

**Chippewa County
County Board of Supervisors
Regular Meeting
April 21, 2026
Chippewa County Courthouse, Room 302
6:00 PM**

1. Call to Order - Todd Pauls

Corporation Counsel, Todd Pauls, called the meeting to order at 06:00 PM

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

3. County Board Organizational Items

1. Certification of Members - Jaclyn Sadler

County Clerk, Jaclyn Sadler, read the certification of the members into the record.

2. Oath of Office - Judge Isaacson

Judge James Isaacson administered the Oath of Office to the County Board Supervisors.

3. Training on Meridia EZ-Voting System - Jaclyn Sadler

County Clerk, Jaclyn Sadler, explained how to use the Meridia EZ-Voting System to the County Board Supervisors.

4. Roll Call

Members Present:

County Board Supervisor - District 19 Chuck Hull - left at 6:40 pm
County Board Supervisor - District 7 Jason Bergeron
County Board Supervisor - District 1 James Flater
County Board Supervisor - District 2 Pam Guthman
County Board Supervisor - District 3 Duane Shoebridge
County Board Supervisor - District 4 Peter Gehring
County Board Supervisor - District 5 Dennis Bachman
County Board Supervisor - District 8 James Ericksen
County Board Supervisor - District 9 Joel Seidlitz
County Board Supervisor - District 11 Karen Lotts
County Board Supervisor - District 13 Joseph Roshell
County Board Supervisor - District 14 David Kelly
County Board Supervisor - District 15 Lee Hennick
County Board Supervisor - District 16 Rocky Kempe
County Board Supervisor - District 17 George Rohmeyer, Jr.
County Board Supervisor - District 18 Daniel Hardy
County Board Supervisor - District 20 Nina Eisold
County Board Supervisor - District 21 Kari Ives

Members Absent:

County Board Supervisor - District 6 Timothy Goettl
County Board Supervisor - District 10 Matthew Peterson
County Board Supervisor - District 12 Charles Bomar

Others Present:

Andy Albarado, Leah Simington, Chris Elstran, Andy Bauer, Charlie Walker, Sam Renner, Paul Krumenauer, Todd Pauls, Bremness, Jaclyn Sadler and Judge James Isaacson

5. Approval of Agenda

Motion:	Approved
Result:	Passed (18 - 0)
Mover:	Karen Lotts
Second:	James Flater
Ayes:	Chuck Hull, Jason Bergeron, James Flater, Pam Guthman, Duane Shoebridge, Peter Gehring, Dennis Bachman, James Ericksen, Joel Seidlitz, Karen Lotts, Joseph Roshell, David Kelly, Lee Hennick, Rocky Kempe, George Rohmeyer, Jr., Daniel Hardy, Nina Eisold, Kari Ives
Nays:	None
Absent:	Timothy Goettl, Matthew Peterson, Charles Bomar

6. Election of Chair

Supervisor Jason Bergeron was nominated by Supervisor Flater
Supervisor Kari Ives was nominated by Supervisor Guthman

Supervisors Gehring and Ericksen assisted with the collection of ballots.

Supervisor Bergeron received 14 votes and Supervisor Ives received 4 votes. Supervisor Bergeron was elected as Chair.

7. Election of Vice-Chair

Supervisor Joel Seidlitz was nominated by Supervisor Lotts.
Supervisor Karen Lotts was nominated by Supervisor Shoebridge.

Supervisor Lotts declined the nomination.

Supervisors Gehring and Ericksen assisted with the collection of ballots.

Supervisor Seidlitz received 17 votes and was elected Vice-Chair.

8. Election of Three at Large Executive Committee Members

Supervisor Karen Lotts was nominated by Supervisor Kelly.
Supervisor George Rohmeyer was nominated by Supervisor Ericksen.
Supervisor Kari Ives was nominated by Supervisor Hennick.
Supervisor Joe Roshell was nominated by Supervisor Lotts.
Supervisor Peter Gehring was nominated by Supervisor Ericksen.

Supervisors Kelly and Guthman assisted in the collection of ballots.

Supervisor Lotts received 12 votes (Guthman, Shoebridge, Bachman, Bergeron, Seidlitz, Lotts, Roshell, Kelly, Hennick, Kempe, Eisold, Ives)

Supervisor Rohmeyer received 8 votes (Flater, Gehring, Bachman, Bergeron, Ericksen, Rohmeyer, Hardy, Ives)

Supervisor Ives received 15 votes (Flater, Guthman, Gehring, Bergeron, Ericksen, Seidlitz, Lotts, Roshell, Kelly, Hennick, Kempe, Rohmeyer, Hardy, Eisold, Ives)

Supervisor Roshell received 10 votes (Shoebridge, Bachman, Seidlitz, Lotts, Roshell, Kelly, Hennick, Kempe, Hardy, Eisold)

Supervisor Gehring received 5 votes (Flater, Guthman, Gehring, Ericksen, Rohmeyer)

Supervisors Lotts, Ives and Roshell were elected to the Executive Committee.

4. Parliamentary Procedure Training

1. Parliamentary Procedure Training - Todd Pauls

5. Consent Agenda

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

Motion:	Approved
Result:	Passed (17 - 0)
Mover:	Karen Lotts
Second:	David Kelly
Ayes:	Jason Bergeron, James Flater, Pam Guthman, Duane Shoebridge, Peter Gehring, Dennis Bachman, James Ericksen, Joel Seidlitz, Karen Lotts, Joseph Roshell, David Kelly, Lee Hennick, Rocky Kempe, George Rohmeyer, Jr., Daniel Hardy, Nina Eisold, Kari Ives
Nays:	None
Absent:	Timothy Goettl, Matthew Peterson, Charles Bomar

1. Approve the Minutes - March 10, 2026
2. Schedule Next Meeting Date
 - April 23, 2026
 - May 12, 2026

6. Members of the Public Wishing to Be Heard

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

Jamie Lehto, Town of Wheaton spoke on open records.

7. Reports

1. County Administrator Review and Update
2. Department Reports
 - A. Monthly Statements of Claim Filed

County Clerk, Jaclyn Sadler informed the Board that there were 2 new claims since the last County Board meeting.

3. General Reports

8. Business Items

1. Res. 10-26: Resolution to Declare May 4-8, 2026 as Chippewa County Economic Development Week - Andy Albarado

Motion:	Approved
Result:	Passed (17 - 0)
Mover:	James Flater
Second:	Lee Hennick

Ayes:	Jason Bergeron, Joel Seidlitz, James Flater, Pam Guthman, Duane Shoebridge, Peter Gehring, Dennis Bachman, James Ericksen, Karen Lotts, Joseph Roshell, David Kelly, Lee Hennick, Rocky Kempe, George Rohmeyer, Jr., Daniel Hardy, Nina Eisold, Kari Ives
Nayes:	None
Absent:	Timothy Goettl, Matthew Peterson, Charles Bomar, Chuck Hull

2. Ord. 05-26: Ordinance to Amend Section 58-39(c) of the Chippewa County Code of Ordinances Designating All-Terrain and Utility Terrain Vehicle Routes — Chris Elstran - First Reading

This was a first reading and the second reading is scheduled for May 12, 2026.

3. Ord. 06-26: Ordinance to Amend Section 58-31 of the Chippewa County Code of Ordinances Regarding Speed Zones — Chris Elstran - First Reading

This was a first reading and the second reading is scheduled for May 12, 2026.

9. County Administrator Appointment

1. County Administrator Appointment - Human Resources Director (Jessica McDonald) - Andy Albarado

Motion:	Approved
Result:	Passed (17 - 0)
Mover:	David Kelly
Second:	Karen Lotts
Ayes:	Jason Bergeron, Joel Seidlitz, James Flater, Pam Guthman, Duane Shoebridge, Peter Gehring, Dennis Bachman, James Ericksen, Karen Lotts, Joseph Roshell, David Kelly, Lee Hennick, Rocky Kempe, George Rohmeyer, Jr., Daniel Hardy, Nina Eisold, Kari Ives
Nayes:	None
Absent:	Timothy Goettl, Matthew Peterson, Charles Bomar, Chuck Hull

2. County Administrator Appointment - Ad Hoc EMS Study Committee Member (Eugene Gutsch) - Andy Albarado

Motion:	Approved
Result:	Passed (17 - 0)
Mover:	None
Second:	Joseph Roshell
Ayes:	Jason Bergeron, Joel Seidlitz, James Flater, Pam Guthman, Duane Shoebridge, Peter Gehring, Dennis Bachman, James Ericksen, Karen Lotts, Joseph Roshell, David Kelly, Lee Hennick, Rocky Kempe, George Rohmeyer, Jr., Daniel Hardy, Nina Eisold, Kari Ives
Nayes:	None
Absent:	Timothy Goettl, Matthew Peterson, Charles Bomar, Chuck Hull

10. County Board Orientation - Phase One

The board took a break from 7:59 pm to 8:05 pm.

1. County Operational Update - Andy Albarado

County Administrator, Andy Albarado, provided an update to the County Board on various items.

2. Finance Division - Leah Simington

Finance Director, Leah Simington, provided the board with an overview of the Finance Department.

3. County Clerk - Jaclyn Sadler

The County Clerk presentation was moved to the meeting on April 23rd due to the length and lateness of the meeting.

11. Agenda Items for Future Consideration

Supervisor Gehring asked for a future discussion/report on the items that were brought up during public comment.

12. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at: 09:03 PM

Result:	Passed (17 - 0)
Mover:	James Ericksen
Second:	David Kelly
Ayes:	Jason Bergeron, Joel Seidlitz, James Flater, Pam Guthman, Duane Shoebridge, Peter Gehring, Dennis Bachman, James Ericksen, Karen Lotts, Joseph Roshell, David Kelly, Lee Hennick, Rocky Kempe, George Rohmeyer, Jr., Daniel Hardy, Nina Eisold, Kari Ives
Absent:	Timothy Goettl, Matthew Peterson, Charles Bomar, Chuck Hull