

**Chippewa County
Executive Committee
Regular Meeting
February 3, 2026
Chippewa County Courthouse, Room 302
4:00 PM**

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 04:00 PM

2. Roll Call

Members Present:
Chuck Hull, Jason Bergeron, Peter Gehring, Charles Bomar, Joel Seidlitz
Members Absent:
Others Present:
Others Present: Andy Albarado, Traci Bremness, Brady Seidlitz, Todd Pauls, Jackie Sadler, Lee Hennick, Jason Moses, Heather Flashinske, Wade Asher, Curt Dutton, Andy Bauer, Toni Hohlfelder

3. Members of the Public Wishing to Be Heard

(Comments will be limited to 5 minutes per speaker.)

Wade Asher, Chippewa Valley Music Festival General Manager, spoke regarding the disputed invoice and the proposed ordinance revision.

Travis Hakes, Sheriff, spoke regarding a variety of Sheriff's Department items including possibly adding a second canine, starting to provide contracted services to Lafayette and also using some of our contracted services hours with New Auburn to provide coverage in the New Auburn school district.

Heather Flashinske, One Fest Founder and Director, spoke regarding the proposed ordinance revision.

4. Consent Agenda

(Unless separation of an item is requested, all items will be adopted under one motion.)

Motion:	Approved
Result:	Passed (5 - 0)
Mover:	Charles Bomar
Seconder:	Jason Bergeron
Ayes:	Chuck Hull, Jason Bergeron, Peter Gehring, Charles Bomar, Joel Seidlitz
Nays:	None
Absent:	

1. Approve the Agenda
2. Approve the Minutes - January 20, 2026
3. Schedule Next Meeting Date - February 17, 2026

5. Reports

1. County Clerk Dashboard Review - Jackie Sadler

Sadler reviewed the 2024-2025 metrics for the County Clerk Department.

2. CIP Project Update 2023-2026 - Leah Simington

Simington reviewed the status of 2023-2026 CIP projects. All of the 2023 projects are completed.

This item was reviewed by the committee and will be forwarded to the County Board for review at the 02/10/2026 meeting.

6. Business Items

1. Resolution to Approve Governance Agreement for the Western Region Recovery and Wellness Consortium - Andy Albarado/Brady Seidlitz

Seidlitz explained that Chippewa County is the lead county for the nine-member county consortium. The original governance agreement was dated 2014 and a lot has changed since then so it has been updated. The current agreement does not address liability for the county so the language has been updated to give Chippewa County some additional coverage. He sent this proposed agreement to the other counties involved and they are supportive of it. Two of the nine counties (Polk and Pierce) did send us a notice to withdraw from the consortium at the end of 2026.

This item was reviewed by the committee and will be forwarded to the County Board for review at the 02/10/2026 meeting.

Motion:	Forwarded to the County Board
Result:	Passed (5 - 0)
Mover:	Peter Gehring
Second:	Jason Bergeron
Ayes:	Chuck Hull, Jason Bergeron, Peter Gehring, Charles Bomar, Joel Seidlitz
Nays:	None
Absent:	

2. Resolution to Waive Invoice Charges to Chippewa Valley Musical Festival for Law Enforcement Services Performed in 2025 - Andy Albarado

Albarado stated based on the discussion from the last meeting this resolution was prepared to waive the disputed amounts for Force Fields and Rock Fest for 2025.

Dutton explained the department is struggling with getting officers to work the events that's why the incentive was included in the new WPPA agreement to increase from time and one half to double time when working the events. Dutton clarified the double time rate only pertains to patrol and investigators. The rest of law enforcement gets paid their regular wage.

This item was reviewed by the committee and will be forwarded to the County Board for review at the 02/10/2026 meeting.

Motion:	Forwarded to the County Board
Result:	Passed (5 - 0)
Mover:	Joel Seidlitz
Second:	Charles Bomar
Ayes:	Chuck Hull, Jason Bergeron, Peter Gehring, Charles Bomar, Joel Seidlitz
Nays:	None

Absent:

3. Ordinance to Amend Chapter 14, Article III. of the Chippewa County Code of Ordinances Regarding Large Assemblies - Andy Albarado

Albarado reviewed the proposed revisions and explained the changes were focused on security personnel only. There are other revisions to the ordinance that are needed but those will be reviewed later when we have more time and updated as part of the long-term plan. These revisions were proposed in an effort to provide some guidance and flexibility. There was some discussion at the last meeting about including language regarding peak and non-peak times. However, it's difficult to define what is considered peak and non-peak. Language was added to allow law enforcement flexibility to adjust staffing based on when the event is going on vs. when the acts are not performing.

The intent of the language under 8.b(1) regarding officers is meant to be the baseline. This is based on campsites rather than people because it's hard to measure people.

Albarado commented the Sheriff's Department has been staffing these events for several years so they have a pretty good idea of when the staffing levels need to be increased or decreased. Language regarding minimums was included in the proposed revisions and not maximums because we don't want to increase our liability by identifying a maximum. Depending on the circumstance there may be a need to call in additional law enforcement. Additional clarifying language could be added in the purchase of services contract rather than in the ordinance.

Albarado also clarified that State Statute allows us to establish a license for these types of events. It also states that our license cannot apply to cities, villages or towns that have an ordinance in place. Our county ordinance applies to events outside of those areas.

The committee discussed whether to identify a maximum number and whether to include an appeal process in the ordinance.

Pauls explained if we used the term maximum alone, then we need to also identify a point in time. This is similar to using peak and non-peak – we would need to define what exactly that is. He does not recommend limiting the county and preventing us from bringing in more officers if needed. If we are able to define what peak and non-peak time is then we could potentially identify a maximum. Bergeron commented that if we identify a maximum, the county could still bring in more officers, but those additional costs would be on the county to cover those expenses.

Seidlitz suggested to remove the word minimum under 8.b(1), (2) and (3).

Dutton explained they have always operated under common sense to determine the appropriate staffing levels. They use historical data and past experience.

Sadler reminded the committee that the goal was for these revisions to only get us through the 2026 events because we are under a time crunch and then we will review the entire ordinance and application and make any other necessary revisions as part of the long-term solution.

Motion (Bergeron/Seidlitz) to amend Section 14-67 8.b(1), (2) and (3) to remove the word "minimum" and also add a new 8.b(6) – "Appeal subject to the language detailed in the purchase of services contract" and forward the ordinance to County Board. Carried 5-0

This item was reviewed by the committee and will be forwarded to the County Board for review at the 02/10/2026 meeting.

Motion:	Forwarded to the County Board as Amended
Result:	Passed (5 - 0)
Mover:	Jason Bergeron
Second:	Joel Seidlitz
Ayes:	Chuck Hull, Jason Bergeron, Peter Gehring, Charles Bomar, Joel Seidlitz
Nays:	None
Absent:	

4. Ordinance to Amend Chapter 3 of the Chippewa County Code of Ordinances Regarding Records Retention - Andy Albarado/Brady Seidlitz

Seidlitz explained the records retention schedule was last updated in 2014 and it's out of date. The new schedule has been updated and now is in compliance with the Public Records Board. The schedule was sent to the state for review as part of this process.

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Motion:	Forwarded to the County Board
Result:	Passed (5 - 0)
Mover:	Joel Seidlitz
Second:	Charles Bomar
Ayes:	Chuck Hull, Jason Bergeron, Peter Gehring, Charles Bomar, Joel Seidlitz
Nays:	None
Absent:	

7. Updates, Announcements, and Correspondence

1. County Board Chair Report
2. County Administrator Operation Report

8. Agenda Items for Future Consideration

Gehring would like to review our ordinance for spontaneous right to assemble.

9. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at: 05:34 PM

Result:	Passed (5 - 0)
Mover:	Jason Bergeron
Second:	Peter Gehring
Ayes:	Chuck Hull, Jason Bergeron, Peter Gehring, Charles Bomar, Joel Seidlitz
Absent:	