

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 Eighth day of April, 2002, at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Don Cooper, Rita Dale, Aaron Hopper, Earl Kay, Bernard LaJoie, Gary McDowell, Ted Postula

ABSENT: None

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Commissioner Cooper and supported by Commissioner Dale.

RESOLUTION NO. 02-07

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT
PERMANENT NUCLEAR WASTE REPOSITORY**

WHEREAS, over the past four decades, nuclear power has become a significant source for the nation's production of electricity. Michigan is among the majority of states that derive energy from nuclear plants; and

WHEREAS, since the earliest days of nuclear power, the great dilemma associated with this technology is how to deal with the waste that is produced. This high-level radioactive waste material demands exceptional care in all facets of its storage and disposal, including the transportation of this material; and

WHEREAS, in 1982, Congress passed the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982. This legislation requires the federal government, through the U.S. Department of Energy, to build a facility for the permanent storage of high-level nuclear waste. This Act, which was amended in 1987, includes a specific timetable to identify a suitable location and to establish the waste facility. The costs for this undertaking are to be paid from a fee that is assessed on all nuclear energy produced; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the federal act, Michigan electric consumers have paid \$405.8 million into this federal fund for construction of the federal waste facility; and

WHEREAS, there are serious concerns that the federal government is not complying with the timetables set forth in federal law. The U.S. Department of Energy, working with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, must not fail to meet its obligations as provided by law. There is too much at stake.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners calls upon Michigan's elected officials to support the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission in their effort to fulfill their obligation to establish a permanent repository at Yucca Mountain, Nevada for high-level nuclear waste; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the U.S. Department of Energy, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and Michigan's U.S. Senators and members of Congress.


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A VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS

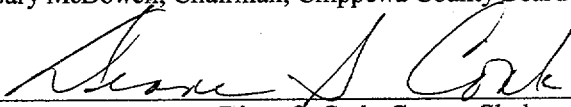
AYES: Cooper, Dale, Hopper, Kay, LaJoie, McDowell, Postula

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.



Gary McDowell, Chairman, Chippewa County Board of Commissioners



Diane S. Cork, 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.



Diane S. Cork, County Clerk