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County of Montmorency Board of Commissioners

Resolution #2023-08

OPPOSITION TO ENVIRONMENTAL STATE PROPOSED CHANGES

At the meeting of the County of Montmorency Board of Commissioners held in the County of Montmorency Building located in Atlanta, Michigan on June 1, 2023.

PRESENT: Donald Edwards, Gary Girardin, Mary Hardies, Lloyd Peltier, Dell Bolser

ABSENT: None

The following resolution was made by **Dell Bolser** and seconded by **Mary Hardies**, to-wit:

Whereas, there are currently pending in the Michigan Legislature certain bills, SB299, SB300, HB4479 & HB4480, which would remove existing local sanitary code regulation and impose statewide regulations for the design, implementation and maintenance of onsite sewage disposal systems; and

Whereas, these bills as presently drafted, would also include required inspection of all onsite sewage disposal systems every five years and would impose much greater expense and work hours on local public health departments; and

Whereas, the bills would dramatically increase the qualification requirements for septic inspectors and make it much more difficult to find, hire & retain qualified personnel; and

Whereas, the current legislation does not provide a permanent, secure funding mechanism to cover these increased costs, which will invariably be shifted to our local health departments, and

Whereas, the County of Montmorency's Board of Commissioners recognizes the critical importance of protecting Michigan's water resources, including groundwater, lakes & streams, and other surface waters, but concludes that the bills do not provide a model more protective of human health than the local code model nor a sustainable or financially feasible solution in areas that do not have the benefit of municipal sanitary systems; and

Whereas, soil types vary considerably throughout Michigan making it difficult to establish generalized "one size fits all" rules for septic systems.

Therefore, Be It Resolved

That County of Montmorency Board of Commissioners opposes SB299, SB300, HB4479 and HB4480 as introduced and urges the Michigan Legislature to consider the costs to local health departments before adopting changes to the onsite sewage disposal provisions of the Michigan Public Health Code.

**Therefore, Be it Further Resolved,
That this resolution shall be forwarded to members of the Michigan Legislature, and to other stakeholders.**

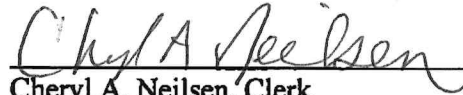
**YES: Bolser, Girardin, Edwards, Hardies, & Peltier
NO: None**

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.


CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Montmorency at a regular meeting held on **June 1, 2023**, the original of which resolution is on file in my office. I further certify that notice of said meeting was given in accordance with the provisions of the open meetings act.

Dated: June 1, 2023


Cheryl A. Neilsen, Clerk
County of Montmorency, Michigan

Dated: June 1, 2023


Donald Edwards, Chairperson
County of Montmorency, Michigan