

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 13th day of November, 2018 at 5:30 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 McLean and seconded by Commissioner Martin.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-24
RESOLUTION SEEKING EQUITY IN STATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
FUNDING FOR LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS
IN THE UPPER PENINSULA OF MICHIGAN

WHEREAS, all 15 counties of the Upper Peninsula are rural and experience unemployment rates higher than the national average and higher than the counties in the lower peninsula; and
WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Michigan, created the Michigan Economic Development Corporation to address an alleviate high unemployment throughout the State of Michigan by assisting in business attraction, retention and growth, and
WHEREAS, the Michigan Business Development Program was created by the Legislature and placed under the direction of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation to further facilitate the attraction, retention and growth of businesses by funding the Michigan Business Development Program through the Michigan Strategic Fund, and
WHEREAS, the Michigan Economic Development Corporation over the last four years, has through the Michigan Business Development Program, provided more than 235 grants totaling in excess of \$200 million, to businesses to relocate in Michigan, to retain existing businesses and to expand and grow existing businesses, and
WHEREAS, the 15 counties of the Upper Peninsula have only received 2 grants under the Michigan Business Development Program amounting to \$400,000.
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners requests that the appropriate Legislative organizations to review and provide input on the Michigan Economic Development Corporation and the Michigan Business Development Program grant procedures and guidelines to ensure programs and funding is made available and is awarded in an equitable manner to all counties of Michigan, specifically the rural counties in the Upper Peninsula.

A VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

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.



Catherine C. Maleport, County Clerk