

**Chippewa County
Legal & Law Enforcement Committee
Regular Meeting
March 16, 2026
Chippewa County Courthouse, Room 302
4:00 PM**

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

Members Present:

Brian Flynn, Peter Gehring, Charles Bomar, James Meinen, Dennis Bachman

Members Absent:

Others Present:

Andy Albarado, Curt Dutton, James Maki, Leah Simington, Shannen Householder and Amanda Richardson

3. Members of the Public Wishing to Be Heard

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

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: James Meinen

Ayes: Brian Flynn, Peter Gehring, Charles Bomar, James Meinen, Dennis Bachman

Nays: None

Absent:

1. Approve the Agenda
2. Approve the Minutes - November 17th, 2025
3. Schedule Next Meeting Date - May 18th, 2026 4:00 PM

5. Reports

1. Jail Audit Report - James Maki

Jail Captain, James Maki, presented the jail audit report that was conducted by the County's liability insurance company, WMMIC. This audit is to be conducted every three years. Administrator Albarado noted that this is a free service that is provided from our insurance company that assures the facility is operating well and in compliance.

Maki stated the recommendations from the last audit were corrected and that the 2026 report concluded to have no issues. (Copy on file)

2. Chapter 51 Transports - Curt Dutton

Chief Deputy, Curt Dutton, presented the committee with statistics from the 2024-2025 mental health transports that were requested. (Copy on file) Dutton stated that in all there were 82 local transports and

57 out of area transports. Supervisor Bomar questioned the estimated cost for the year and Dutton said it could be around \$25,000 just on wages alone. Dutton explained the process between the amount of staff needed as well as possible split shifts. Supervisor Meinen noted that hopefully with the new mental health facility in Chippewa County coming it will help relieve some of this cost.

6. Business Items

1. Sheriff's Office 2027-2031 Capital Improvement Plan Requests - Curt Dutton

This item will be forwarded to the County Administrator to be incorporated into the budget.

Motion:	Recommended for Approval
Result:	Passed (5 - 0)
Mover:	Peter Gehring
Second:	Charles Bomar
Ayes:	Brian Flynn, Peter Gehring, Charles Bomar, James Meinen, Dennis Bachman
Nays:	None
Absent:	

7. Agenda Items for Future Consideration

8. Adjourn

Motion:	Approved
Result:	Passed (5 - 0)
Mover:	James Meinen
Second:	Charles Bomar
Ayes:	Brian Flynn, Peter Gehring, Charles Bomar, James Meinen, Dennis Bachman
Nays:	None
Absent:	