

Chippewa County

Ad Hoc EMS Study Committee

Regular Meeting

January 29, 2026

Chippewa County Courthouse, Room 302

6:00 PM



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1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call / Introductions
3. Members of the Public Wishing to Be Heard
4. Review of Ad Hoc Committee Formation and Purpose – Andy Albarado
5. Facilitated Discussion – Garret Zastoupil
 - a. Panel Discussion: EMS from Wisconsin to Chippewa County
 - c. Identification of Group Norms
 - d. Identification of Group Decision Making Values
6. Agenda Items for Future Consideration
 - a. Review Secondary Data and Reports
 - b. Establish workplan goals and timelines
 - c. Appoint EMS Provider Workgroup
7. Next Meeting:
 - a. Thursday, March 5, 2026 at 6:00 pm
8. Adjourn

The **mission** of this committee is to:

- A. Assess the strengths and challenges of Chippewa County EMS services.
- B. Review other county and municipal EMS models.
- C. Develop recommendations to ensure sustainable and effective EMS operations over the next decade.
- D. Establish an action plan for the implementation of these recommendations

Adopted by the Chippewa County Board per Resolution 39-25

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Department of Administration

Andy Albarado, County Administrator



January 6, 2026

TO: Ad Hoc EMS Study Committee

Pam Guthman, County Board Supervisor, Chair
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Adam Dewitt, Anson EMS Director
Justus Busse, Chippewa Falls Fire & EMS Battalion Chief

FR: Andy Albarado, County Administrator
Chuck Hull, County Board Chair

RE: Appointment to the Ad Hoc EMS Study Committee

Thank you for agreeing to serve on the Chippewa County Ad Hoc EMS Study Committee. The County Board met on 12/16/2025 and approved Resolution 39-25. A copy of the resolution is attached for your reference.

As you know, Emergency Medical Services are essential to the health and safety of our residents. While we benefit from dedicated providers, our system faces significant pressure from changing demographics, financial constraints, and the recent closures of HSHS Sacred Heart and St. Joseph's hospitals.

You have been selected to join a 13-member body tasked with a critical mission: to ensure sustainable and effective EMS operations for the next decade. This committee brings together diverse perspectives—from municipal leadership to rural and urban EMS districts—to formulate actionable solutions.

Your role is strategic. Over the coming months, you will assess our current strengths, review models from other counties, and ultimately present a comprehensive action plan to the Executive Committee and County Board by August 2026. You will be supported by technical data and insights provided by a parallel EMS Provider Workgroup to ensure our policy recommendations are grounded in operational reality. Administrative support for the Ad Hoc EMS Study Committee and workgroup will be provided by Chippewa County Administration, Emergency Management and University of Wisconsin-Madison Extension, including providing a meeting location, staffing, final reporting, agenda, minutes, and organizational assistance.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The first kick off meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, January 29th at 6:00 p.m. in room 302** at the Courthouse. This initial meeting will include introductions, a panel discussion on the background of EMS in Chippewa County and a discussion on the information the working group needs to make decisions. Our goal is to continue meeting on the 1st Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m. starting in March. Enclosed you will find an orientation document outlining our timeline and objectives. We look forward to your leadership in solving this complex challenge.

Sincerely,

Andy Albarado
County Administrator

Chuck Hull
County Board Chair

Attachments (3)

* Resolution * Orientation Outline * Committee Contact Info

**Statement of Explanation****Resolution Authorizing the Creation of an Ad Hoc Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Committee to Study EMS Services in Chippewa County**

1 Emergency Medical Services (EMS) play an essential role in protecting the health and
2 safety of Chippewa County residents. Although the county benefits from a strong network of
3 committed EMS services and professionals, growing challenges—including changes in
4 population, financial pressures, and rising service demands—make it necessary to closely
5 review the system to ensure it remains effective and sustainable. Increasingly, we see gaps in
6 service and providers unable to keep rigs staffed and available. Many other counties in
7 Wisconsin have faced these same issues and responded by launching county-wide EMS studies
8 to strengthen and improve service delivery. The Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) has also
9 been working with legislators on how to address this issue.

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11 In the spring of 2024, the Hospital Sisters Health System (HSHS) decided to close the HSHS
12 Sacred Heart Hospital in Eau Claire and the HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital in Chippewa Falls along
13 with several of the Prevea Health clinics. That has contributed to and increased the challenges
14 associated with providing EMS services in Chippewa County.

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16 Chippewa County has the opportunity to take a proactive approach by bringing together
17 stakeholders to examine existing EMS operations, address gaps in service, and ensure a high
18 level of emergency medical care into the future. This resolution calls for the creation of an Ad
19 Hoc EMS Study Committee tasked with reviewing the county's EMS structure and developing
20 practical recommendations that support long-term stability and quality service.

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22 The proposed Ad Hoc EMS Study Committee will include representatives from across the
23 community, hold regular meetings, and present a final report with its conclusions and
24 recommendations to the Chippewa County Executive Committee and ultimately to the County
25 Board for consideration.

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27 To complement the work of the Ad Hoc EMS Study Committee, an EMS Provider
28 Workgroup will also be formed. This group will concentrate on identifying service challenges,
29 improving coordination among providers, and offering strategies to enhance sustainability. The
30 EMS Provider Workgroup's input will be provided to the Ad Hoc EMS Study Committee for
31 consideration as part of its final report.

Resolution No. 39-25

**Resolution Authorizing the Creation of an Ad Hoc Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
Committee to Study EMS Services in Chippewa County**

WHEREAS, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) are essential to the health and safety of Chippewa County residents; and,

WHEREAS, Chippewa County benefits from dedicated EMS providers serving communities across the county, many of which are volunteers; and,

WHEREAS, changing demographics, financial constraints, and increased service demands present challenges to the sustainability of EMS operations throughout the county; and,

WHEREAS, Wisconsin counties, including neighboring counties, have faced similar challenges and have undertaken county-wide EMS studies to evaluate and improve service delivery; and,

WHEREAS, collaboration and focused evaluation among stakeholders are necessary to develop solutions that ensure efficient and effective EMS coverage for all residents; and,

WHEREAS, the Chippewa County Board of Supervisors recognizes the ability and opportunity for Chippewa County to take a role in facilitating the convening of stakeholders countywide to conduct an assessment of current EMS services in Chippewa County and determine options to improve service delivery in the future; and

WHEREAS, over the last year a Chippewa County staff workgroup has conducted an initial evaluation and surveyed all transporting and non-transporting EMS agencies in Chippewa County to better understand the needs and challenges specifically in our area; and

WHEREAS, in January 2024, Chippewa County facilitated an informational meeting with all transporting and non-transporting EMS agencies, medical directors, municipal leaders and others to share the survey feedback, listen to other concerns, and hear about statewide approaches to EMS issues; and

WHEREAS, the County recognizes the need to facilitate a structured approach to assess the current state of EMS services and to develop a strategic action plan for future operations; and,

WHEREAS, the Chippewa County Board of Supervisors and local municipalities within Chippewa County recognize the best approach to finding long-term solutions to this complicated problem is to involve all of the current EMS services within the County;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chippewa County Board of Supervisors hereby establishes an Ad Hoc EMS Study Committee to evaluate Chippewa County's EMS services, propose recommendations for long-term sustainability, and outline an action plan for implementation; and,

Resolution No.
Resolution Authorizing the Creation of an Ad Hoc Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
Committee to Study EMS Services in Chippewa County

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the mission of the Ad Hoc Committee shall be to:

- a. Assess the strengths and challenges of Chippewa County EMS services.
- b. Review other county and municipal EMS models.
- c. Develop recommendations to ensure sustainable and effective EMS operations over the next decade.
- d. Establish an action plan for the implementation of these recommendations; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ad Hoc EMS Study Committee shall convene regularly starting in January through July 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Ad Hoc EMS Study Committee shall submit a final report with its findings and recommendations to the Executive Committee and County Board by August 2026; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Ad Hoc EMS Study Committee shall be comprised of 13 members, including the following:

- A total of 6 elected representatives from each of the following municipalities that are primary locations of existing EMS Service:

- o Bloomer – Sandi Frion, Bloomer City Administrator
- o Boyd – Dale Isaacs, Board Village Board
- o Cadott – Eric Weiland, Cadott Village Board
- o Cornell – Deb Semanko, Cornell City Council
- o Chippewa Falls – Dan Dixon, Chippewa Falls District 5 Alderman
- o 1 from (Lafayette/Hallie/Wheaton – Chippewa Fire Protection District) – Dave Staber, Fire District Board & Lafayette Town Chair

- 2 Chippewa County Towns Association representatives:

- o Corey La Nou, Town of Arthur Chairman
- o Pauline Spiegel, Town of Eagle Point Supervisor

- 2 Chippewa County Board Supervisors – Pam Guthman (Chair) and Peter Gehring (Vice-Chair)

- 1 EMS Association Chair – Ron Patten

- 2 EMS Agency Representatives (EMS Service Board or designee)

- o 1 from a rural district – Adam Dewitt, EMS Director for Anson Fire and EMS
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Fire and EMS

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an EMS Provider Workgroup comprised of current Chippewa County EMS Providers shall be established, and its mission shall be to complete the following tasks in support of the work of the Ad Hoc EMS Study Committee:

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- a. Identify service gaps and deficiencies in current service delivery
- b. Enhance coordination
- c. Propose solutions that promote long-term sustainability; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the EMS Provider Workgroup shall take direction from the Ad Hoc EMS Study Committee, analyze day-to-day challenges, assess resource allocation, and provide detailed, technical recommendations to the Ad Hoc EMS Study Committee for further discussion and inclusion in its final report; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the EMS Provider Workgroup be composed of a minimum of 2 members, including, but not limited to, the following:

- 1 Representative of each EMS Transporting Service Agency (Service Director or designee)
- 1 Representative of each First Responder Non-Transporting Agency; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, any expenses related to the Ad Hoc EMS Study Committee meetings shall be paid from the County Board budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that each entity represented in the Ad Hoc EMS Study Committee and workgroup shall select its representative(s); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ad Hoc EMS Study Committee and EMS Provider Workgroup shall each develop a meeting schedule at their first respective meetings; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that administrative support for the Ad Hoc EMS Study Committee and workgroup will be provided by Chippewa County Administration, Emergency Management and University of Wisconsin-Madison Extension, including providing a meeting location, staffing, final reporting, agenda, minutes, and organizational assistance.

Financial Impact

Unknown - Ad Hoc members are eligible for per diem and mileage

Signatures

Approved as to Form:

Andy Albarado
County Administrator

Leah Simington
Finance Director

Todd Pauls
Corporation Counsel

Outline for Ad Hoc EMS Study Committee and EMS Provider Workgroup



I. Ad Hoc EMS Study Committee

Purpose

The Ad Hoc EMS Study Committee is charged with reviewing county-wide EMS services in Chippewa County. The mission of the Ad Hoc EMS Study Committee is to:

- a. Assess the strengths and challenges of Chippewa County EMS services.
- b. Review other county and municipal EMS models.
- c. Develop recommendations to ensure sustainable and effective EMS operations over the next decade.
- d. Establish an action plan for the implementation of these recommendations; and,

A broad, multi-stakeholder group is best positioned to capture diverse perspectives—from municipal leadership to EMS operations—to formulate actionable solutions.

Composition

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Timeline & Rationale – Ad Hoc EMS Study Committee

A. Month 1 – Organizational Phase

This initial phase is essential for building the structure and ensuring that all stakeholders understand their roles and the objectives for the study. Establishing leadership early provides direction and accountability.

Activities:

1. Prepare a resolution for the Executive Committee on 12/02/2025 and County Board on 12/09/2025 for consideration. The resolution will establish the committee, appoint the members, and identify a timeline for the initiative.
2. Hold an initial kick-off meeting to review the scope and objectives for this initiative and determine the meeting schedule.
3. Review available EMS data.

B. Months 2-4 – Research & Evaluation Phase

Detailed data collection and analysis lay the groundwork for identifying service gaps and areas needing improvement. Comparing with neighboring models helps in benchmarking and understanding best practices.

Activities:

1. Gather quantitative data (e.g., response times, staffing, funding levels).
2. Conduct interviews with EMS personnel, hospitals, and other key stakeholders.
3. Compare Chippewa County's EMS performance with that of neighboring counties.

C. Months 5-6 – Analysis & Recommendations Phase

Synthesizing the data into a coherent set of recommendations ensures that the committee's findings are both actionable and grounded in the realities of EMS operations.

Activities:

1. Analyze collected data to highlight strengths and weaknesses in the current EMS system.
2. Collaborate with the EMS Providers Workgroup (see below) to integrate frontline insights.
3. Draft an initial report that outlines recommendations and strategic actions.

D. Months 7-8 – Finalization & Presentation Phase

Activities:

1. Finalize the report and strategic action plan based on feedback and further deliberation.
2. Present the final recommendations and implementation plan to the Executive Committee for consideration and the County Board for approval.

II. EMS Provider Workgroup

Purpose

The EMS Provider Workgroup focuses on the operational side of EMS services. It will analyze day-to-day challenges, assess resource allocation, and provide detailed, technical recommendations to the Ad Hoc EMS Study Committee.

By involving those who work on the ground, this workgroup ensures that practical, real-world insights are captured, helping to fine-tune broader strategic recommendations.

Composition

- EMS leadership from County EMS agencies (Service Directors)
 - Transporting Services including:
 - Chippewa Falls Ambulance
 - Chippewa Fire District Ambulance
 - Bloomer Ambulance
 - Boyd-Edson-Delmar Ambulance
 - Cadott Community Ambulance
 - Cornell Rescue Squad
- Representation from County First Responder Agencies
 - Non-Transporting Services including:
 - Anson First Responders
 - Bloomer Area First Responders
 - Eagle Point Fire Department First Responders

- New Auburn Area Fire Department First Responders
- Stanley Fire Department
- Tilden Fire Department First Responders
- Wheaton Fire & Rescue
- Eau Claire Fire?
- Rusk County Ambulance?

Timeline & Rationale – EMS Provider Workgroup

A. Month 1 – Organizational Phase

Early organization is vital so that technical perspectives can be aligned with the broader study. Establishing deliverables ensures accountability and clear expectations.

Activities:

1. Identify and appoint members to the EMS Provider Workgroup.
2. Define clear goals, deliverables, and meeting schedules.

B. Months 2-3 – Assessment & Data Gathering Phase

This phase allows the workgroup to build a detailed picture of operational realities, ensuring that no critical detail is overlooked.

Activities:

1. Evaluate operational challenges, including staffing, equipment, response times, and funding issues.
2. Gather direct feedback from frontline EMS personnel.

C. Months 4-5 – Recommendations Development Phase

Collaborative refinement of recommendations helps bridge the gap between technical insights and strategic planning, leading to more feasible and effective proposals.

Activities:

1. Develop a set of technical recommendations for operational improvements.
2. Hold joint sessions with the Ad Hoc EMS Study Committee to ensure alignment with broader objectives.

D. Months 6-7 – Finalization Phase

Finalizing the workgroup's input ensures that their practical insights are formally incorporated into the overall plan, enhancing the report's credibility and effectiveness.

Activities:

1. Finalize the workgroup's report and submit it to the Ad Hoc EMS Study Committee.
2. Address any final feedback and integrate into the overall strategic report.

E. Month 8 – Presentation & Integration Phase

Direct participation in the final presentation ensures that technical recommendations are clearly communicated and that the implementation plan is realistic and actionable.

Activities:

1. Participate in the final presentation to the Executive Committee and County Board.
2. Assist in outlining the implementation steps for the technical recommendations.

III. Final Deliverables for the Ad Hoc EMS Study Committee and EMS Provider Workgroup

A. Comprehensive Report

A unified document detailing current EMS performance, identified challenges, and integrated recommendations (both strategic and operational).

B. Implementation Plan

A step-by-step plan outlining how to transition from recommendations to action, with responsibilities, timelines, and resource allocations.

C. Presentation to the Executive Committee and County Board

A final presentation delivered to the Executive Committee and County Board that summarizes findings and proposes a roadmap for future EMS improvements.

D. Technical/Administrative Support Staff of Ad Hoc & Working Group

- UW-Extension Community Development Educator – Garret Zastoupil
- Wisconsin Office of Rural Health – Rural EMS Outreach Program Manager – James Small
- Chippewa County Administration – Andy Albarado and Traci Bremness
- Chippewa County Finance – Leah Simington
- Chippewa County Emergency Management – Marcia Trubshaw
- Chippewa County Sheriff's Department Communications Center – Tamee Thom

Chippewa County Ad Hoc EMS Study Committee

Resources/Background



Ad Hoc EMS Committee – General Resources / Background

- [PBS – Wisconsin’s EMS Agencies Describe a System in Crisis – April 2023](#)
- [Rethinking Emergency Medical Services: Applying Evidence and Data to Redesign Response Models for a Resilient and Sustainable Future – February 2025](#)
- [The Badger Project – EMS Staffing in WI is at a Crisis Point That Could Be Very Bad For You – June 2025](#)
- [Wisconsin Counties Magazine November 2022 – Emergency Management, Planning for the Next Crisis](#)
- [Wisconsin Counties Magazine January 2026 – A System on the Brink: Why County Leadership Needed for EMS – Pg 22](#)

Chippewa County 2024 EMS Survey Feedback

- In the fall of 2024, a survey was sent to the transporting and non-transporting agencies in Chippewa County to help understand the current state of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) in Chippewa County. The key findings from that feedback was compiled into an Executive Summary.
[Thinning Ranks and Rising Risks – A Study of EMS Capacity in Chippewa County](#)

Chippewa Herald Article

- This article provides an overview of the EMS informational meeting that was held at the Cadott High School in January 2025. First responders, legislators, health officials and municipal leaders were invited in an effort to bring awareness to this issue and share the 2024 survey data from the transporting and non-transporting agencies in Chippewa County.
[WI County’s EMS Agencies Believe They Will Fail to Staff Rigs in 2026](#)

Chippewa County EMS Map

- [Chippewa County Emergency Management EMS Map](#)

LaFollette School of Public Affairs

- [Inadequate EMS in Rural WI: Strategies to Improve Reliability – May 2025](#)

Wisconsin Department of Health Services

- EMS Home <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/ems/index.htm>
- EMS Service Map <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/ems/service-map.htm>

Wisconsin EMS Association

- <https://www.wisconsinems.com/>

Wisconsin Office of Rural Health

- [EMS Reliability Research Report March 2023](#)
- [EMS Healthcare Resources](#)

Wisconsin Policy Forum

- The 12/12/2025 forum focused on the challenges facing fire and EMS responders throughout WI. The research documented the mounting financial, staffing, and service-provision issues that agencies are seeing as well as a discussion on potential solutions.
[Forum Friday: A Look at the Challenges Facing our Fire and EMS Responders](#)
[Forum Friday YouTube Video of Panel Discussion](#)
[Forum Friday PowerPoint Slides](#)

Department of Administration Human Resources Division



January 6, 2026

TO: EMS Ad Hoc Study Committee Member

RE: Per Diem and Mileage Reimbursement

You have been appointed as a member to the EMS Ad Hoc Study Committee per Resolution 39-25. Appointed members are eligible for a per diem and mileage if you elect that and submit the required documentation. The per diem is \$35 per meeting as outlined in ordinance Sec. 2-468(a)(2).

Please indicate below if you are electing to receive a per diem or if you would like to waive it. Then sign and date below in acknowledgement of this information.

☐ I do not want to receive a per diem and mileage reimbursement.

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Name

Date

Please Note:

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- **Chippewa County Payroll Information for County Board Supervisors and/or Statutory Committee, Commission and Board Members Form**
- **State and Federal W-4's**
- **Direct Deposit Policy and Authorization Agreement**
 - ***A voided check or letter from your bank with the routing and account numbers listed is required.***

After we receive and process your documents, you will then be compensated for per diem and mileage reimbursement. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the Human Resources Division at (715) 726-7971.

November 6, 2025

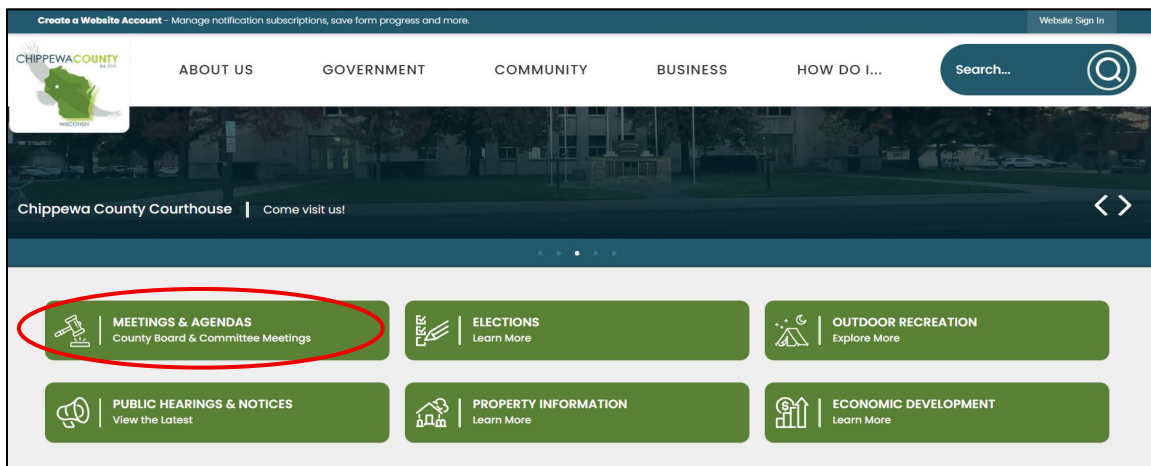
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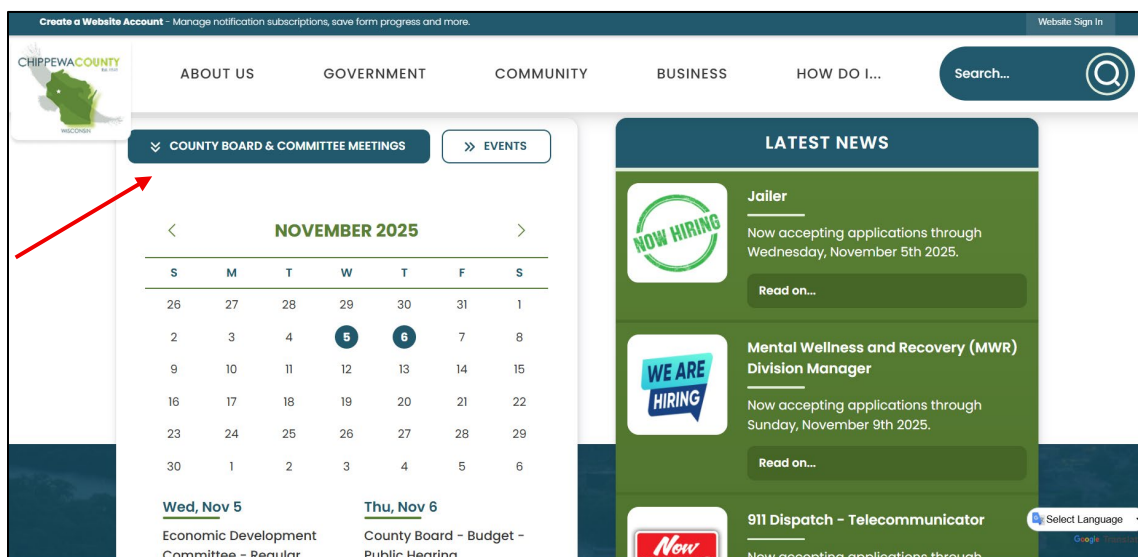
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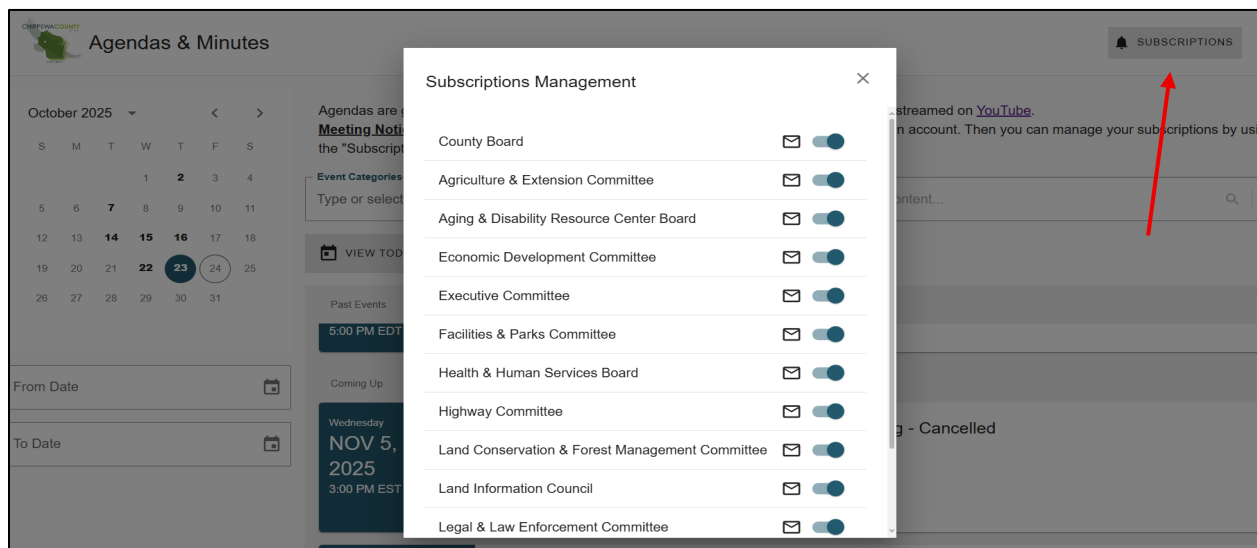
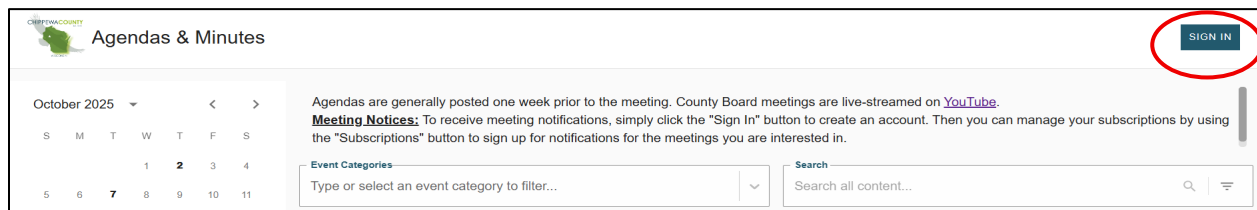


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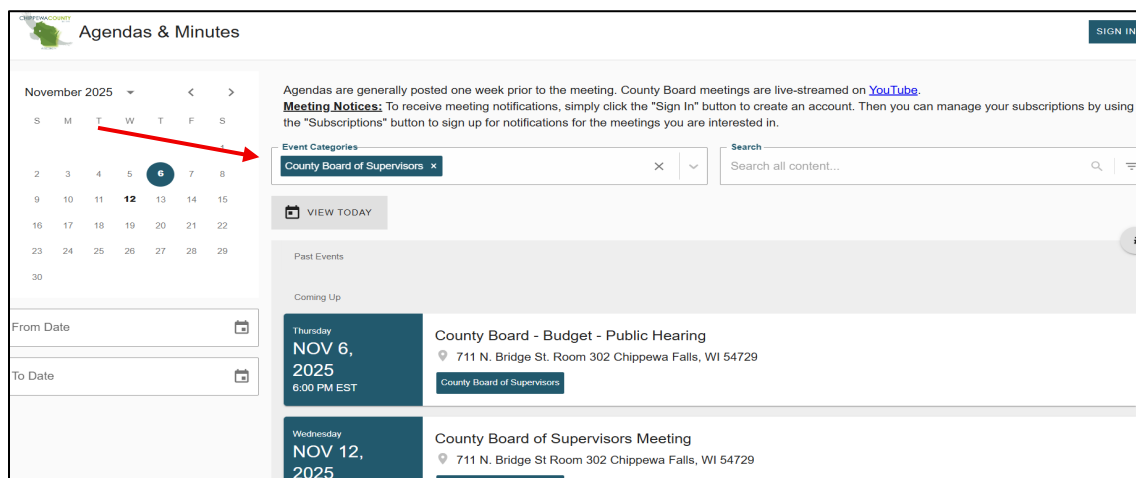
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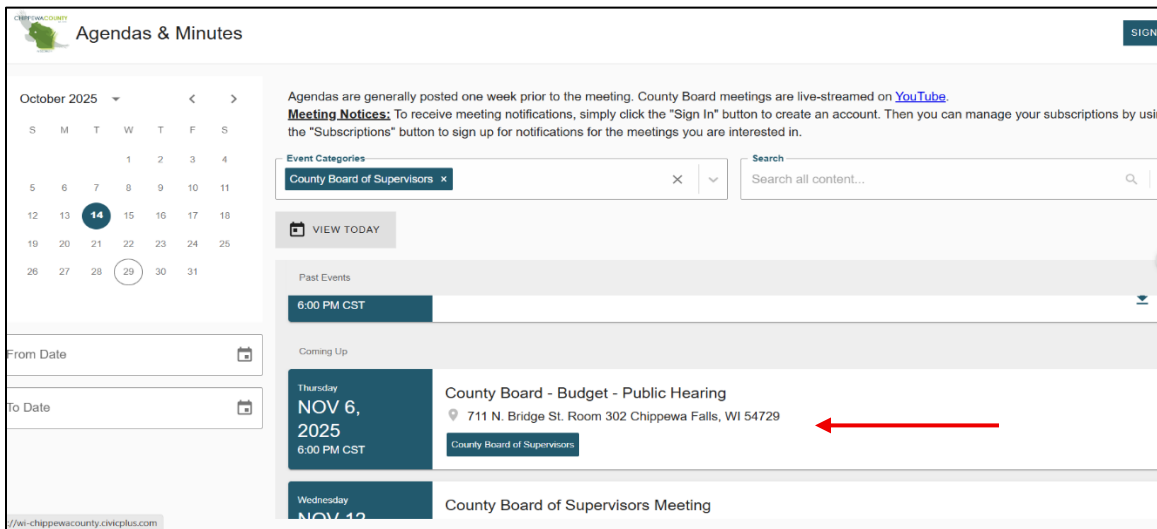


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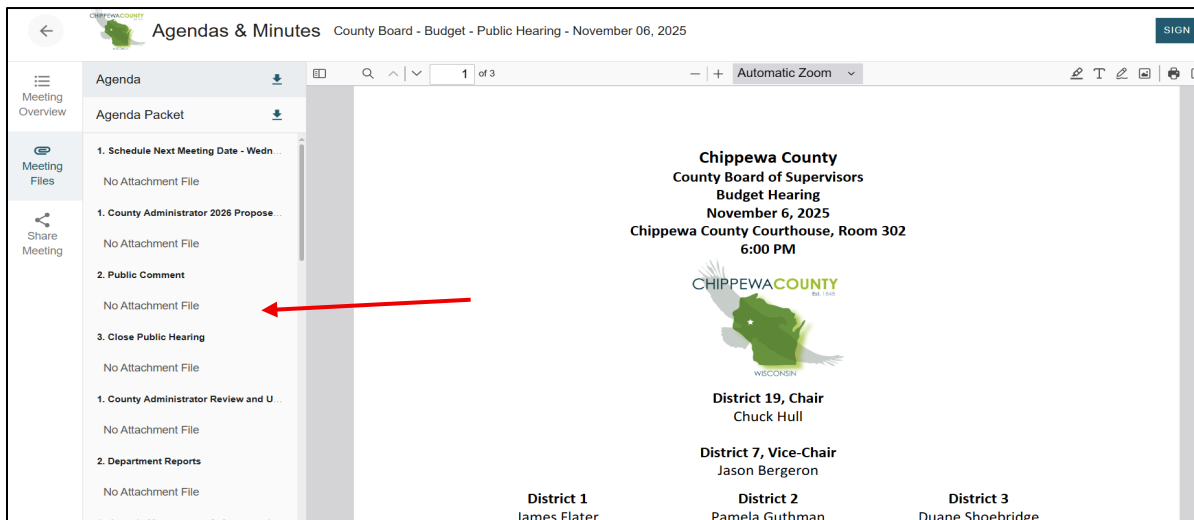
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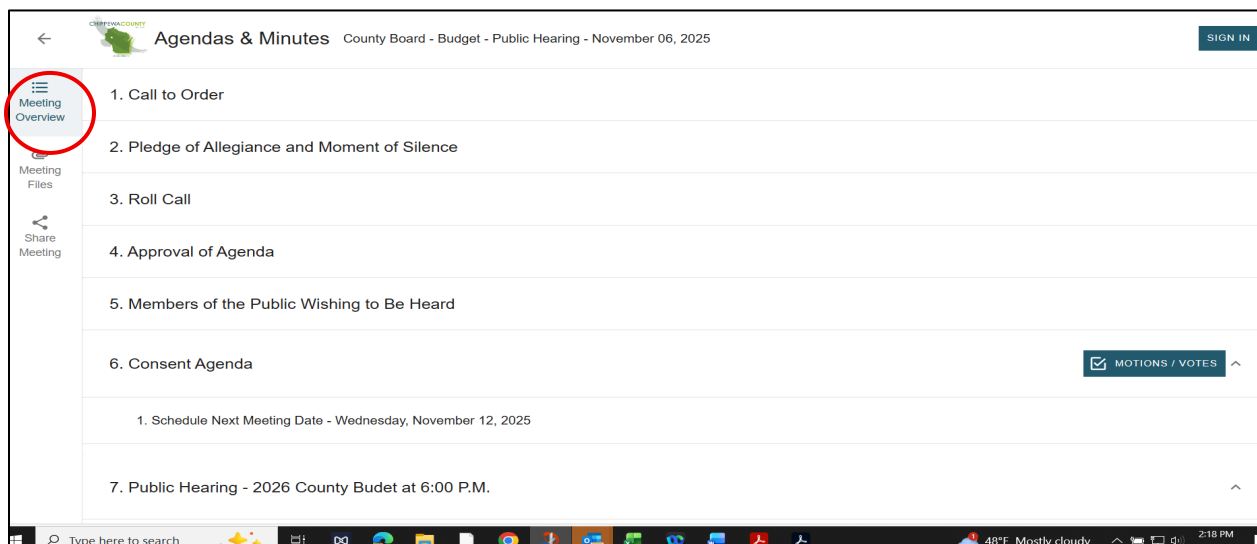
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Agendas & Minutes County Board - Budget - Public Hearing - November 06, 2025

Meeting Overview

Meeting Files

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1. Schedule Next Meeting Date - Wedn ...
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1. County Administrator 2026 Propose ...
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2. Public Comment
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Chippewa County
County Board of Supervisors
Budget Hearing
November 6, 2025
Chippewa County Courthouse, Room 302
6:00 PM

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District 19, Chair
Chuck Hull

District 7, Vice-Chair
Jason Bergeron

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Agenda

Agenda Packet

A. Agenda Management Software and ...
CIVIL RIGHTS GO LIVE FINAL
10-27-2025

B. 2025 Report of Highway Operations...

Statement of Explanation

Presentation - Operations
Report -2025

3. General Reports
No Attachment File

1. Res. 34-25: Resolution To Approve ...

Resolution To Approve
County Aid In 2026 For
Bridges and Culverts -
Chris Elstran

Chippewa County Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Association

Historical Timeline

The Chippewa County Emergency Medical Service Association has been in existence since 2009. It is comprised of EMS providers and members from Chippewa County. Any EMS professional is invited to attend the quarterly meetings. The Association is currently chaired by Ron Patten, who is the Fire Chief and EMS Service Director for the communities of Boyd-Edson-Delmar and Stanley.

Staffing and other challenges are regularly discussed at the Association meetings. However, in January 2024 at the Wheaton meeting concerns reached a peak. Many EMS agencies stated they had some kind of staffing issues with some difficulty maintaining response teams. Marcy Trubshaw knew James Small, an EMS researcher with the Office of Rural Health.

In March 2024 a small group met with James to simply discuss the challenges around the state, some of the solutions that had been implemented and local issues that are of concern. The impact of the closures of HSHS St. Joe's and Sacred Heart were also addressed.

The small group met with Garret Zastoupil, a Community and Leadership Development Educator from [UW-Madison Extension](#). Garret's expertise is in facilitating and mediating projects such as the EMS project. Garret created a county-wide survey of EMS in order to gather data regarding our status.

In May of 2024 Tyler Thibodeau, Chippewa County Former Emergency Management Director, established a Chippewa County EMS Task Force to continue on the work. A meeting was held in July 2024 with Randy Scholz, the former Chippewa County Administrator, to continue discussing concerns.

Finally, January 2025 a large countywide gathering was held at the Cadott auditorium to share the results of the survey. James Small and Garret Zastoupil facilitated the informational session. Amy Wollman spoke on the part of the HERC, Healthcare Emergency Readiness Coalition.

After a brief pause in action, as we welcomed a new County Administrator, a small staff EMS workgroup continued the push to address the issues. Finally, the issue was presented to the County Board in Resolution 39-25, on December 16, 2025. The formation of the County Ad Hoc group was created. And here we are.