioners.

A VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS

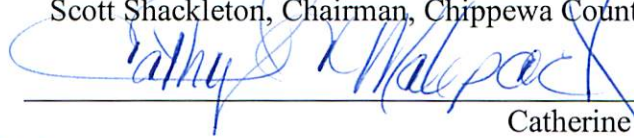
AYES: Scott Shackleton, Conor Egan and Robert Savoie

NAYS: Don McLean and Jim Martin

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.



Scott Shackleton, Chairman, Chippewa County Board of Commissioners



Catherine C. 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.