

# Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners

## Resolution 2019-51

### In Support of Line 5 Tunnel

At a Regular Meeting of the Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners, on November 20, 2019: Motioned by West. Supported by Comai:

WHEREAS, Enbridge's Line 5 has been operating safely and reliably in the Straits of Mackinac for more than 66 years; and

WHEREAS, Enbridge's Line 5, a light crude and natural gas liquids pipeline, helps to safely meet Michigan's energy needs by fulfilling more than half of the propane needs of the state, and 69% of the needs of Upper Peninsula residents; and

WHEREAS, the products delivered to regional refineries provide jobs and ultimately fuel our lives; and

WHEREAS, issues have been raised by several concerned parties regarding the possibility and impact of a breach of Line 5 into the Straits of Mackinac. Multiple and extensive inspections and safety tests over the last several years have confirmed the integrity of Line 5 at the Straits of Mackinac.

WHEREAS, consequences to energy supply, local producers, regional airports and refineries, jobs, local economies and the pocketbook of Michiganders across the entire state are too great for Line 5 to be shut down before the tunnel replacement can be completed.

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan, under the Snyder administration, and Enbridge negotiated an "agreement" for a 5 year \$500 million project, to construct a tunnel 100 feet below bedrock to encase Line 5, the entire length of the Straits, in one-foot-thick concrete walls in order to mitigate the chances of any leaks of product into the Great Lakes.

WHEREAS, the recently elected Michigan Attorney General, Dana Nessel, has subsequently opposed the negotiated "agreement" and filed a law-suit in Ingham County Circuit Court to close down Line 5 immediately, effectively canceling all efforts to begin construction of the tunnel; and

WHEREAS, this action may very well provide unintended consequences for all parties as the litigation to close down Line 5 may take years to be resolved in the court with no assurance of the outcome and;

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WHEREAS, the time to resolved the litigation may simply result in the delay of the start of the construction of the tunnel thereby leaving the existing Line 5 in place unnecessarily for several additional years.

WHEREAS, Enbridge has demonstrated a willingness to work with the State to both protect the Great Lakes and ensure the continued safe delivery of energy we all rely on.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners hereby joins with other Michigan Counties in extending its support for Enbridge's proposed tunnel replacement project and urges the State of Michigan to work with Enbridge to complete the tunnel project as quickly as possible and not disrupt Line 5 service before the tunnel can be completed.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mackinac County sends this resolution to all counties of Michigan as an invitation to join in expressing support for increasing the safety of our current energy infrastructure as our society simultaneously seeks energy efficiencies and energy alternatives that will continue to reduce risks to our environment.

Motioned by West. Supported by Comai. Roll call vote:

Yeas: West, Comai, Cox, Ngirarsaol, Fisher.

Nays: Crambell, Sweet.

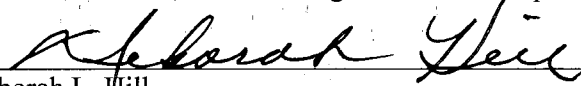
Absent: None

5 yeas. 2 nays.

Motion Carried.

 12-10-2019  
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Kohn E. Fisher,  
Chairman of the Board of Commissioners Kalkaska County

I, the undersigned, Clerk of Kalkaska County, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners, at its Regular Meeting on November 20, 2019 the original of which is part of the Board's minutes.

  
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Deborah L. Hill  
Clerk of the Board of Commissioners Kalkaska County

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**Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners  
Resolution 2019-56  
Supporting Passage of Legislation to Adopt 4-Year  
Terms for County Commissioners**

At a Regular Meeting of the Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners, on December 18, 2019:

WHEREAS the 1963 Michigan Constitution stipulated four-year terms for the County Board of Supervisors, the preceding body to today's Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS the Legislature voted in 1966 to abolish Boards of Supervisors and formally replace them with the Boards of Commissioners after the 1968 elections; and

WHEREAS Public Act 261 of 1966 promulgated that the length of terms for the new County Commissioners shall be concurrent with that of State Representatives, as specified, as specified in Article IV, Section 3 of the Michigan Constitution; and

WHEREAS the scope of duties of a County Commissioner has greatly increased in the last century – road patrols, indigent defense, mental health treatment and substance abuse prevention programming, solid waste pick-up and disposal, food and water supply safety, park operations, economic development efforts, emergency management and response, etc.; and

WHEREAS Michigan is one of only five states in the United States that provides for exclusively two-year terms for County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS all other county and township elected officials in Michigan are elected to terms of at least four years; and

WHEREAS the position of County Commissioner is a highly complex oversight role that requires years to master; and

WHEREAS legislation to amend state law to enact four-years terms has been filed in the form of House Bills 4937-38 and Senate Bills 504-505; and

WHEREAS the Michigan Association of Counties supports the legislation as introduced;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners supports House Bills 4937-38 and Senate Bills 504-505 to enact four-year terms for County Commissioners.

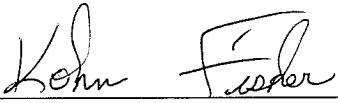
Motioned by West to adopt Resolution 2019-56. Supported by Comai. Roll call vote:

Yeas: West, Comai, Crambell, Sweet, Fisher.

Nays: None

Absent: Cox, Ngirarsaol

5 yeas. 0 nays. 2 absent. Motion Carried.

 12-18-2019  
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Kohn E. Fisher,  
Chairman of the Board of Commissioners Kalkaska County

I, the undersigned, Clerk of Kalkaska County, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners, at its Regular Meeting on December 18, 2019 the original of which is part of the Board's minutes.

  
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Deborah L. Hill  
Clerk of the Board of Commissioners Kalkaska County