

**Chippewa County
Executive Committee
Regular Meeting
February 17, 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
Members Absent:
Joel Seidlitz
Others Present:
Others Present: Andy Albarado, Traci Bremness, Andy Bauer, Leah Simington, Toni Hohlfelder, Deb Blevins, Todd Pauls, Karen Lotts, Lee Hennick, Mike Sanders, Nate Liedl

3. Members of the Public Wishing to Be Heard

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

Supervisor Hennick spoke regarding the Chippewa Valley Health Cooperative's request for a \$10 Million Loan from the Wisconsin Board of Commissioner of Public Lands.

4. Consent Agenda

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

Motion:	Approved
Result:	Passed (4 - 0)
Mover:	Charles Bomar
Second:	Jason Bergeron
Ayes:	Chuck Hull, Jason Bergeron, Peter Gehring, Charles Bomar
Nays:	None
Absent:	Joel Seidlitz

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

5. Reports

6. Business Items

1. IT Division 2027-2031 Capital Improvement Plan Projects - Andy Bauer

Motion:	Approved
Result:	Passed (4 - 0)
Mover:	Charles Bomar
Second:	Peter Gehring

Ayes:	Chuck Hull, Jason Bergeron, Peter Gehring, Charles Bomar
Nayes:	None
Absent:	Joel Seidlitz

2. Resolution to Disallow Claim of Dennis Grimm - Deb Blevins

Blevins gave an overview of the claim and explained it is the recommendation of WMMIC, our liability insurance carrier, that the claim be disallowed.

Motion:	Approved
Result:	Passed (4 - 0)
Mover:	Jason Bergeron
Second:	Charles Bomar
Ayes:	Chuck Hull, Jason Bergeron, Peter Gehring, Charles Bomar
Nayes:	None
Absent:	Joel Seidlitz

3. Resolution to Allow Claim of Bernard Rusch - Deb Blevins

Blevins gave an overview of the claim and explained it is the recommendation of WMMIC, our liability insurance carrier, that the claim be allowed.

Motion:	Approved
Result:	Passed (4 - 0)
Mover:	Charles Bomar
Second:	Jason Bergeron
Ayes:	Chuck Hull, Jason Bergeron, Peter Gehring, Charles Bomar
Nayes:	None
Absent:	Joel Seidlitz

4. Resolution to Disallow Claim of Eric Schuebel and Schuebels Frog Hop - Deb Blevins

Blevins gave an overview of the claim and explained it is the recommendation of WMMIC, our liability insurance carrier, that the claim be disallowed due to an untimely filing.

This item was reviewed by the committee and will be forwarded to the County Board for review at the 03/10/2026 meeting.

Motion:	Forwarded to the County Board
Result:	Passed (4 - 0)
Mover:	Peter Gehring
Second:	Charles Bomar
Ayes:	Chuck Hull, Jason Bergeron, Peter Gehring, Charles Bomar
Nayes:	None
Absent:	Joel Seidlitz

5. Resolution to Establish the Annual Compensation for the Sheriff, Clerk of Courts and the Coroner Positions for 2027 Through 2030 - Andy Albarado

Albarado explained his recommendation is to give the Sheriff, Clerk of Courts and Coroner a 6% salary increase effective January 1, 2027, and then 2% annually for years 2028, 2029 and 2030. This is consistent with the increase given to the other full-time elected officials in the past.

In addition, the per diem of \$115 per call will increase to \$125 per call for the Coroner and his/her deputies. The per diem for cremation viewing will remain at \$60 per call.

Albarado explained he met with the Coroner today and he supports amending the resolution to increase the on call pay from \$50 per day to \$72 per day.

This item was reviewed by the committee and will be forwarded to the County Board for review at the 03/10/2026 meeting.

Motion:	Forwarded to the County Board
Result:	Passed (4 - 0)
Mover:	Jason Bergeron
Seconder:	Charles Bomar
Ayes:	Chuck Hull, Jason Bergeron, Peter Gehring, Charles Bomar
Nayes:	None
Absent:	Joel Seidlitz

6. The Executive Committee will convene in Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes Sec. 19.85(1)(e)"Deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session" (Update and discussion on Chippewa Valley Health Cooperative Request for \$10 Million Loan from the Wisconsin Board of Commissioner of Public Lands)

The committee recessed to closed session at 4:29 p.m. Closed session to include: all Executive Committee members, Andy Albarado, Traci Bremness, Todd Pauls, Leah Simington, and any other County Board Supervisors.

Motion:	Approved
Result:	Passed (4 - 0)
Mover:	Charles Bomar
Seconder:	Peter Gehring
Ayes:	Chuck Hull, Jason Bergeron, Peter Gehring, Charles Bomar
Nayes:	None
Absent:	Joel Seidlitz

7. The Executive Committee will reconvene to open session

The committee reconvened to open session at 5:10 p.m.

Motion:	Approved
Result:	Passed (4 - 0)
Mover:	Peter Gehring
Seconder:	Jason Bergeron
Ayes:	Chuck Hull, Jason Bergeron, Peter Gehring, Charles Bomar
Nayes:	None
Absent:	Joel Seidlitz

8. Consider Entering into Contract with Baker Tilly to Review Chippewa Valley Cooperative Hospital Feasibility Study – Andy Albarado

The committee decided not to take action at this time.

7. Updates, Announcements, and Correspondence

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

8. Agenda Items for Future Consideration

Gehring requested again for the County to review our ordinance on spontaneous right to assemble. If we don't have language in the ordinance, then he would like to establish language to address how to handle the assembly if it is no longer peaceful and gets out of control.

9. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at: 05:16 PM

Result:	Passed (4 - 0)
Mover:	Charles Bomar
Seconder:	None
Ayes:	Chuck Hull, Jason Bergeron, Peter Gehring, Charles Bomar
Absent:	Joel Seidlitz