

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 9th day of May, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Scott Shackleton, Don McLean, Jim Martin, Rudy Johnson and Conor Egan

ABSENT: None

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

16-11

OPPOSING HB 5016 REGULATION OF PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAYS REQUIRING ONE YEAR NOTICE FROM LOCAL GOVERNMENT/MDOT TO LICENSEES UNDER MICHIGAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT

WHEREAS, HB 5016 would amend Section 13 of Public Act 368 of 1925, which regulates the use of public right of ways along roads by requiring local governments and the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) to give a one year notice to entities licensed under the Michigan Telecommunications Act (MTA) of any plan to relocate any in ground or above ground utilities or transmission lines; and

WHEREAS, these licensed entities already benefit from the free use of public right of ways that would cost them significant amounts of money if they were required to purchase use of said public right of ways; and

WHEREAS, requiring local governments and MDOT to notify the entities one year in advance of any relocation of utilities or transmission lines is unnecessary, burdensome potentially costly, and punitive to the extent that it levies a fine in the form of paying for relocation costs for failure to timely notify the entities; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners firmly opposes HB 5016 and respectfully asks the support of Senator Schmidt and Representative Chatfield in our opposition; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be provided to all Michigan counties, Governor Rick Snyder, the Michigan Association of Counties and representative members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

A VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS

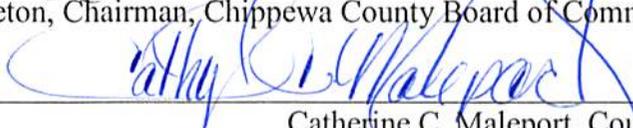
AYES: Scott Shackleton, Don McLean, Jim Martin, Rudy Johnson and Conor Egan

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.



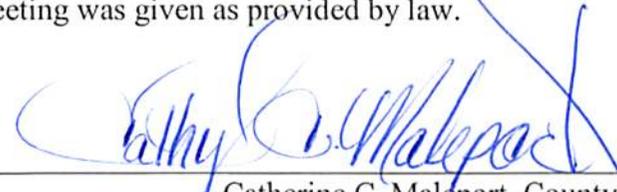
Scott Shackleton, Chairman, Chippewa County Board of Commissioners



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