

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 14th day of November, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Jim Moore

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

RESOLUTION NO. 11-17

RESOLUTION REGARDING THE DRAFT REGIONAL COUNCILS ACT - 2011

WHEREAS, local planning at the City, Village, Township and County level in Michigan is governed by the Michigan Planning Enabling Act of 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Association of Planning is proposing legislation for the performance of regional planning in Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Association of Planning and the Michigan Association of Regions both have an interest in seeing that the Regional Planning Enabling Legislation is fair, comprehensive, and protects and preserves the rights of the citizens of each of the regions; and

WHEREAS, the regional boundaries are defined by the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration as the boundaries of EDA's Economic Development Districts, and

WHEREAS, the Eastern U.P. Regional Planning & Development Commission does not support the legislation as currently drafted, with provisions for taxation that would put the Commission in direct competition for the statutory funding provided to its members, and provides for alteration of Regional Boundaries by the Governor without local input, when in fact, the Counties of the Eastern U.P. created the Eastern U.P. Regional Planning & Development Commission in 1968.

WHEREAS, the Eastern U. P. Regional Planning & Development Commission does not support this legislation as drafted because it has not been done in consultation or cooperation with each affected stakeholder therein, including the Metropolitan Planning Organizations and the Metro Councils in Michigan, and

THEREFORE, the Michigan Association of Planning does not have jurisdiction or authority over the Regions, MPO's, or Metro Councils in Michigan to facilitate the balanced and fair development of legislation of this nature, as an Association charged with providing community's the tools, knowledge, and legislative, regulatory, and policy environment to make land use and planning decisions based on sound planning principles.

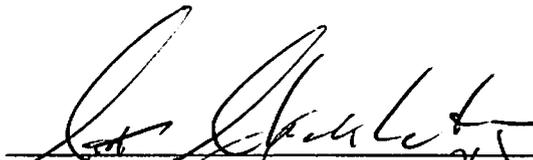
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is the opinion of the Eastern U. P. Regional Planning & Development Commission Board that any changes in boundaries or enabling legislation directly impacting the Eastern U. P. Regional Planning & Development Commission, at the state or federal level, should be made in collaboration with local units of government who make up the membership of each Regional Planning Commission or Council of Governments in accordance with state and federal law.

A VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS

AYES: Shackleton, Cooper, Postula, McLean, Knoll, Kinsella

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.



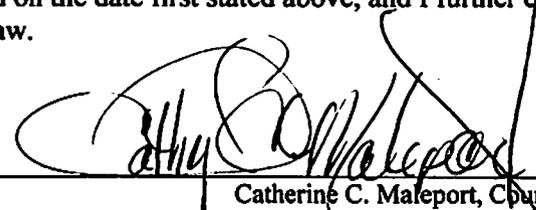
Scott Shackleton, Chairman, Chippewa County Board of Commissioners



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