

CHIPPEWA COUNTY**COUNTY BOARD****REGULAR MEETING****FEBRUARY 11, 2025****CHIPPEWA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, RM 302****6:00 PM****NOTE: THE COUNTY BOARD MEETING WILL BE LIVE STREAMED ON YOUTUBE.**

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE**
- 3. ROLL CALL**

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Chuck Hull	Chippewa County	District 19, Chair	Present	
Dean Mueller	Chippewa County	District 20, Vice-Chair	Present	
James Flater	Chippewa County	District 1	Present	
Pamela Guthman	Chippewa County	District 2	Present	
Duane Shoebridge	Chippewa County	District 3	Present	
Peter Gehring	Chippewa County	District 4	Absent	
Darren Kirby	Chippewa County	District 5	Present	
Timothy Goettl	Chippewa County	District 6	Present	
Jason Bergeron	Chippewa County	District 7	Present	
James Ericksen	Chippewa County	District 8	Present	
Joel Seidlitz	Chippewa County	District 9	Present	
Matthew Peterson	Chippewa County	District 10	Present	
Karen Lotts	Chippewa County	District 11	Present	
Charles Bomar	Chippewa County	District 12	Present	
Joseph Roshell	Chippewa County	District 13	Present	
David Kelly	Chippewa County	District 14	Present	
Lee Hennick	Chippewa County	District 15	Present	
Rocky Kempe	Chippewa County	District 16	Present	
George Rohmeyer	Chippewa County	District 17	Present	
Brian Flynn	Chippewa County	District 18	Present	
Kari Ives	Chippewa County	District 21	Present	

others present in room 302 were Lori Zwiefelhofer, Michael Ewer, Larry Ritzinger, Brian Kelley, Doug Clary, Bobbie Jaeger, Curt Dutton, Lynda Schweikert, Judge Ben Lane, Lisa Merrell, Randy Scholz, Todd Pauls and Jaclyn Sadler

- 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Charles Bomar, District 12
SECONDER:	Joseph Roshell, District 13
AYES:	Hull, Mueller, Flater, Guthman, Shoebridge, Kirby, Goettl, Bergeron, Ericksen, Seidlitz, Peterson, Lotts, Bomar, Roshell, Kelly, Hennick, Kempe, Rohmeyer, Flynn, Ives
ABSENT:	Gehring

5. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO BE HEARD

Ken Schmitt - spoke against resolution 05-25 - funding for County Highway T
Judge Ben Lane - spoke in favor of Ord. 01-25

6. CONSENT AGENDA

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Pamela Guthman, District 2
SECONDER:	James Flater, District 1
AYES:	Hull, Mueller, Flater, Guthman, Shoebridge, Kirby, Goettl, Bergeron, Ericksen, Seidlitz, Peterson, Lotts, Bomar, Roshell, Kelly, Hennick, Kempe, Rohmeyer, Flynn, Ives
ABSENT:	Gehring

1. Approval of Minutes

County Board - Regular Meeting - Jan 14, 2025 6:00 PM
2. AZO 04 - 25 : 2024-1004 - Brown Builders Inc - Rezone
3. Next scheduled regular meeting - Tuesday, March 11, 2025

7. REPORTS

A. County Administrator Review and Update

1. State of Chippewa County - Randy Scholz
County Administrator Randy Scholz provided an update on the status of Chippewa County and reflected on his time in Chippewa County.
2. President Trump's Executive Orders - Randy Scholz
Chippewa County Administrator Randy Scholz explained that each department is monitoring federal funding sources.
3. CIP Project Update 2023-2025 - Randy Scholz/Lori Zwiefelhofer
Finance Director Lori Zwiefelhofer presented the report to the board on the 2023-2025 Capital Improvements Projects (CIP).
4. Final ARPA Funding Project Review - Randy Scholz

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Chippewa County Administrator Randy Scholz provided a history of ARPA funds. Curt Dutton, Lynda Schweikert, Brian Kelley and Larry Ritzinger presented a summary of their department ARPA projects.

5. Update on Chippewa Valley Innovation Center (CVIC) - Randy Scholz
County Administrator Randy Scholz spoke on the disbandment of CVIC

B. Department Reports

1. Monthly Statements of Claim Filed with the County Clerk - Jaclyn Sadler
There were no new claims filed since the last County Board meeting.
2. County Highway T Corridor & County Highway M Bridge Funding - Brian Kelley
Highway Commissioner Brian Kelley presented on the County Highway T Corridor project and on the County Highway M Bridge project.

C. General Reports

8. BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Res. 04 - 25 : Resolution to Support Brightspeed's PSC BEAD Grant Application - Kelly Shipley
Monty Parker from Brightspeed was available for questions from the board.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Flater, District 1
SECONDER:	Duane Shoebridge, District 3
AYES:	Hull, Mueller, Flater, Guthman, Shoebridge, Kirby, Goettl, Bergeron, Ericksen, Seidlitz, Peterson, Lotts, Bomar, Roshell, Kelly, Hennick, Kempe, Rohmeyer, Flynn, Ives
ABSENT:	Gehring

2. Res. 05 - 25 : Resolution to Pledge Funding for Expansion of County Highway T Corridor - Brian Kelley
Highway Commissioner Brian Kelley discussed the funding plan for the County Highway T Corridor project

RESULT:	APPROVED [14 TO 6]
MOVER:	George Rohmeyer, District 17
SECONDER:	James Flater, District 1
AYES:	Hull, Mueller, Flater, Kirby, Goettl, Bergeron, Ericksen, Peterson, Lotts, Bomar, Hennick, Rohmeyer, Flynn, Ives
NAYS:	Guthman, Shoebridge, Seidlitz, Roshell, Kelly, Kempe
ABSENT:	Gehring

3. Res. 06 - 25 : Resolution to Approve the Procedures for Public Participation in the Update to the Comprehensive Plan - Doug Clary
Planning and Zoning Director Doug Clary explained the resolution and was available for questions from the board.

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RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jason Bergeron, District 7
SECONDER:	Duane Shoebridge, District 3
AYES:	Hull, Mueller, Flater, Guthman, Shoebridge, Kirby, Goettl, Bergeron, Ericksen, Seidlitz, Peterson, Lotts, Bomar, Roshell, Kelly, Hennick, Kempe, Rohmeyer, Flynn, Ives
ABSENT:	Gehring

4. Ord. 01 - 25 : Ordinance to Create Chapter 2, Article IV. of the Chippewa County Code of Ordinances - Todd Pauls - First Reading
Corporation Counsel Todd Pauls explained the ordinance to create Article IV of Chapter 2 in the Chippewa County Code of Ordinances.

Motion made by Supervisor Rohmeyer to waive the second reading. Second made by Supervisor Flater. All Supervisors present voted yes, except Supervisors Kirby, Hennick, Bergeron, Hull, Shoebridge and Bomar voted No. Motion to waive second reading passed on a 14-6 vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [18 TO 2]
MOVER:	George Rohmeyer, District 17
SECONDER:	Pamela Guthman, District 2
AYES:	Hull, Mueller, Flater, Guthman, Kirby, Goettl, Bergeron, Ericksen, Seidlitz, Peterson, Lotts, Bomar, Roshell, Kelly, Kempe, Rohmeyer, Flynn, Ives
NAYS:	Shoebridge, Hennick
ABSENT:	Gehring

9. COUNTY BOARD CHAIR APPOINTMENTS

10. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR APPOINTMENTS

1. County Administrator Appointment - DHS Director
After the appointment was passed Bobbie Jaeger introduced herself and thanked the board.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kari Ives, District 21
SECONDER:	Matthew Peterson, District 10
AYES:	Hull, Mueller, Flater, Guthman, Shoebridge, Kirby, Goettl, Bergeron, Ericksen, Seidlitz, Peterson, Lotts, Bomar, Roshell, Kelly, Hennick, Kempe, Rohmeyer, Flynn, Ives
ABSENT:	Gehring

2. County Administrator Appointment - ADRC Board

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RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Darren Kirby, District 5
SECONDER:	Brian Flynn, District 18
AYES:	Hull, Mueller, Flater, Guthman, Shoebridge, Kirby, Goettl, Bergeron, Ericksen, Seidlitz, Peterson, Lotts, Bomar, Roshell, Kelly, Hennick, Kempe, Rohmeyer, Flynn, Ives
ABSENT:	Gehring

3. County Administrator Appointment - Health & Human Services Board

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Joseph Roshell, District 13
SECONDER:	Rocky Kempe, District 16
AYES:	Hull, Mueller, Flater, Guthman, Shoebridge, Kirby, Goettl, Bergeron, Ericksen, Seidlitz, Peterson, Lotts, Bomar, Roshell, Kelly, Hennick, Kempe, Rohmeyer, Flynn, Ives
ABSENT:	Gehring

4. County Administrator Appointment - Land Conservation & Forest Management Committee

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kari Ives, District 21
SECONDER:	Charles Bomar, District 12
AYES:	Hull, Mueller, Flater, Guthman, Shoebridge, Kirby, Goettl, Bergeron, Ericksen, Seidlitz, Peterson, Lotts, Bomar, Roshell, Kelly, Hennick, Kempe, Rohmeyer, Flynn, Ives
ABSENT:	Gehring

5. County Administrator Appointment - Veterans Service Commission

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	David Kelly, District 14
SECONDER:	Karen Lotts, District 11
AYES:	Hull, Mueller, Flater, Guthman, Shoebridge, Kirby, Goettl, Bergeron, Ericksen, Seidlitz, Peterson, Lotts, Bomar, Roshell, Kelly, Hennick, Kempe, Rohmeyer, Flynn, Ives
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6. County Administrator Appointment - Ethics Inquiry Board

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ABSENT:	Gehring

11. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

12. ADJOURN

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
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SECONDER:	Karen Lotts, District 11
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Others present in room 302 were Traci Bremness, Randy Scholz, Lori Zwiefelhofer, Andy Bauer, Toni Hohlfelder, Jessica Mudgett, Tony Roder, Lynda Schweikert, Matt Hansen, Todd Pauls and Jaclyn Sadler

- 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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SECONDER:	Pamela Guthman, District 2
AYES:	Hull, Mueller, Flater, Guthman, Shoebridge, Gehring, Kirby, Goettl, Bergeron, Ericksen, Seidlitz, Peterson, Lotts, Bomar, Roshell, Kelly, Hennick, Kempe, Ives
ABSENT:	Rohmeyer, Flynn

5. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO BE HEARD

Luke Deutschlander, Chippewa Falls, spoke to the board on community safety and financing concerns regarding Res. 01-25.

Audi Stedman, Chippewa Falls, also spoke to the board on safety concerns regarding Res. 01-25.

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RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Flater, District 1
SECONDER:	Pamela Guthman, District 2
AYES:	Hull, Mueller, Flater, Guthman, Shoebridge, Gehring, Kirby, Goettl, Bergeron, Ericksen, Seidlitz, Peterson, Lotts, Bomar, Roshell, Kelly, Hennick, Kempe, Ives
ABSENT:	Rohmeyer, Flynn

1. Approval of Minutes

County Board - Regular Meeting - Dec 10, 2024 6:00 PM

- AZO: 01 - 25 : 2024-1003 Burton Rezone Petition - Town of Anson
- AZO: 02 - 25 : 2024-1002 Inn on Lake Wissota LLC and Randal & Diane Passint
- AZO: 03 - 25 : 2024-0016 Ryherd Rezone
- Next scheduled meeting - Tuesday, February 11, 2025

7. REPORTS

A. County Administrator Review and Update

B. General Reports

- Demographic Analysis for Chippewa County - Dale Knapp, Forward Analytics
County Administrator Randy Scholz introduced Dale Knapp from Forward Analytics. Dale Knapp presented on the demographics of Chippewa County; specifically population and the population in the workforce.

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C. Department Reports

1. Human Resources Division Orientation - Toni Hohlfelder
Human Resources Director Toni Hohlfelder provided the final part of the Human Resources Division Orientation.
2. Monthly Statements of Claim Filed with the County Clerk - Jaclyn Sadler
County Clerk Jaclyn Sadler explained to the board the monthly statements of claims filed will be in the packet monthly going forward and any questions on the claims can be directed to the Corporation Counsel Department.

8. BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Res. 01 - 25 : Resolution to Amend Grant with DEHCR for Hope Village Housing Conversion - Jessica Mudgett
Chippewa County Housing Authority Executive Director, Jessica Mudgett was available for questions. Mike Cohoon and Ruth Rosenow from Hope Village were available for questions from the board.

RESULT:	APPROVED [18 TO 1]
MOVER:	James Flater, District 1
SECONDER:	Pamela Guthman, District 2
AYES:	Hull, Mueller, Flater, Guthman, Shoebridge, Gehring, Kirby, Goettl, Bergeron, Ericksen, Seidlitz, Peterson, Lotts, Bomar, Kelly, Hennick, Kempe, Ives
NAYS:	Roshell
ABSENT:	Rohmeyer, Flynn

2. Res. 02 - 25 : Resolution to Approve the Annual Work Plan for the LCFM in 2025 - Matt Hansen
Chippewa County Forest Director Matt Hansen explained the resolution.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Flater, District 1
SECONDER:	Pamela Guthman, District 2
AYES:	Hull, Mueller, Flater, Guthman, Shoebridge, Gehring, Kirby, Goettl, Bergeron, Ericksen, Seidlitz, Peterson, Lotts, Bomar, Roshell, Kelly, Hennick, Kempe, Ives
ABSENT:	Rohmeyer, Flynn

3. Res. 03 - 25 : Resolution to Authorize up to 100 Days of Compensation for Committee Meetings - Randy Scholz
Chippewa County Administrator Randy Scholz explained the resolution and how the same resolution is brought to the board each year.

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RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Peter Gehring, District 4
SECONDER: Jason Bergeron, District 7
AYES: Hull, Mueller, Flater, Guthman, Shoebridge, Gehring, Kirby, Goettl, Bergeron, Ericksen, Seidlitz, Peterson, Lotts, Bomar, Roshell, Kelly, Hennick, Kempe, Ives
ABSENT: Rohmeyer, Flynn

4. New Human Resources Policies - Second Reading - Toni Hohlfelder
Human Resource Director was available for questions from the board.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: James Flater, District 1
SECONDER: Karen Lotts, District 11
AYES: Hull, Mueller, Flater, Guthman, Shoebridge, Gehring, Kirby, Goettl, Bergeron, Ericksen, Seidlitz, Peterson, Lotts, Bomar, Roshell, Kelly, Hennick, Kempe, Ives
ABSENT: Rohmeyer, Flynn

5. Human Resources Policy Manual Revisions - Second Reading - Toni Hohlfelder
Human Resource Director was available for questions from the board. The policies with the exception of policy #9 were approved by the board. Please see subsequent motions on policy #9.

RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Kari Ives, District 21
SECONDER: Joel Seidlitz, District 9
AYES: Hull, Mueller, Flater, Guthman, Shoebridge, Gehring, Kirby, Goettl, Bergeron, Ericksen, Seidlitz, Peterson, Lotts, Bomar, Roshell, Kelly, Hennick, Kempe, Ives
ABSENT: Rohmeyer, Flynn

Motion to Consider #9 Separately from the Human Resources Manual Revisions
Motion to pull policy #9 out of the Human Resources Manual Revisions to be considered separately.
Motion was approved. Please see subsequent motions on policy #9.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Lee Hennick, District 15
SECONDER: David Kelly, District 14
AYES: Hull, Mueller, Flater, Guthman, Shoebridge, Gehring, Kirby, Goettl, Bergeron, Ericksen, Seidlitz, Peterson, Lotts, Bomar, Roshell, Kelly, Hennick, Kempe, Ives
ABSENT: Rohmeyer, Flynn

Motion to Send Policy #9 for Further Review to be sure there aren't any Conflicts with Federal Law. Then bring it back to the County Board for consideration.
Motion and discussion to send policy #9 for further review. Motion failed. See subsequent motion for policy #9.

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RESULT:	DEFEATED [2 TO 17]
MOVER:	Lee Hennick, District 15
SECONDER:	Karen Lotts, District 11
AYES:	Goettl, Hennick
NAYS:	Hull, Mueller, Flater, Guthman, Shoebridge, Gehring, Kirby, Bergeron, Ericksen, Seidlitz, Peterson, Lotts, Bomar, Roshell, Kelly, Kempe, Ives
ABSENT:	Rohmeyer, Flynn

Motion to Keep Original Language of Policy #9

Motion and discussion to keep the original language of policy #9. Motion passed. Therefore, no changes to policy #9.

RESULT:	APPROVED [15 TO 4]
MOVER:	David Kelly, District 14
SECONDER:	Karen Lotts, District 11
AYES:	Mueller, Guthman, Shoebridge, Goettl, Bergeron, Ericksen, Seidlitz, Peterson, Lotts, Bomar, Roshell, Kelly, Hennick, Kempe, Ives
NAYS:	Hull, Flater, Gehring, Kirby
ABSENT:	Rohmeyer, Flynn

9. COUNTY BOARD CHAIR APPOINTMENTS

1. 2025 Fire Warden Appointments

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jason Bergeron, District 7
SECONDER:	Karen Lotts, District 11
AYES:	Hull, Mueller, Flater, Guthman, Shoebridge, Gehring, Kirby, Goettl, Bergeron, Ericksen, Seidlitz, Peterson, Lotts, Bomar, Roshell, Kelly, Hennick, Kempe, Ives
ABSENT:	Rohmeyer, Flynn

10. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR APPOINTMENTS

1. County Administrator Appointment - Traffic Safety Commission

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kari Ives, District 21
SECONDER:	Karen Lotts, District 11
AYES:	Hull, Mueller, Flater, Guthman, Shoebridge, Gehring, Kirby, Goettl, Bergeron, Ericksen, Seidlitz, Peterson, Lotts, Bomar, Roshell, Kelly, Hennick, Kempe, Ives
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RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Ericksen, District 8
SECONDER:	Karen Lotts, District 11
AYES:	Hull, Mueller, Flater, Guthman, Shoebridge, Gehring, Kirby, Goettl, Bergeron, Ericksen, Seidlitz, Peterson, Lotts, Bomar, Roshell, Kelly, Hennick, Kempe, Ives
ABSENT:	Rohmeyer, Flynn

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STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION
Amendatory Zoning Ordinance No. 04 - 25

BROWN BUILDERS INC - REZONE REQUEST - TOWN OF LAFAYETTE

Comprehensive zoning consists of written text (commonly referred to as the zoning ordinance) and an official zoning map. The zoning ordinance is a guideline for permitted and conditional uses, which are separated into zoning classifications or districts. The zoning map shows how a town board has designated the particular zoning classifications or districts to parcels of land within their particular jurisdiction. A rezone is where a property owner or other authorized entity seeks to amend the official zoning map, which would allow a use that is currently not permitted on the parcels of land based on the existing zoning classification or district. This is referred to as a zoning map amendment or “rezoning”. The requested rezoning change may not be granted if it does not fit with the comprehensive plan and community goals for the respective town and county.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Parcel number 22808-1224-6193000D2, which is part of Lot D, Wissota Beach Plat, located in the SE 1/4 of the NW 1/4, Section 12, Township 28 North, Range 08 West. Town of Lafayette.
Property Address: vacant

From: Residential 3

To: Residential 1

Amendatory Zoning Ordinance No. 04 - 25

BROWN BUILDERS INC - REZONE REQUEST - TOWN OF LAFAYETTE

Zoning Petition No:	2024-1004
Town Board Action:	January 20, 2025
Planning & Zoning Committee Public Hearing:	January 23, 2025
Recommendation from Planning & Zoning Committee:	Approve w/Condition

Comments/Conditions: Property owner submits a grading plan to the Town of Lafayette to ensure drainage remains on the property.

The Chippewa County Board of Supervisors does ordain as follows:

That the Zoning maps, dated 1974 and land description listing the boundaries of the eleven zoning districts, and referred to in Chapter 70-61 of the Chippewa County Zoning Ordinance, adopted on February 14, 2006, to be amended as follows:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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Property Address: vacant

From: Residential 3

To: Residential 1

The new map, now dated February, 2025, and land description are made a part of the Zoning Ordinance. All notations, references and other information shown upon said "zoning map" dated February, 2025, and land description shall be as much a part of this Ordinance as if the matter and things set forth by said map and land description were fully described herein.

This Ordinance shall become effective upon passage.

Dated this 11th day of **February, 2025**.

RESULT:	APPROVED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Pamela Guthman, District 2
SECONDER:	James Flater, District 1
AYES:	Hull, Mueller, Flater, Guthman, Shoebridge, Kirby, Goettl, Bergeron, Ericksen, Seidlitz, Peterson, Lotts, Bomar, Roshell, Kelly, Hennick, Kempe, Rohmeyer, Flynn, Ives
ABSENT:	Peter Gehring

CHIPPEWA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & ZONING

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2024 Rezone Application



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SECTION I: Parcel Owner Information			SECTION II: Agent Information		
Name: Lonny Brown			Name: Same Information as Parcel Owner		
Mailing Address: 18399 County Hwy X			Mailing Address:		
City: Chippewa Falls	State: WI	Zip: 54729	City:	State:	Zip:
Telephone: 715-829-3311			Telephone:		
Email Address (Required): lonny@bbigc.com			Email Address (Required):		
SECTION III: Parcel Information					
Town of: Lafayette			Property Address:		
Parcel Number(s): 22808-1224-6193000D2			City: Chippewa Falls	State: WI	Zip: 54729
Existing Zoning District(s): R3			Proposed Zoning District(s): R1		

GENERAL DIRECTIONS:

- Complete** this Application form and the required four (4) parts:
 - ☐ Part 1: General Questions related to the request
 - ☐ Part 2: Planning & Zoning Committee Schedule - 2024
 - ☐ Part 3: General Rezoning Process
 - ☐ Part 4: Applicant Acknowledgement/Signature
- Submit** the completed application, all required information and a **\$350.00** public hearing fee (Make check payable to: Chippewa County Treasurer) by the deadline (as listed in Part 2) to the Chippewa County Department of Planning & Zoning, Room 009, 711 N. Bridge Street, Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin 54729.
- Make arrangements** to attend or have a representative attend any local town plan commission or town board meetings, and the required Planning & Zoning public hearing. This presence is needed so that questions can be answered and concerns addressed.

FOR DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & ZONING STAFF USE:		
Receipt Number:	Appeal Number: 2024-1004	Public Hearing Date: 1-23-25

Attachment: 2024-1004 Brown Rezone - Application (04 - 25 : 2024-1004 - Brown Builders Inc - Rezone)

Chippewa County – 2024 Rezone Application

Once the completed application is received, the Department will prepare a public hearing notice and publish it within the Chippewa Herald. The public hearing notice will include the location and time of the required public hearing before the Chippewa County Planning & Zoning Committee. In addition, your neighbors, the Town Board and any appropriate county or state agencies will be notified. At the public hearing, any party may appear in person or may be represented by an agent or attorney to present information to the Planning & Zoning Committee in support or opposition of the rezone request.

PART 1: General Questions. Please use a separate 8.5" x 11" sheet to answer these questions.

- (A) As the applicant, do you have legal title to the parcel(s)? If you **do not** have legal title to the property, please have the property owner sign this application.
- (B) Identify the parcel(s) that are or will be part of this rezone request. If needed, an additional sheet listing those parcels can be attached.
- (C) Describe the present and, if known, any proposed improvements on each parcel of land.
- (D) Explain why you are requesting to rezone of each parcel. Please identify the proposed use of each parcel.
- (E) Explain the compatibility of your proposed use(s) with the existing use(s) on adjacent parcels and those in the vicinity of this parcel(s).
- (F) Discuss any additional issues you feel that supports the consistency of your proposed use with County ordinances and plans as well as any Town ordinances or plans.

Be prepared to give a detailed presentation when called upon at the public hearing before the Planning and Zoning Committee. Prepare an outline of your proposal, something similar to a "business plan", detailing for the Planning & Zoning Committee your proposal. Include any documentation you feel is necessary as part of your presentation in defining your proposal for the Committee and possibly the County Board. It is vital to your application to consult with professionals you feel may be able to assist with your application (i.e. surveyor, attorney, engineer, etc.)

PART 2: Planning & Zoning Committee Schedule - 2024

Applications will not be placed on the appropriate agenda unless they are properly completed and include **ALL** required supporting information or documents **and** payment of the public hearing fee. Applicants are encouraged to consult with staff of the Department of Planning & Zoning prior to the filing of the application. This is an important step to insure that all pertinent issues are identified and to determine what information in addition to the application forms might be necessary in order for the department to accept and process your application. Please CIRCLE or HIGHLIGHT the meeting you intend on attending:

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Applications Due @ 12:00 Noon	12-21	01-25	02-22	NA	04-25	05-23	06-20	07-25	08-22	09-26	10-24	11-21
Public Hearing/Meeting (Thu)	01-18	02-22	03-21	NA	05-23	06-20	07-18	08-22	09-19	10-24	11-21	12-19
County Board Meeting (Tues)	02-13	03-12	04-09	NA	06-11	07-09	08-13	09-10	10-08	11-12	12-10	01-14

Note: Typically, the Planning & Zoning Committee meetings start at 4:30 PM on the designated dates above.

Note: No Committee meeting in April due to the Spring Election.

PART 3: General Rezoning Process:

- (A) The rezone application is filed with the Department of Planning & Zoning. This includes the legal description of the parcels to be rezoned, a written statement addressing the questions as listed in Part 1 and any other information your feel will aid in a decision on this request.
- (B) The Town Board will be notified of the rezone application. The Town Board can recommend approval or denial of a rezoning request. If the Town Board denies a rezone request, the Planning & Zoning Committee can only recommend an approval with modification to the rezone request or deny the rezone request.
- (C) A Class 2 Public Hearing Notice will be published in the Chippewa Herald detailing the request and the date and time of the Public Hearing.

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- (D) Property owners of the land and those property owners within 400' (or maybe a greater distance) of the requested rezone change are notified directly by mail as well as the Town Board Chair and Town Clerk. The notice to the property owners will generally contain a portion of the public hearing notice and information pertaining to meetings to be held at the Town level (plan commission, town board, etc) as well as the Public Hearing in front of the Planning & Zoning Committee.
- (E) General maps (location map, aerial view and existing zoning districts map) will be prepared for the request by the Department.
- (F) A department staff report is prepared and sent to the Planning & Zoning Committee, while comments from the general public are solicited.
- (G) Following the Public Hearing, the Planning & Zoning Committee will make a motion to either approve, approve with modification or deny the rezoning request. If the rezone request receives an approval or approval with modification an ordinance amendment will be prepared and placed on the next County Board meeting agenda for their approval.
- (H) If the County Board approves the rezone and the town board files an objection to the approval, the town board will then have 45 days to veto the rezone request following the applicable state statutes.
- (I) If the rezone request receives County Board approval, the final step is the publication of the amendment in the Chippewa Herald. Once published, the zoning district amendment takes effect. The entire process from application deadline to final publication can take two months or more to complete depending upon the scheduling of hearing dates.

PART 4: Applicant Acknowledgement/Signature

This application must be signed by the property owner or in case of an agreement to purchase the property, a letter from the property owner acknowledging the potential buyer is seeking the rezone.

- I certify that the information I have provided in this application is true, accurate and complete.
- I or a representative will have an opportunity to present to the Planning & Zoning Committee information in favor of this request.
- I have the authority to allow the staff of the Department of Planning & Zoning and Planning & Zoning Committee member's access to the property to conduct necessary inspections related to this request.
- I understand that I cannot speak to any member of the Planning & Zoning Committee about this application, except at the public hearing.
- I understand that I cannot direct any written communication about this application to a member of the Planning & Zoning Committee, unless I also file a copy with the Department of Planning & Zoning and direct additional copies to each person who has registered an interest in this application.
- I also understand that if I or my representative fail to appear in front of the Planning & Zoning Committee during the designated public hearing or my failure to observe the above mentioned rules, my request may be **DENIED**.

Signed: _____

Lonny Brown

Owner/Agent

Date: 11-13-24

PART 5: Planning & Zoning Department Mailing List

Applicant
 Property Owner Owners within 400'
 Planning & Zoning Committee Members
 Town Board Chair & Clerk
 County Board Supervisor
 News Media
 Wisconsin DNR
 US Army Corp of Engineers
 Wisconsin DOT



BROWN BUILDERS, INC.
GENERAL CONTRACTOR

18399 COUNTY HIGHWAY X, CHIPPEWA FALLS, WI 54729
 (715) 723-2141 Fax (715) 723-1475

November 13, 2024

TO: Chippewa County -Department of Planning and Zoning
 711 North Bridge Street
 Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

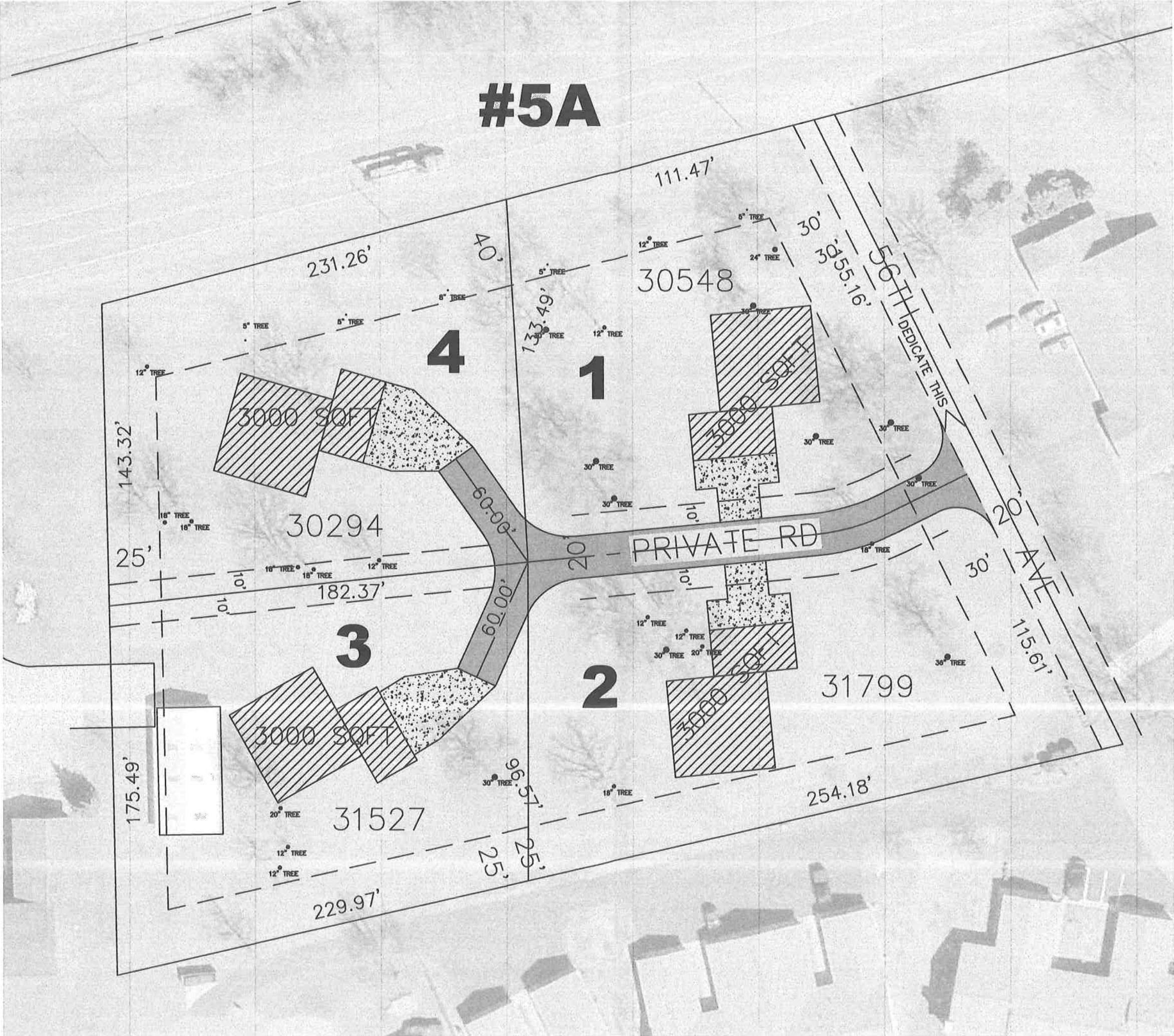
RE: Parcel 2280901224-6193000D2
 Rezone from R3 to R1

To Whom It May Concern:

Below please find responses to Chippewa County -2024 Rezone Application Part 1

- (A) Applicant has legal title to parcels requesting rezone
- (B) Rezone request is for Parcel # Parcel 2280901224-6193000D2
- (C) Existing Improvements consist of a 26' X 60 post frame storage shed in SW corner of parcel. Proposed improvements are to subdivide parcel into (4) single family residential lots for (4) single family residential homes.
- (D) I am requesting rezone from R3 multi-family to R1 single family lessens congestion, preserves open and green spaces, decreases impervious area, and allows maintaining existing trees and make proposed development more appealing to neighborhood. Parcel will be subdivided into R1 (4) single family residential lots
- (E) Proposed R1 rezone and use for single family development is compatible with existing neighborhood development consisting of single-family homes, residential condominiums, and residential multi-family.
- (F) Proposed zoning change is consistent and meets both Chippewa County and Town of Lafayette ordinances. Both Chippewa County and Town of Lafayette housing goals and objectives state intent to lessen congestion and preserve open space. This rezone accomplishes both these goals. Under current R3 zoning a large multi-family development can be developed on parcel. The proposed R1 rezone reduces congestion and increases open and green space.

Lonny Brown
 Brown Builders, Inc.
 183899 County Highway X
 Chippewa Falls, WI 54729



(Posted on January 9, 2025)
Chippewa County Website & County Clerk's Bulletin Board

CHIPPEWA COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
STATE OF WISCONSIN

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to all persons in the County of Chippewa, Wisconsin, that public hearings will be held on **January 23, 2025** beginning at **5:00 PM** at the Chippewa County Courthouse, Room 302, 711 N Bridge Street, Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin relative to the following petition:

Rezone Petition: 2024-1004

Petitioner: Brown Builders Inc

Parcel number 22808-1224-6193000D2, which is part of Lot D, Wissota Beach Plat, located in the SE ¼ of the NW ¼, Section 12, Township 28 North, Range 08 West. Town of Lafayette. Property Address: vacant

From: Residential 3

To: Residential 1

Specific information regarding these public hearings can be obtained at the Chippewa County Department of Planning & Zoning. All persons interested are invited to attend this meeting.

Dated this 7th day of January, 2025

Douglas Clary, Director
Department of Planning & Zoning
Chippewa County

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CHIPPEWA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & ZONING

• 711 North Bridge Street, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729 • Phone: 715.726.7940 • Fax: 715.726.4596 • www.co.chippewa.wi.us •

Land Management

Land Planning

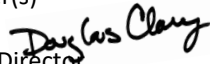
Land Records & G.I.S.

POWTS & Wells

Date: January 7, 2025

To: Property Owner(s)

From: Douglas Clary, Director



Re: Public Meetings & Public Hearing

Dear Property Owner(s):

The Chippewa County Department of Planning & Zoning has received a rezone petition for parcels of land that are located either adjacent to or in the vicinity of property owned by you. You are receiving this notice because your property has been determined to be within the legal public hearing notification distance per county and state requirements. I have enclosed a map identifying the location of the parcels associated with the rezone petition. If you have any questions regarding this rezone petition, please contact me at (715) 726-7941.

REZONE PETITION: #2024-1004

Petitioner: Brown Builders Inc

Parcel number 22808-1224-6193000D2, which is part of Lot D, Wissota Beach Plat, located in the SE ¼ of the NW ¼, Section 12, Township 28 North, Range 08 West. Town of Lafayette. Physical Addresses: vacant

From: Residential 3

To: Residential 1

Lafayette Town Park, Recreation & Land Use Planning Commission (PRLPC):

The PRLPC will **REVIEW** this request on **January 13, 2025** at approximately **7:00 PM**. The PRLPC will make an **ADVISORY** recommendation to the Lafayette Town Board to approve or disapprove. This meeting will be held at the Lafayette Town Hall, 5765 197th Street, Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin 54729.

Lafayette Town Board:

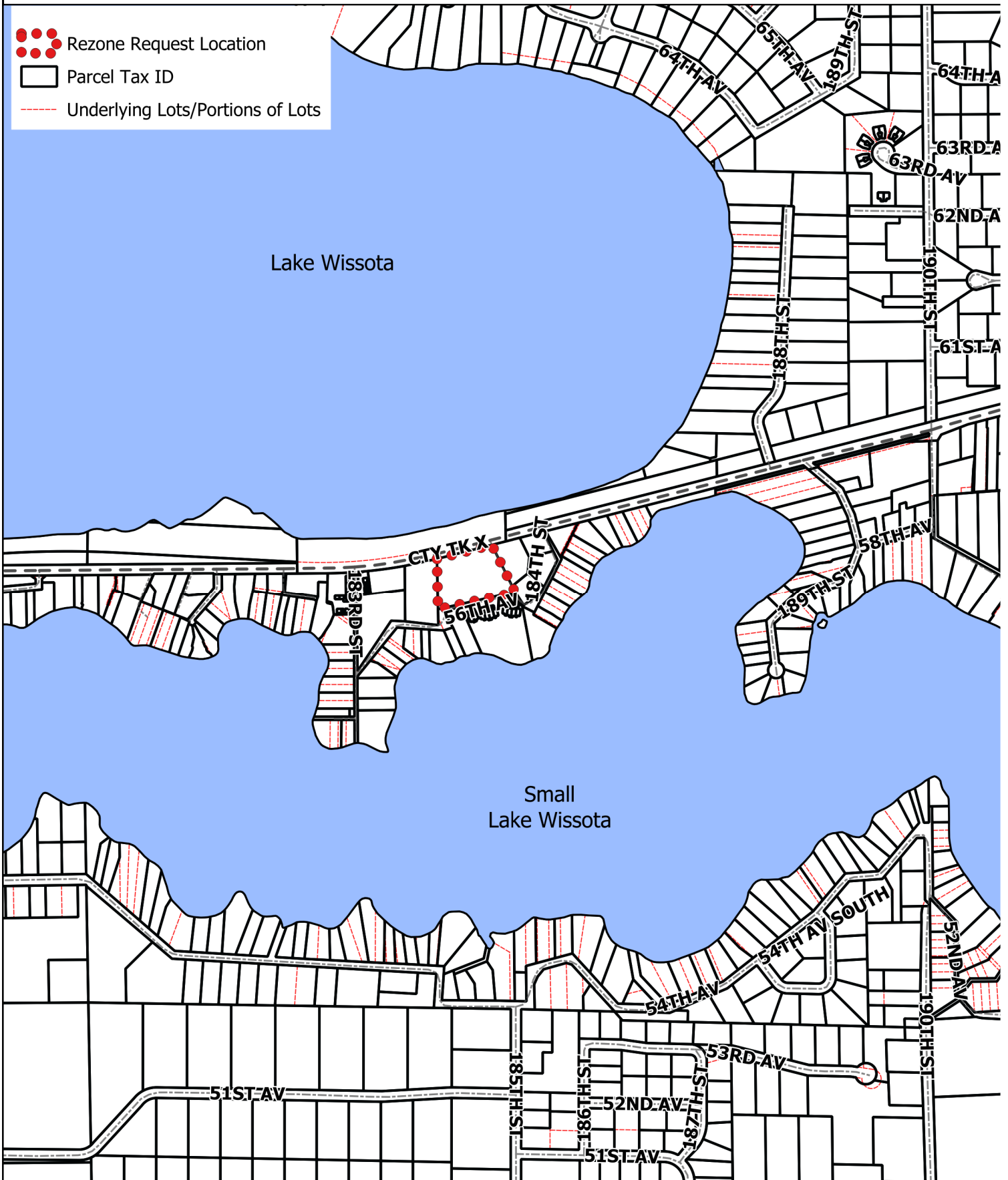
The Town Board will **REVIEW** this request on **January 20, 2025** at approximately **7:00 PM**. The Town Board will forward an **ADVISORY** recommendation to the Chippewa County Planning & Zoning Committee to approve, disapprove or approve with modification(s) and/or condition(s). This meeting will be held at the Lafayette Town Hall, 5765 197th Street, Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin 54729 or via telephone.

Chippewa County Planning & Zoning Committee:

The Chippewa County Planning & Zoning Committee will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING** for this petition on **January 23, 2025** at **5:00 PM** in the Chippewa County Courthouse, Room 302, 711 N Bridge Street, Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin. The Committee will make a determination on the petition to approve, disapprove or approve with modification(s) and/or conditions. If the Planning & Zoning Committee approves or approves with modification, the petition will be forwarded to the County Board meeting on **February 11, 2025** at **6:00 PM** for their consideration. If the Planning & Zoning Committee disapproves, the petition will fail.

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2024-1004 Brown Builders Inc. Rezone Request Location Map



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2024-1004 Brown Builders Inc. Rezone Request
Aerial (2023)

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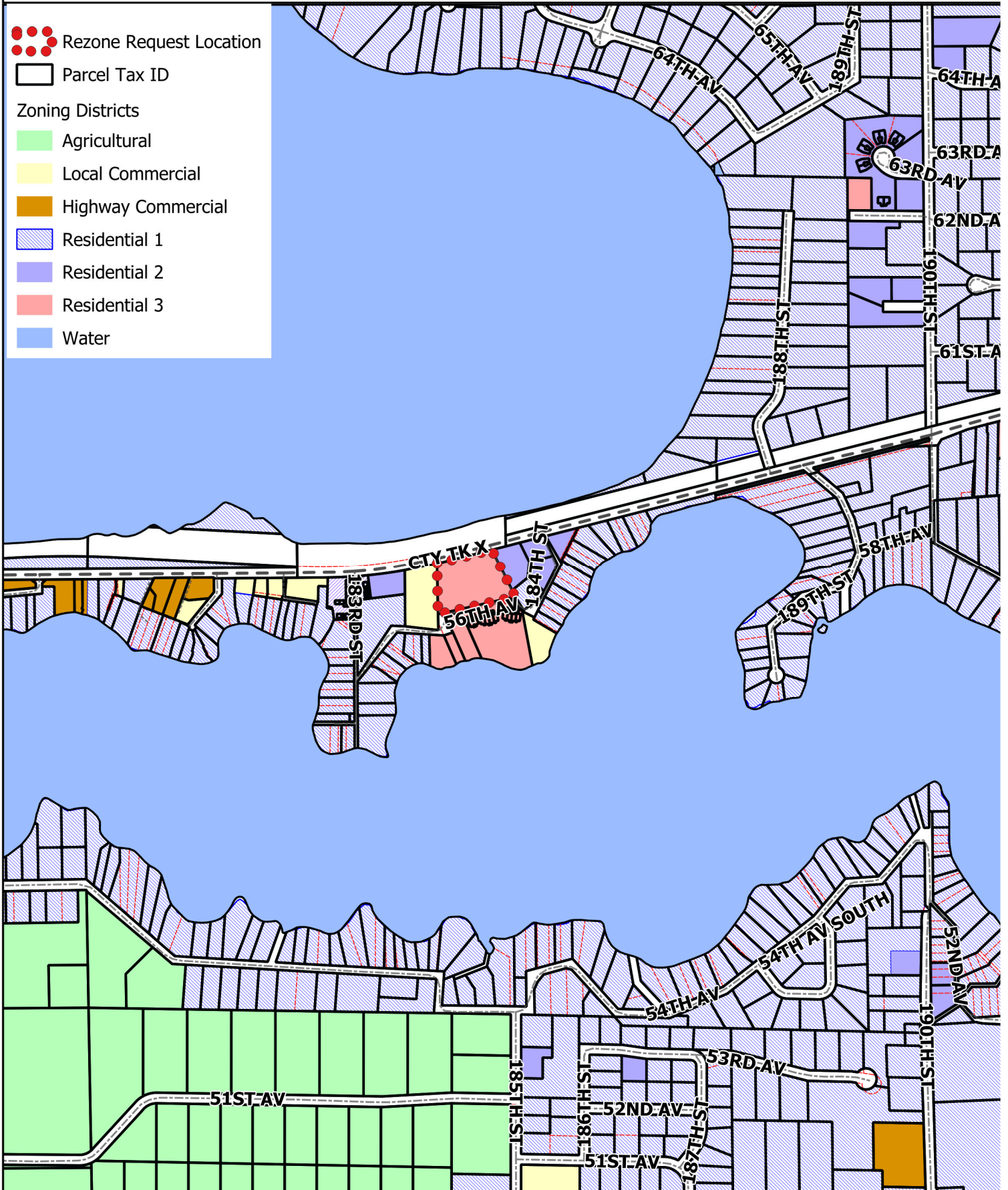


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2024-1004 Brown Builders Inc. Rezone Request

Zoning Districts

-  Rezone Request Location
-  Parcel Tax ID
- Zoning Districts
 -  Agricultural
 -  Local Commercial
 -  Highway Commercial
 -  Residential 1
 -  Residential 2
 -  Residential 3
 -  Water



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Doug Clary

From: chairman@lafayettetownship.org
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2025 6:17 AM
To: Doug Clary
Subject: [EXTERNAL] rezone

***** [CAUTION - EXTERNAL EMAIL] DO NOT reply, click links, or open attachments unless you have verified the sender and know the content is safe *****

Doug

Town Board approved the rezone for Lonny Brown with conditions that he must do a grading plan for approval to ensure drainage remains on that property

The Balsiger property is now vacant no trailer no vehicles parked there hopefully this project can get back on track and get cleaned up

David Staber
 Lafayette Town Chairman
chairman@lafayettetownship.org
 715-215-0461

Attachment: Lafayette Email_Brown Rezone Approval_w_condition 2025-01-21 (04 - 25 : 2024-1004 - Brown Builders Inc - Rezone)



State of Chippewa County

February 4, 2025

Randy Scholz, County Administrator

Welcome and Acknowledgment

Good evening, members of the Chippewa County Board, Citizen of Chippewa County, and Employees of Chippewa County

- As I prepare to retire as County Administrator, I want to thank you for the honor of serving Chippewa County.
- Congratulations to the soon to be appointed Chippewa County Administrator. You are stepping into a dynamic and well-run county, supported by established policies and procedures, a talented workforce, and a Board deeply committed to the community.
- I'm proud to report that Chippewa County is in a strong financial position, which sets a solid foundation for the future.

Economic Development

- **Fostering Growth:** Our Chippewa Economic Development Corporation (CEDC) has been instrumental in creating jobs, supporting local businesses, and attracting investments. Thank you to Charlie Walker, CEDC Director, for his hard work over the years to truly make Chippewa County the best place to raise a family and a business.
- **Potential New Business Park:** Strategically located to support diverse industries, a new park has the potential for high-quality jobs and enhanced County and Regional economic growth. I wish this project was further along, but I am confident it will get completed in the near future.
- **Fostering Innovation and Entrepreneurship:** Chippewa County continues to support startups and small businesses through initiatives that encourage creativity, drive economic diversification, and foster entrepreneurial growth. These efforts play a vital role in shaping a dynamic economy and ensuring a prosperous future for the community.

Community Challenges and Initiatives

- **Methamphetamine Crisis:** The rise in substance abuse has deeply impacted families, leading to increased out-of-home placements. We've prioritized collaborative interventions to support affected families and break cycles of addiction.
- **Criminal Justice Services (CJS):** By focusing on rehabilitation and reintegration, CJS improves public safety while reducing recidivism and easing the burden on our court and jail systems.
- **Sheriff's Office:** Despite challenges, the employees remain committed to maintaining public trust and security across Chippewa County.
- **Hospital and ER Services:** Support and optimism increase as the reality of a new Community Hospital, as well as the new Aspirus Hospital look to locate in Chippewa County to help alleviate the burden caused by the closure of HSHS Sacred Heart Hospital in Eau Claire and St. Josephs Hospital in Chippewa Falls.
- **EMS Services in Chippewa County:** Community conversations and increased public awareness have begun to help address the sustainability of EMS services in Chippewa County. There is no quick solution to this so ongoing discussions and collaboration will need to continue.

Supporting Our Workforce and Infrastructure

- **Employee Recognition:** Chippewa County values its dedicated workforce, and I encourage it to remain committed to competitive compensation and professional development. This will continue to be a major challenge for the County both financially and as we compete with other organizations to recruit and retain employees.
- **Health Insurance:** Rising costs remain a challenge, but through innovative approaches, the County can continue to aim to balance affordability and quality. Another major challenge for the County.
- **Roads and Infrastructure:** Maintaining and improving transportation has been a priority. With the challenges of too many road miles and not enough funding, it will be impossible to keep up the roads in the County without an additional funding source.

Gratitude to Employees

- **To my DOA team:** Thank you for your dedication and hard work. I will truly miss the debates and discussions I have had with each of you one-on-one and during our DOA team meetings.
- **To Department Heads & Elected Officials:** I hope you have felt respected and included in the process of bringing change to Chippewa County. Elected Officials, having to put your jobs on the line every four years is not easy nor something that most people understand.
- **To the employees of Chippewa County:** Your dedication and hard work have been the backbone of our success.
- I have tried hard to build a culture of collaboration, professionalism, and excellence. Your efforts make a tangible difference in the lives of our residents every day. I have tried from day one to make Chippewa County the best place to work in the Chippewa Valley.
- It has been a privilege to lead such a skilled and committed team.



Reflection and Acknowledgment

- **To the citizens of Chippewa County:** Thank you for your trust and partnership in shaping the future of your community.
- **To the County Board:** I deeply appreciate your thoughtful leadership, meaningful discussions, and dedication to serving our residents.
- Together, we have faced challenges, seized opportunities, and built a stronger Chippewa County.

Looking Ahead

- Chippewa County is positioned for continued success, but challenges remain such as funding for employee compensation, health insurance costs, and infrastructure.
- I am confident in the ability of our Board, employees, and citizens to meet these challenges.
- With strong financial standing, established policies, and a dedicated workforce, the County's future is bright.

Closing Remarks

- Serving as Chippewa County Administrator has been a great honor.
- To the new Administrator: I wish you success and fulfillment in this role. You are inheriting a County in good standing, supported by extraordinary people.
- Thank you for your support, trust, and collaboration over the years.
- Before I conclude, I want to take a moment to thank my wife. Through long hours, challenging projects, and stressful situations, she has been my greatest supporter. Her love and patience have allowed me to serve Chippewa County with dedication. I could not have done this without her.



Department of Administration

Randy B. Scholz, County Administrator



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February 5, 2025

TO: County Board Supervisors

FR: Randy Scholz

RE: President Trump's Executive Orders

County Board Supervisors,

We are currently reviewing the implications of President Trump's recent Executive Orders and how they may affect county operations and funding. At this time, the full impact remains unclear, and we are working to assess any potential changes that could affect our programs and services.

One of our primary concerns is the continuation of federal funding that supports county programs. If federal funds are reduced or eliminated, the county does not have the financial capacity to sustain these programs at current levels. Our Department Heads are reaching out to their contacts regarding the impacts to their department programs with the federal funding. We will continue to look for guidance from state and federal agencies and provide updates as more information becomes available.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Randy Scholz
County Administrator

Attachment: CA Memo 2.5.25 (8827 : President Trump's Executive Orders - Randy Scholz)



2023-2025 CIP PROJECT UPDATE

Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

Presentation for Executive Committee on January 21, 2025

Presentation for County Board on February 11, 2025

History

Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Policy

- Adopted by County Board in June 2012
 - Last Amended in December 2013
- Goal was to give structure and uniformity to the process.
 - Also allows the CB to see the big items needed in the future and allows for prioritization of major projects.
- A 5-year plan is prepared by the CA and presented to the Executive Committee and CB annually.
 - CB only “approves” projects for the next year’s budget cycle. Projects in years 2-5 are placeholders.
 - Each project is approved via a resolution.
 - Having a 5-year plan also helps with maintaining our Aa¹ bond rating.

Capital Project Criteria

- Capital assets or project costs of \$50,000 or more per County Ordinance 2-361(a)(3)b.1-4 (Sales and Use Tax).
- Capital or project assets that have a useful life of more than 3 years or extend the life of existing asset.
- Required by Ordinance 2-361(a)(3), the CIP must be updated during the annual budget process.

Overview

- This annual report provides the County Board with an update on the status of approved CIP projects 2023-2025 as of 12/27/2024
- Last three approved budgets utilizing sales tax funding and bond funding for Capital Improvements.

Year	Sales Tax Funding	Bonding Funding
2023	\$3,335,000	\$3,000,000
2024	\$4,866,000	\$-0-
2025	\$4,410,000	\$1,750,000

Hints

Below is an example of the annual review of an approved project:

- Total Budgeted Amount equals all of the funding sources for the project.
- The next three columns (Fund Balance/Grants, Sales Tax, Borrowing) are the fund sources.
- The Expenditure column is the amount we have paid for the project to that date.
- The Project (Over/Under) column is taking the Total Budgeted Amount less the Expenditure column on completed projects only.
 - **Over** means that the expenditures **exceed** the total budgeted amount.
 - **Under** means that the expenditures **are less** than the total budgeted amount.

Year	Project Title	Total Budgeted Amount	Fund Balance/ Grants	Sales Tax	Borrowing	Expenditure (12-29-23)	Project (Over/Under)	Status	Comments
2023	Replace 43 Campsite Docks	\$129,000	\$129,000					In Progress	

2012-2024 Radio Tower Project

(Budgeted thru 2019)

Year	Project Title	Total Budgeted Amount	Fund Balance/ Grants	Sales Tax	Borrowing	Expenditure (12-27-24)	Project (Over/Under)	Status	Comments
Multiple	Radio System Replacement/Fiber Installation	\$4,395,887	\$1,450,000	\$1,300,000	\$1,645,887	\$4,131,660	\$264,227	Complete	Per Res 45-23, remaining funds were transferred to the radio towers operation account.

Total Budgeted Amount is based on changes with Res. 39-20 and Res. 34-23.

2021 Projects

(Still "In Progress" as of February 2024 CIP Update)

Year	Project Title	Total Budgeted Amount	Fund Balance/ Grants	Sales Tax	Borrowing	Expenditure (12-27-24)	Project (Over/Under)	Status	Comments
2021	Generator System updates for Courthouse/Sheriff's	\$50,000	\$50,000			\$468	\$49,532	No Project	Total Budget was \$100,000 which includes \$50,000 from 2013. This project has been decided to be dropped and may need to be done at a later date if needed. Additional funding would be needed for the project to be completed.

2022 Projects

(Still "In Progress" as of February 2023 CIP Update)

Year	Project Title	Total Budgeted Amount	Fund Balance/ Grants	Sales Tax	Borrowing	Expenditure (12-27-24)	Project (Over/Under)	Status	Comments
2022	Replacement of Jail Windows	\$150,000		\$150,000		\$168,605	(\$18,605)	Completed	Overage due some unforeseen challenges with old window removal. For the overage, funds from the facilities operation account transferred to project.
2022	Dump Truck Replacement	\$120,000	\$120,000			\$147,153	(\$27,153)	Completed	We waited for 2 years for the truck delivery and the cost increased.

Project Over/Under Review of Completed Projects in 2024:

\$ 0 Returned to the Sales Tax Fund
(\$45,758) Maintained within account or not requested by grant

2023 Projects

Year	Project Title	Total Budgeted Amount	Fund Balance/ Grants	Sales Tax	Borrowing	Expenditure (12-27-24)	Project (Over/Under)	Status	Comments
2023	Replace 43 Campsite Docks	\$129,000	\$129,000			\$128,510	\$490	Completed	Remaining funds stay in non-lapsing account
2023	Replace Playground Equip at 3 Parks	\$260,000	\$260,000			\$227,203	\$32,797	Completed	Remaining funds stay in non-lapsing account
2023	LCFM Department Remodel	\$475,000		\$475,000		\$429,515		In Progress	Almost complete waiting for final invoices.
2023	Roof Replacements	\$175,000		\$175,000		\$118,685	\$56,315	Completed	Remaining funds back to sales tax fund
2023	LED Lighting Upgrade – Phase I	\$150,000	\$15,000	\$135,000		\$81,758	\$68,242	Completed	Available funds from this project transferred to Phase II for LED Lighting Upgrade
2023	Highways and Bridges	\$13,467,300	\$8,867,300	\$1,600,000	\$3,000,000	\$9,707,925	\$3,759,375	Completed	Some grant funding wasn't approved so projects didn't occur
2023	Machinery Purchases	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000			\$827,993	\$272,007	Completed	Remaining funds will stay in Hwy Machinery Fund balance

2023 Projects (Cont.)

Year	Project Title	Total Budgeted Amount	Fund Balance/ Grants	Sales Tax	Borrowing	Expenditure (12-27-24)	Project (Over/Under)	Status	Comments
2023	Building Improvements at Highway Department	\$100,000	\$100,000			\$197,445	(\$97,445)	Complete	Overage using Hwy Machinery Fund balance
2023	Non-Highway Vehicle Fleet	\$250,000		\$250,000		\$365,648	(\$115,648)	Complete	Overage using Non-Highway Fleet Fund balance
2023	Replacement End User Devices & Data Center Equip	\$225,000		\$225,000		\$174,136	\$50,864	Complete	Remaining funds will stay in non-lapsing account
2023	Courtroom Audio/Video Control System	\$75,000		\$75,000				In Progress	Delay in getting equipment
2023	Hickory Ridge Trailhead Expansion	\$500,000	\$500,000			\$129,888	\$370,112	Complete	This project was all funded with state grant and donations from Friends of Hickory Ridge
2023	911 Phone System Replacement	\$350,000		\$350,000		\$303,031	\$46,969	Complete	Received a grant from state for 80% with 20% county share. We anticipate about \$289,394 will be returned to sales tax fund.
Project Over/Under Review of Completed Projects in 2024: \$ 345,709 Returned to the Sales Tax Fund \$ 4,340,794 Maintained within account or not requested by grant									

2024 Projects

Year	Project Title	Total Budgeted Amount	Fund Balance/ Grants	Sales Tax	Borrowing	Expenditure (12-27-24)	Project (Over/Under)	Status	Comments
2024	LED Lighting Upgrade – Phase 2	\$50,000	\$5,000	\$45,000		\$71,501	(\$21,501)	Complete	This overage was funded by Phase I of the LED Lighting. The remaining \$49,790 between the two phases returned to sales tax
2024	Parking Lot Maintenance	\$50,000		\$50,000		\$33,905	\$16,095	Complete	Available funds returned to sales tax
2024	Register in Probate/Juvenile Intake Office Suite Remodel	\$280,000		\$280,000		\$244,667		In Progress	Almost complete waiting for final invoices.
2024	DHS Dept & CB Rm 302 Remodel-Phase I Planning	\$600,000		\$600,000		\$0.00		On hold	
2024	Highways and Bridges	\$11,759,913	\$8,659,913	\$3,100,000		\$5,801,674		In Progress	
2024	Machinery Purchases	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000			\$795,651		In Progress	
2024	Highway Building Improvements	\$100,000	\$100,000			\$142,028		In Progress	

2024 Projects (Cont.)									
Year	Project Title	Total Budgeted Amount	Fund Balance/ Grants	Sales Tax	Borrowing	Expenditure (12-27-24)	Project (Over/Under)	Status	Comments
2024	Non-Highway Vehicle Fleet Replacement	\$300,000		\$300,000		\$337,142		In Progress	
2024	Replacement end user devices & data center equipment	\$275,000		\$275,000		\$224,969		In Progress	
2024	County Stewardship Fund	\$100,000	\$50,000	\$50,000		\$50,000	\$50,000	Complete	Funds will stay in this account for future years.
2024	County Forest Land Acquisitions	\$300,000	\$300,000			\$0.00	\$300,000	Complete	No project
2024	Snowmobile Bridge	\$120,000	\$120,000			\$47,750	\$72,250	Complete	All grant funded
2024	Sheriff Dept Radio Replacements – Phase I	\$67,000		\$67,000		\$34,901		In Progress	Waiting until the equipment purchased with grant funds are received before considering completed.

2024 Projects (Cont.)									
Year	Project Title	Total Budgeted Amount	Fund Balance/ Grants	Sales Tax	Borrowing	Expenditure (12-27-24)	Project (Over/Under)	Status	Comments
2024	Sheriff Equipment (Radar Units, Ballistic Shields, AED, High Gear Suits, etc)	\$99,000		\$99,000		\$96,328	\$2,671	Complete	These remaining funds will be returned to the sales tax fund.
	Totals 2024 Projects	\$15,200,913	\$10,334,913	\$4,866,000	\$0				

Project Over/Under Review of Completed Projects in 2024:

\$ 68,556 Returned to the Sales Tax Fund

\$ 422,250 Maintained within account or not requested by grant

2025 Projects									
Year	Project Title	Total Budgeted Amount	Fund Balance/ Grants	Sales Tax	Borrowing	Expenditure (12-27-24)	Project (Over/Under)	Status	Comments
2025	County Morgue	\$750,000		\$750,000				In Progress	
2025	Uninterruptible Power Supply	\$100,000	\$100,000					In Progress	
2025	Building Automation System Replacement	\$500,000		\$500,000				In Progress	
2025	Courthouse Security – Single Point Entry & DOA Suite	\$750,000	\$750,000					In Progress	
2025	Parking Lot “A” Replacement – Phase I	\$400,000		\$400,000				In Progress	
2025	Sheriff’s Department Hallways – Painting/Flooring	\$175,000	\$175,000					In Progress	
2025	Government Center Water Heater Replacement	\$90,000	\$90,000					In Progress	

2025 Projects (Cont.)									
Year	Project Title	Total Budgeted Amount	Fund Balance/ Grants	Sales Tax	Borrowing	Expenditure (12-29-23)	Project (Over/Under)	Status	Comments
2025	Highways & Bridges	\$10,280,070	\$6,730,070	\$1,800,000	\$1,750,000			In Progress	
2025	Machinery Purchases	\$1,523,000	\$1,523,000					In Progress	
2025	Hwy Building Improvements	\$100,000	\$100,000					In Progress	
2025	Non-Highway Fleet Vehicle Replacement	\$300,000		\$300,000				In Progress	
2025	Replacement end user devices & data center	\$225,000	\$125,000	\$100,000				In Progress	
2025	County Stewardship Fund	\$100,000	\$100,000					In Progress	

2025 Projects (Cont.)

Year	Project Title	Total Budgeted Amount	Fund Balance/ Grants	Sales Tax	Borrowing	Expenditure (12-27-24)	Project (Over/Under)	Status	Comments
2025	County Forest Land Acquisitions	300,000	\$300,000					In Progress	
2025	Snowmobile Bridge	\$120,000	\$120,000					In Progress	
2025	Backup 911 Center	\$500,000		\$500,000				In Progress	
2025	Sheriff's Office Equipment	\$60,000		\$60,000				In Progress	
	Totals 2025 Projects	\$16,273,070	\$10,113,070	\$4,410,000	\$1,750,000				

Summary

- Acceptable progress has been made on funded CIP projects
 - Highway & Bridge projects will take several years to close due to matching funds/grant timing
- CIP project status update are provided to Executive Committee and County Board annually (at a minimum)
- The next step...
 - Department Heads received 2025-2029 CIP guidelines and forms in November of 2024
 - CA presents recommended plan to Executive Committee in June for consideration then to the County Board for action

Questions, Comments, or Concerns





ARPA Funding Projects Review

Randy Scholz, County Administrator

Executive Committee – January 21, 2025

County Board – February 11, 2025

Introduction

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 is a \$1.9 trillion Economic Stimulus Package that was signed into law by President Biden on March 11, 2021.

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) has four allowable areas of usage:

- *“(A) to respond to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID–19) or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality;*
- *“(B) to respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID–19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to eligible workers of the metropolitan city, non-entitlement unit of local government, or county that are performing such essential work, or by providing grants to eligible employers that have eligible workers who perform essential work;*
- *“(C) for the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue of such metropolitan city, non-entitlement unit of local government, or county due to the COVID–19 public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year of the metropolitan city, non-entitlement unit of local government, or county prior to the emergency; or*
- *“(D) to make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.*

Utilized ARPA Allowable Areas

In staying in compliance with ARPA allowable areas, Chippewa County utilized:

- *“(C) for the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue of such metropolitan city, non-entitlement unit of local government, or county due to the COVID–19 public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year of the metropolitan city, non-entitlement unit of local government, or county prior to the emergency*
 - \$10,349,102.94 for multiple projects (Road improvements, parks improvements, Firearms Range Lead & EP Remediation, Contaminate mitigation in residential wells, Sheriff radios, etc.)
- *(D) to make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.*
 - \$2,209,956.06 for Broadband to 24/7 Telecom, Bloomer Telephone Company & Ntera
- *Interest Earnings*
 - \$798,644.96 for multiple projects (Longevity bonuses, Sheriff radios and road improvements)

History

- **7/20/2021** – Chippewa County Board approved Res 19-21, which identifies the guidelines and procedures for allocating ARPA funds ([Agenda Link](#))
- **1/24/2022-2/24/2022** – Department Heads met with policy committees to review their initial ARPA project funds requested.
- **1/27/2022** – Listening Session with Town, City & Village Leaders of Chippewa County
- **2/8/2022** – Chippewa County Board approved Res 04-22 revising the guidelines and procedures for allocating ARPA funds ([Agenda Link](#))
- **7/12/2022** – County Administrator presented the initial ARPA plan with supporting resolutions to County Board for approval ([Agenda Link](#))
- **3/12/2024** – Chippewa County Board approved multiple resolutions to finalize the utilization of these ARPA funds and the final revised ARPA plan ([Agenda Link](#))

Total ARPA Funding & Interest Earnings

Total Funding Available	
\$ 6,279,529.50	Funds received from US Treasury May 19, 2021
6,279,529.50	Funds received from US Treasury June 9, 2022
\$12,559,059.00	Total ARPA Funding Received from US Treasury
798,644.96	Interest Revenues with invested funds
\$13,357,703.96	Total ARPA Funding and Interest Earnings Utilized for Projects

Broadband Expansion

Res #	Company	Township	CB Approved Funding	Funding Utilized	Miles of Fiber Deployed	Number of Locations Served
20-21	24/7 Telecom Inc	Wheaton & Howard	\$ 339,549.00	\$339,549.00	99	275
21-21	Ntera LLC	Goetz, Delmar, Edson & Sigel	531,657.06	531,657.06	92	248
22-21	Bloomer Telephone Co	Eagle Point & Tilden	838,750.00	838,750.00	86	305
06-22	Bloomer Telephone Co	Hallie	33,586.00	33,586.00	9	63
04-23	Bloomer Telephone Co	Tilden, Eagle Point & Lafayette	295,232.00	295,232.00	14	112
05-23	Ntera LLC	Cleveland & Ruby	171,182.00	171,182.00	33	121
Totals			\$2,209,956.06	\$2,209,956.06	333	1,124

Employee Longevity Bonuses

Funding from ARPA interest earnings was used to provide longevity reward payments to employees with tenure who didn't receive prior longevity bonuses/payments for their years of service with the implementation of the Longevity Bonus policy approved on September 13, 2022 within the HR Policy. These bonuses were for General Municipal and Wisconsin Professional Policy Association employees.

After funding these additional bonuses, all employees with 5 & 10 years of service now match the Longevity Bonus Policy. These employees received \$500 for the missed 5 year anniversary and \$1,000 for the remaining missed 5 year anniversary milestones.

Res #	CB Approved Funding	Funding Utilized	Amount Transferred to Hwy with Res 12-24
50-22, 62-22 & 11-24	\$419,056.00	\$386,565.75	\$32,490.25

CVIC (Chippewa Valley Innovation Center) Remodeled Conference Room for ADA Compliance

The funding was used to equip a new main floor conference room with audio and visual capabilities, wheelchair accessibility and ADA compliance.

The contractor that did the remodel was Miron Construction Company which was completed by November 7, 2023

Res #	CB Approved Funding	Funding Utilized	Amount Transferred to Hwy with Res 12-24
49-22	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00



Contracted Services with Sikich LLP

Chippewa County used Sikich LLP to help provide guidance on the regulations with the ARPA funding by the US Treasury. Initially we had Sikich review all of our projects for guidance that they met the ARPA regulations as indicated in the 437 page document for the Federal Register.

Funding Utilized

\$7,842.50



Mobile & Portable Radios Replacement for Sheriff's Department



This project allowed for the purchase of updated portable radios for the jail. Originally the project was for the purchase of mobile and portable radios for the Sheriff's Office to upgrade from analog to digital frequencies in both patrol and jail. However, we received a grant for \$100,000 from Senator Van Orden's office to help with the purchase of portable digital radios so more radios are updated.



\$95,000.00 ARPA Interest Earnings utilized for funding.

Res #	CB Approved Funding	Funding Utilized	Amount Transferred to Hwy with Res 12-24
10-24	\$190,000.00	\$190,000.00	\$0.00

Contaminate Mitigation in Residential Wells

In response to high nitrate levels exceeding the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources' health standard of 10 ppm in Chippewa County's groundwater, the ARPA funding concentrated in two main areas:

- 1. Conservation Practices:** LCFM implemented a cover crop program to reduce nitrogen runoff and improve soil health. Cover crops help scavenge excess nitrogen, while research into nitrogen application practices aims to further decrease nitrogen usage in the future.
- 2. Safe Drinking Water:** To address the lack of safe drinking water, water refill stations were established in the nitrate-affected areas, focusing on municipal wells that meet drinking water safety standards.

As a result, over 1,000 acres were contracted for cover crops for a minimum of four years, and four water refill stations were set up in Wheaton, Anson, Lafayette, and Auburn.

Res #	CB Approved Funding	Funding Utilized	Amount Transferred to Hwy with Res 12-24
34-22	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$0.00
6-23	\$250,000.00	\$151,444.30	\$98,555.70

Contaminate Mitigation in Residential Wells (Cont.)

Water Refill Stations



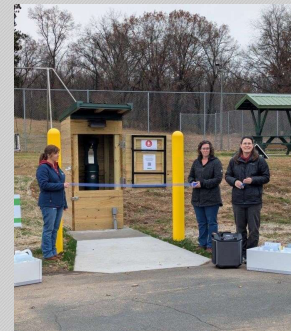
Anson



Auburn



Lafayette



Wheaton

Road Improvements with Initial ARPA Funding (Cont.)

Resolution 33-22

Res #	CB Approved Funding	Funding Utilized
33-22	\$8,000,000.00	\$8,000,000.00

County Highway	Project Limits	Project Type	Original ARPA Mileage	Final ARPA Mileage	Original ARPA Available	Carryover ARPA Available	ACTUAL Project Cost	ACTUAL (Overrun) / Underrun
2022								
CTH D	County Line - CTH V South	Recondition	4.5 Miles	4.5 Miles	\$1,049,000		\$898,757	\$150,243
	Various Locations (D, S, W, AA)	Culverts for ARPA Projects			\$367,000		\$330,589	\$36,411
CTH C	STH 40 - CTH F	Culverts for '22 BIL Project			\$60,000		\$72,721	(\$12,721)
	Various Locations	Chip-Seal			\$79,000		\$0	\$79,000
	2022 Material Cost Adjustment	Various			\$345,000		\$0	\$345,000
2022 Sub Total			4.5 Miles	4.5 Miles	\$1,900,000		\$1,302,067	\$597,933
2023								
CTH S	STH 27 - CTH EE	Recondition	2.5 Miles	2.5 Miles	\$580,000		\$484,403	\$95,597
CTH W	STH 27 - CTH G	Recondition	7.0 Miles	7.0 Miles	\$1,410,000		\$1,210,810	\$199,190
CTH AA	CTH F - STH 40	Recondition	2.0 Miles	2.0 Miles	\$430,000		\$356,308	\$73,692
	Various Locations (A, EE, DD, Q)	ARPA Culverts			\$368,000		\$312,362	\$55,638
CTH Q	Blosser - STH 64	Chip-Seal			\$62,000	\$79,000	\$133,328	\$7,672
	2023 Material Cost Adjustment	Various			\$500,000		\$0	\$500,000
CTH X	Broadway St. to Clark Co. Line	Resurface (C. of Stanley)		0.7 Miles				
CTH H	8th St to 1764' North	Resurface (C. of Stanley)		0.3 Miles			\$195,206	(\$195,206)
CTH H	Broadway St. (at bank)	Resurface (C. of Stanley)		Spot				
CTH H	Broadway St. (N of bridge)	Resurface (C. of Stanley)		Spot				
CTH D	STH 29 to 1400' North	Resurface (V. of Boyd)		0.3 Miles			\$42,260	(\$42,260)
CTH TT	Cobban to STH 27	Recondition		2.7 Miles		\$518,933	\$676,623	(\$157,690)
CTH TT	Cobban to STH 27	ARPA Culverts						
2023 Sub Total			11.5 Miles	15.5 Miles	\$3,350,000	\$597,933	\$3,411,300	\$536,633
2024								
CTH A	Dunn Co. Line - 170th Ave	Recondition	3.7 Miles	4.7 Miles	\$910,000		\$934,949	(\$24,949)
CTH EE	CTH S - 170th Ave	Recondition	3.0 Miles	3.0 Miles	\$740,000		\$550,947	\$189,053
CTH DD	CTH A - 186th Ave	Recondition	1.9 Miles	1.9 Miles	\$410,000		\$352,750	\$57,250
CTH Q/AA	CTH SS - 83rd St.	Recondition	2.7 Miles	2.7 Miles	\$640,000		\$456,218	\$183,782
CTH F	90th St. to County Line	Recondition		4.0 Miles		\$528,961	\$717,538	(\$188,577)
	Various Locations	Chip-Seal			\$50,000	\$7,672	\$274,230	(\$216,558)
2024 Sub Total			11.3 Miles	16.3 Miles	\$2,750,000	\$536,633	\$3,286,632	(\$50)
ARPA Original Grand Total			27.3 Miles	36.3 Miles	\$8,000,000		\$8,000,000	

Road Improvements with Initial ARPA Funding (Cont.)

Resolution 33-22



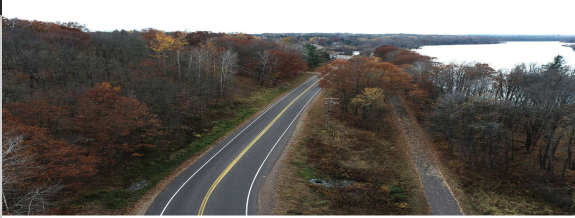
2022 – CTH W Culverts



2023 – CTH Q Chip Seal

Road Improvements with Initial ARPA Funding (Cont.)

Resolution 33-22



2023 – CTH TT Paving



2023 – CTH X in Stanley Paving

Road Improvements with Initial ARPA Funding (Cont.)

Resolution 33-22



2024 – CTH AA Paving



2024 – CTH DD Paving

Road Improvements with Initial ARPA Funding (Cont.)

Resolution 33-22



2024 – CTH F Paving

Road Improvements with Addl ARPA Funding

Resolution 12-24

County Highway	Project Limits	Project Type	Original ARPA Mileage	Final ARPA Mileage	Original ARPA Available	Carryover ARPA Available	ACTUAL Project Cost	ACTUAL (Overrun) / Underrun
2024	Additional ARPA							
CTH OO	172nd St - CTH K	Recondition		3.7 Miles			\$1,007,710	
CTH HH	CTH N - CTH S	Recondition		1.0 Miles			\$83,450	
	Various Locations	Chip-Seal					\$108,078	
Additional ARPA Sub Total				4.7 Miles		\$1,199,238	\$1,199,238	

Res #	Remaining Funding Utilized
12-24	\$1,199,238.27

Road Improvements with Addl ARPA Funding (Cont)

Resolution 12-24



2024 – CTH HH Paving



2024 – CTH OO Paving

Public Firearms Range & Training Facility

- On June 28, 2022, the County Board approved Resolution 30-22 to permanently close the Public Firearms Range & Training Facility effective July 1, 2022 and to approve a settlement offer between Chippewa County and Rooney Farms, LLC and Steven Jake Rooney.
- In order to permanently close the facility, EPA/WI-DNR regulations and the settlement agreement required us to complete a lead remediation, remove the old buildings, bullet catchers and level the berms. The only building that remains is the Training Building.
- As part of the settlement agreement we received \$75,000 from Rooney Farms, LLC to help offset costs of this project. The total project costs were \$380,706.03 less the \$75,000 for net ARPA funding of \$305,706.03.

Res #	CB Approved Funding	Funding Utilized	Amount Transferred to Hwy with Res 12-24
31-22	\$1,000,000.00	\$305,706.03	\$694,293.97

Public Firearms Range & Training Facility (Cont.)



Before



After

New Bathroom/Showers – Otter Lake Park

The bathroom at Otter Lake Park/Campground, previously equipped with pit toilets, has been replaced with a new facility in the same location. The updated bathroom features two showers and multiple flushing toilets. Additionally, a new septic system and drain field were installed to accommodate these upgrades.

Res #	CB Approved Funding	Funding Utilized	Amount Transferred to Hwy with Res 12-24
32-22	\$325,000.00	\$325,000.00	\$0.00
26-23	\$52,000.00	\$44,194.68	\$7,805.32

New Bathroom/Showers – Otter Lake Park (Cont.)



New Bathroom/Well – Pine Point Park

The old north bathroom with pit toilets at Pine Point Park/Campground was demolished. In its place, a new "pre-fab" bathroom was installed, featuring low-volume water flush toilets and a holding tank. Additionally, a new well was drilled at the site.

Res #	CB Approved Funding	Funding Utilized	Amount Transferred to Hwy with Res 12-24
32-22	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$0.00
26-23	\$39,300.00	\$38,181.00	\$1,119.00

New Bathroom/Well – Pine Point Park (Cont.)



Replaced Picnic Tables at Parks

A variety of picnic tables and benches were purchased and installed across the parks:

- 53 lightweight folding campsite picnic tables with powder-coated steel frames and high-density polyethylene tops and benches.
- 13 heavy-duty picnic tables, mainly for pavilions and beaches, featuring powder-coated steel frames with a thermal plastic coating.
- 2 covered picnic tables with powder-coated steel frames and polyester-coated aluminum tops and benches, installed at the Otter Lake boat landing and Round Lake Beach.
- 6 powder-coated steel benches from Excel Steel Fab, featuring the County's logo created using plasma and water-jet technology.

Res #	CB Approved Funding	Funding Utilized	Amount Transferred to Hwy with Res 12-24
32-22	\$50,000.00	\$49,575.37	\$424.63

Replaced Picnic Tables at Parks (Cont.)



Covered Picnic Table



Heavy Duty Beach & Pavilion Picnic Table



Light Weight Campsite Picnic Table



Coated Steel Benches with County Logo

Automatic Firewood Dispensers Pine Point, Otter Lake & Morris Erickson

Firewood dispensers were installed at all three parks/campgrounds, allowing patrons to purchase firewood at any time.

- At Otter Lake, a "cash only" dispenser was set up due to the park's remote location and lack of cellular signal.
- In contrast, Pine Point and Morris Erickson Parks, with reliable cell signals, have dispensers that accept credit card payments.

Res #	CB Approved Funding	Funding Utilized	Amount Transferred to Hwy with Res 12-24
32-22	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$0.00

Automatic Firewood Dispensers, (Cont.)

Pine Point, Otter Lake & Morris Erickson



Otter Lake Firewood Dispenser
(Cash Only)



Morris-Erickson Park & Pine Point Park
Firewood Dispense (Credit Card)

Questions, Comments, or Concerns



Department of Administration

Randy B. Scholz, County Administrator

January 27, 2025

TO: County Board of Supervisors

FR: Randy Scholz

RE: Dissolution of CVIC

The purpose of this memo is to inform the County Board the CVIC, Inc. has dissolved as of December 31, 2024. Attached to this memo is a copy of the resolution adopted by the Chippewa Valley Innovation Center, Inc. (the "Corporation") and the accompanying Exhibit A, the Plan of Complete Liquidation. These documents outline the Corporation's decision to dissolve and the planned distribution of their net assets.

According to the CVIC Board of Directors, there are other resources from the technical colleges and universities to support new entrepreneurs.

Resolution Summary: At their regular meeting on November 13, 2024, the CVIC Board of Directors for the Corporation determined it would be in the best interest of the Corporation to:

1. Dissolve the Corporation effective December 31, 2024.
2. Distribute the Corporation's net assets, except for a \$10,000 reserve fund for dissolution expenses and outstanding claims, equally to the Eau Claire Area Economic Development Corporation and the Chippewa County Economic Development Corporation. These organizations align with the Corporation's mission to support the economic development of small businesses in the Chippewa Valley region.
3. Approve and execute the Plan of Complete Liquidation as detailed in Exhibit A.

Exhibit A: Plan of Complete Liquidation: The Plan outlines the following key actions:

1. Filing Articles of Dissolution with the Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions, effective December 31, 2024.
2. Liquidating remaining assets to satisfy liabilities and reserving \$10,000 for dissolution costs.
3. Providing notice to known and unknown claimants as required by Wisconsin law.
4. Distributing remaining assets equally to the Eau Claire Area Economic Development Corporation and the Chippewa County Economic Development Corporation once all liabilities are resolved.
5. Ensuring all necessary filings, including tax returns and other state or federal documents, are completed.

Next Steps: The Corporation's President, Jeff Sullivan, was authorized to oversee the dissolution process and ensure compliance with the resolution and Plan of Complete Liquidation.

Recommendation: The County Board should review the resolution and accompanying Exhibit A to understand the process and objectives of the dissolution. No immediate action is required by the County Board. Chippewa County will no longer need to appoint a County Board Supervisor to serve on this committee assignment.

Status Update: The CVIC building has been sold and the closing is complete. Both the CEDC and Eau Claire Area Economic Development Corporation have received a check for the remaining assets. Also back in 2019, the County Board approved Resolution 18-19 and allocated \$35,000 for the CVIC Revolving Loan Fund. That amount has now been reimbursed to Chippewa County and the funds have been deposited in to the Economic Development account 100-03-56710-465610. The funds will remain in that account for future use.

Please let me know if additional information or clarification is needed.

Sincerely,



Randy Scholz
County Administrator

Attachments:

1. Written Resolution of the Board of Directors
2. Exhibit A: Plan of Complete Liquidation

Chippewa Valley Innovation Center, Inc.
Written Resolution of the Board of Directors to Gift of Funds and to Corporate Dissolution

The undersigned, being all the Directors of **Chippewa Valley Innovation Center, Inc.**, a Wisconsin nonstock corporation (the "Corporation") without members, acting pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 181.0821, do hereby consent to the following resolutions and actions contemplated therein, with said consent to have the same force and effect as a unanimous vote thereon.

WHEREAS, the Board determined at its regular meeting on November 13, 2024 that it would be in the best interests of the Corporation to dissolve the Corporation as of December 31, 2024 (the "Dissolution Date").

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that prior to the Dissolution Date, any net assets of the Corporation, except a reserve fund to effectuate the Corporation's dissolution, should be gifted to organizations which further the Corporation's mission, that the Corporation's mission is to generally support the economic development of small businesses in the Chippewa Valley region, and that the Eau Claire Area Economic Development Corporation and the Chippewa County Economic Development Corporation both further the Corporation's mission.

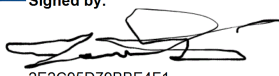
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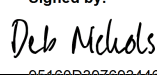
RESOLVED, the Directors hereby gift all net assets of the Corporation, except \$10,000 to be reserved for outstanding claims against the Corporation and for dissolution fees, in equal amount to the Eau Claire Area Economic Development Corporation and the Chippewa County Economic Development Corporation;

RESOLVED, the Directors hereby consent, authorize, and approve of (a) the liquidation of the Corporation in accordance with the Plan of Complete Liquidation, attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and incorporated herein by reference; and (b) the dissolution of the Corporation, effective as December 31, 2024; and

RESOLVED, that Jeff Sullivan, the President of the Corporation, or his appointed agents, is hereby authorized and directed to take all steps necessary to carry out the provisions of these resolutions, including, but not limited to, the execution of any and all necessary or appropriate documents and instruments.

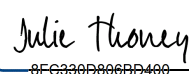
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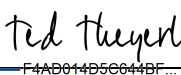
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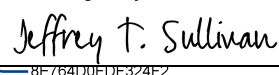
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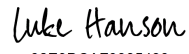
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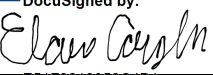
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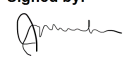
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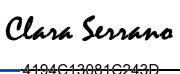
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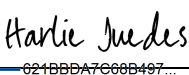
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EXHIBIT A**Chippewa Valley Innovation Center, Inc.
PLAN OF COMPLETE LIQUIDATION**

1. Jeff Sullivan (“Sullivan”), the President of **Chippewa Valley Innovation Center, Inc.**, or anyone appointed by Sullivan, shall execute and file with the Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions Articles of Dissolution to be effective December 31, 2024, thereby dissolving the Corporation on that date. After said filing, the Corporation shall not engage in any business activities except for the purposes of preserving the values of its assets, adjusting and winding up its business and affairs, and distributing its assets in accordance with the Plan. The directors now in office shall continue in office solely for these purposes.
2. Sullivan, or anyone appointed by Sullivan, shall collect the Corporation’s remaining assets, if any. Sullivan shall convey, sell, or otherwise dispose of such of the Corporation’s properties necessary to satisfy any liabilities or obligations and proceed to pay, satisfy, and discharge the Corporation’s liabilities and obligations; and do all other acts required to liquidate the business and affairs of the Corporation.
3. Sullivan may also set aside, in cash, securities, or other assets, a reserve fund in an amount estimated by the directors to be necessary for the payment of estimated expenses, taxes, and contingent liabilities (including expenses of dissolution, liquidation, and termination of existence and distribution of assets).
4. Sullivan shall cause notice to be sent to known claimants if any, pursuant to Wisconsin law. Sullivan shall publish notice of its dissolution to notify any unknown claimants pursuant to Wisconsin law.
5. All assets remaining after the payment of liabilities and setting aside of reserves pursuant to Section 3 shall be either (i) converted into cash at public or private sale or (ii) fairly valued, and thereafter shall be distributed as provided in accordance with Section 6.
6. At such time as Sullivan determines that all liabilities of the Corporation have been paid or provided for, including all costs of effecting and administering the Plan, then any remaining assets shall be distributed to the Eau Claire Area Economic Development Corporation and the Chippewa County Economic Development Corporation in equal amounts, organizations which further the tax-exempt purposes of this Corporation.
7. Sullivan, or anyone appointed by Sullivan, and the Corporation’s counsel and accountant shall file all other forms and documents required by the State of Wisconsin and the federal government, including tax returns, as soon as possible after distribution of the Corporation’s assets.
8. Sullivan, or anyone appointed by Sullivan, is hereby fully authorized and empowered, in carrying out this Plan of Complete Liquidation, to transfer, convert, endorse, sell, assign, set over and deliver any and all property, real or personal, tangible or intangible, standing in the name of or owned by the Corporation, and to make, execute and deliver any and all written instruments of assignment and transfer necessary or proper to effectuate the authority hereby conferred.
9. The actions provided for in this Plan of Complete Liquidation shall commence as soon as possible.

Monthly Statements of Claim Filed with the County Clerk



County ordinance states the County Clerk shall report at the next session of the Board all statements of claim filed in the Clerk's Office since the last Board meeting. The ordinance language is included below for reference. Also attached for reference is the process for handling claims against the County.

Please note: This information is being provided as a report only. There will be no discussion or official action taken at this time regarding this matter. If you have additional questions, please contact the Corporation Counsel Division for assistance at 715-726-4595.

Ordinance Sec 2-60. Meetings of the County Board

(l) Claims.

- (1) Any person having a demand or claim against the county shall make such demand or claim by following the procedure prescribed by Wis. Stats. § 59.64 and shall make out a statement thereof in writing pursuant to Wis. Stat. §59.07 and file the statement with the clerk pursuant to Wis. Stat. §893.80 (1)(b).
- (2) Such claims shall be referred to the Corporation Counsel. The County Clerk shall report at the next session of the Board all claims filed in the Clerk's Office since the last County Board meeting, as set out in Wis. Stat. §59.64.
- (3) Payment of claim against county. The Executive Committee is authorized to settle claims not to exceed \$10,000 as provided in Wis. Stats. §59.52(12)(a). The Corporation Counsel is authorized to settle claims not to exceed \$500 as provided for in Wis. Stats. §59.52(12)(b). When any claim against the county is allowed by the Board, it shall be the duty of the clerk to prepare a warrant or order on the treasurer for payment of the claim, such warrant or order to be signed by the clerk and countersigned by the Administrator.

Claims Submitted to the County Clerk Since the Last County Board Meeting

County Board Meeting: February 11, 2025

Claimant	Date Filed	Amount of Claim	Type of Claim	Department Involved
No New Claims				



Process for Handling Claims Against the County

WMMIC – Wisconsin Municipal Mutual Insurance Company

- Chippewa County is part owner of the insurance company, Wisconsin Municipal Mutual Insurance Company (WMMIC), which provides liability protection to the county. This includes general liability, auto and public official's errors and omissions coverage along with actions such as employment practices, auto accidents, law enforcement liability, ministerial and discretionary acts completed by our employees and elected officials.
- Chippewa County has been a founding member since WMMIC was formed in 1988.

Deborah Blevins – Corporation Counsel Legal Assistant

- In addition to general duties with the Corporation Counsel office, Blevins manages the liability insurance for Chippewa County.
- Since 2019, Blevins has served as Chippewa County's official representative with WMMIC and also serves as a member of the WMMIC Claims Committee.
 - Attends WMMIC's quarterly meetings and yearly board meetings.
 - At the quarterly meetings, all members are present for each committee meeting (Claims, Underwriting, Finance, and Board of Directors), thereby affording everyone a clear understanding of what is happening within WMMIC.
- Processes and administers all claims (personal injury, vehicle, volunteer, etc.) for County (except workers comp)
- Drafts/Presents resolutions for allowance/disallowance of claims to Executive Committee and County Board
- Works with insurance carriers to recover funds for damages caused by third parties (prepare small claims actions).

Chippewa County Ordinance

Ordinance Sec 2-60(l)(3) Meetings of the County Board:

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Resolutions to Allow or Disallow a Claim

- When claims are brought to the Executive Committee/County Board for allowance or disallowance, the matter has been thoroughly investigated by Blevins and the WMMIC Claim Representative. Discussions on the matter have taken place and relevant state statutes have been reviewed with regard to liability, if any, for the County.
- Notices of claim are presented to the County Clerk who then forwards them to Blevins. From there Blevins enters the claim into the system for the insurance company who then assigns an adjuster. WMMIC will then research it and provide a recommendation.
- If the County Board approves disallowing a claim, that simply limits the amount of time the claimant has to file a lawsuit, it does not otherwise prohibit the claimant from filing a lawsuit. The timeline for filing a lawsuit reduces from the time allowed under the applicable statute of limitations for the particular claim down to 6 months.

Risk/Consequences of Not Following WMMIC's Recommendation

If Chippewa County does not follow the recommendations of the Wisconsin Municipal Mutual Insurance Company (WMMIC), several concerns could arise:

- **Increased Financial Exposure:** Failure to comply with WMMIC's recommendations may leave the county vulnerable to costly lawsuits and liability claims. This could significantly increase the county's financial burden, as WMMIC may not cover claims if the county is found to have neglected risk management advice.
- **Loss of Liability Coverage:** If Chippewa County repeatedly ignores WMMIC's advice, there is a risk that the county could lose its coverage or face higher premiums, affecting its ability to secure adequate insurance in the future.
- **Potential Legal Consequences:** Ignoring WMMIC's guidance could result in non-compliance with state laws or regulations, exposing the county to legal penalties or sanctions.
- **Strain on County Resources:** Without proper coverage or by facing more claims, the county's resources could be diverted away from other important services to handle litigation or pay for damages out of pocket.

It is essential that Chippewa County maintain alignment with WMMIC's recommendations to mitigate these risks and protect both the county and its employees.



County Highway T Corridor & County Highway M Bridge Funding

Brian Kelley – Chippewa County Highway Commissioner

Highway Committee: December 19, 2024

Executive Committee: January 7, 2025

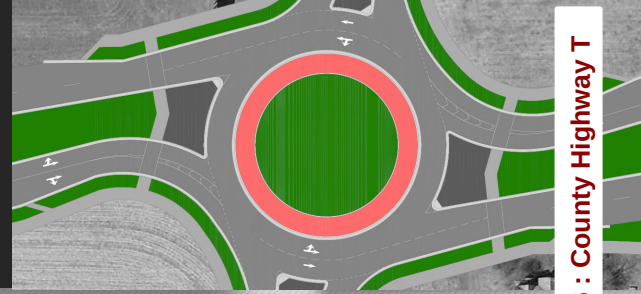
County Board: ~~January 14, 2025~~

County Board: February 11, 2025

Agenda

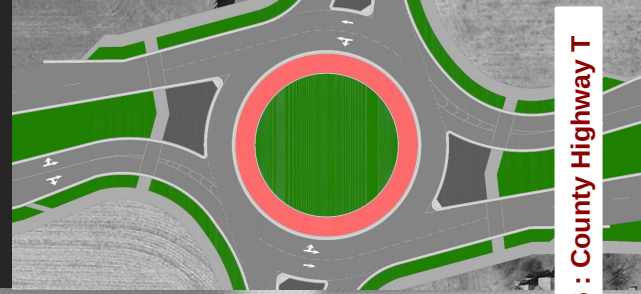
- County Highway T Corridor Expansion
- County Highway M Chippewa River Bridge
- Proposed Funding Approach
- Q & A

County Highway T – Corridor Expansion Location



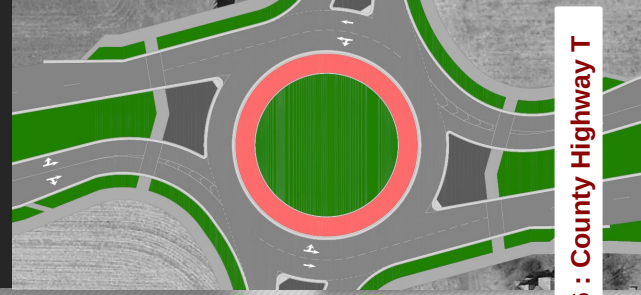
- Chippewa-Eau Claire Metropolitan Area
- South Limits:
 - Alpine Road in Eau Claire County
- North Limits:
 - 33rd Avenue in Chippewa County
- Project Length: 3.5 miles
 - 2.3 miles in Chippewa County
 - 1.2 miles in Eau Claire County
 - Total of 2.2 miles within current Eau Claire City limits

County Highway T – Corridor Expansion Purpose & Need



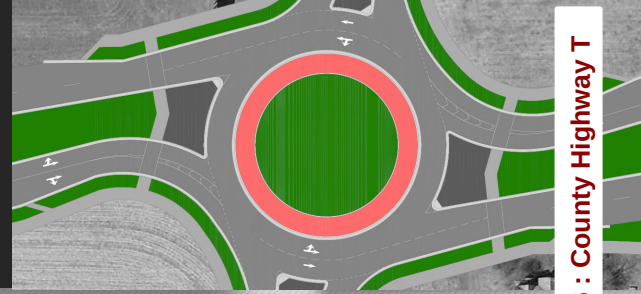
- Purpose
 - Improve Safety
 - Increase corridor capacity
 - Spur economic development
- Need
 - Rapid increase in development along the corridor
 - Traffic volumes have continued to increase
 - Designated as an oversize overweight truck route
 - 55 access points along the corridor (side roads, field entrances, private driveways)

County Highway T – Corridor Expansion Project Stakeholders



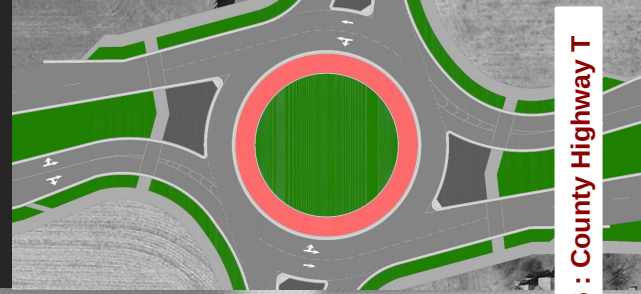
- Stakeholder Team
 - City of Eau Claire
 - Eau Claire County
 - Chippewa County
 - Town of Union
 - Town of Wheaton
- Share of Costs
 - 32.67%
 - City of Eau Claire, Eau Claire County, Chippewa County
 - 1%
 - Town of Union, Town of Wheaton

County Highway T – Corridor Expansion Official Mapping



- Ensures that development aligns with future corridor expansion
- Public involvement meetings on 6-28-21 and 9-20-21
- Approved by Chippewa & Eau Claire County Boards
- Filed with Eau Claire County and Chippewa County Register of Deeds offices in October 2021

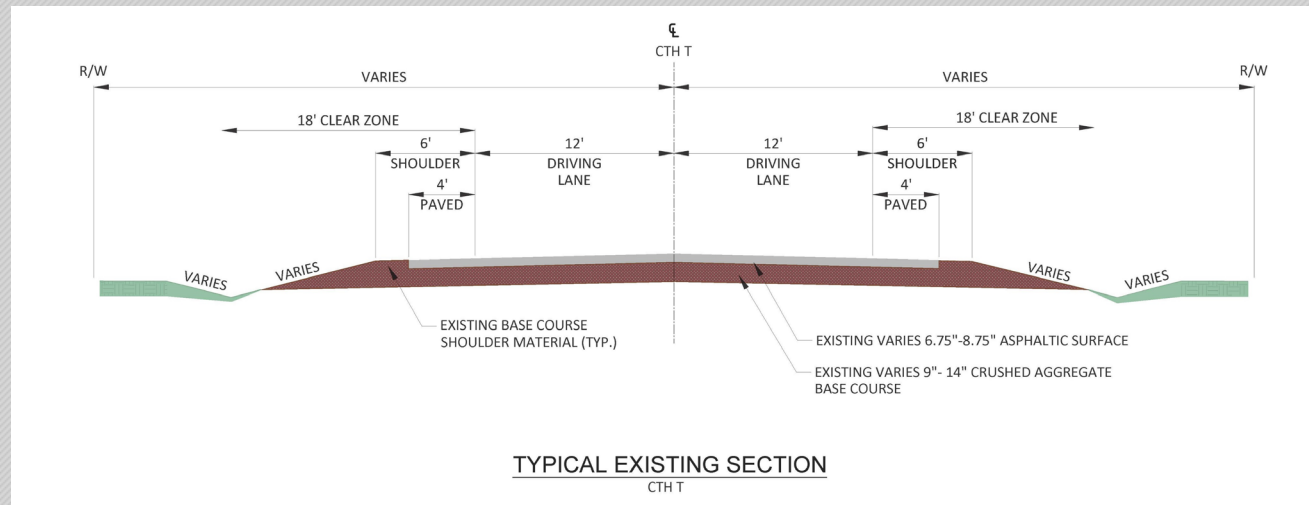
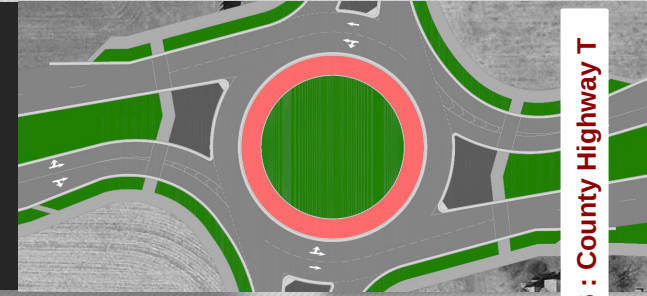
County Highway T – Corridor Expansion Preliminary Design



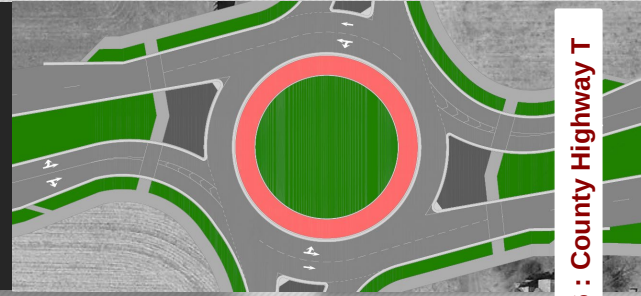
- Preliminary Engineering (30% plans)
 - Stakeholder team has contracted with Jewell Associates
 - Scheduled for completion in January 2025
 - Includes entire corridor
 - Increases competitiveness of grant applications
 - Provides detailed cost estimates
 - Next step towards goal of construction
- Chippewa County has spent \$107,952 in 2023 and 2024
 - Corridor mapping
 - Funding applications
 - Preliminary engineering

County Highway T – Corridor Expansion Existing Conditions

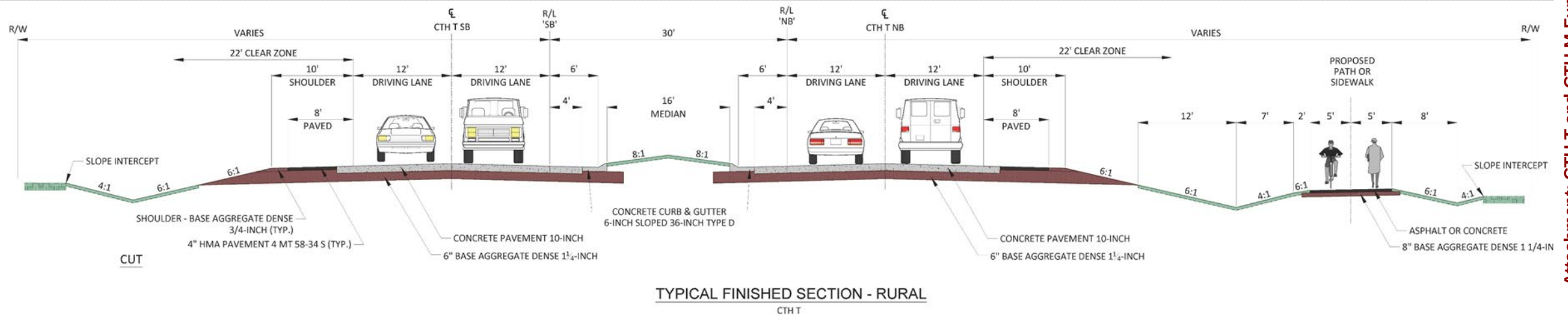
- 2-lane asphalt highway
 - 12' driving lanes w/ 6' shoulder (4' paved)
- Approx. 7,750 vehicles/day



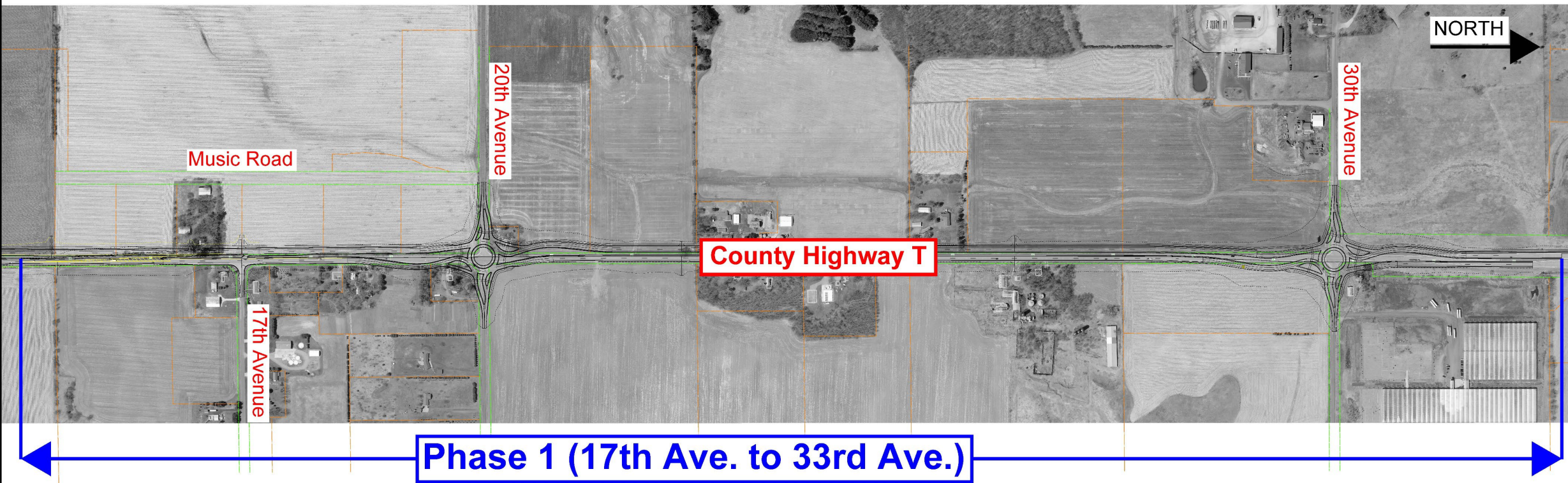
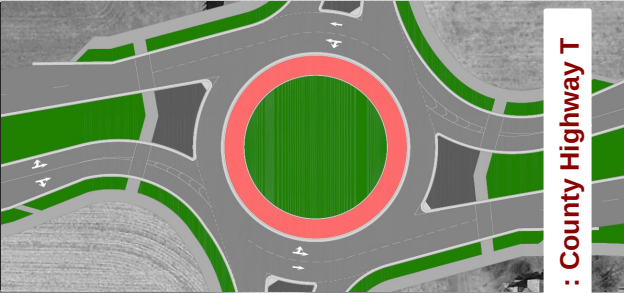
County Highway T – Corridor Expansion Proposed Improvements



- 4-lane divided highway
 - Concrete pavement
- Bike/pedestrian accommodations
- Roundabout intersection control

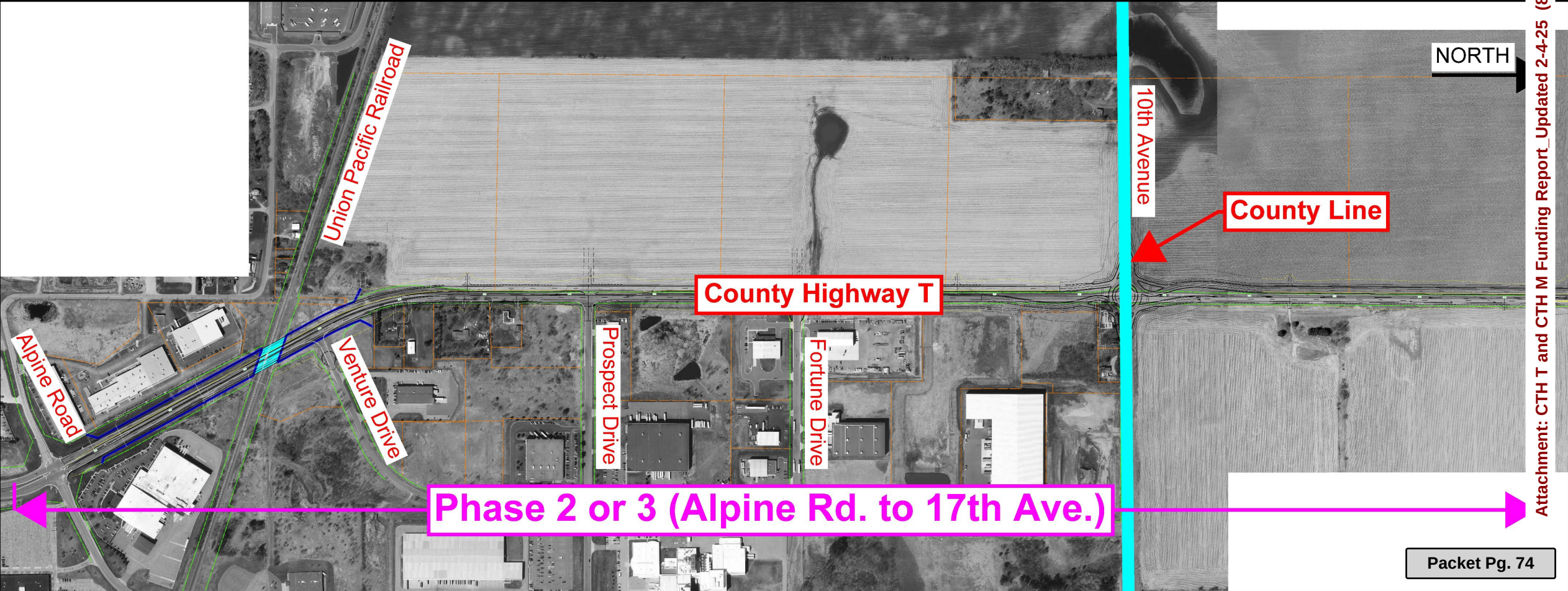
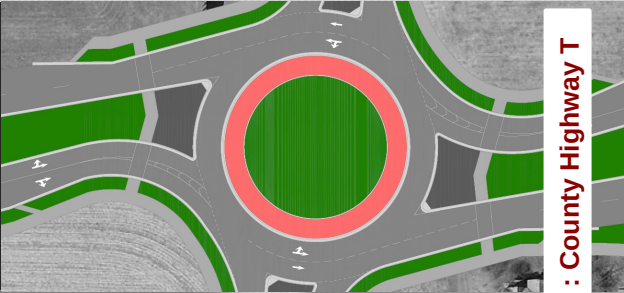


County Highway T – Corridor Expansion Phased Approach

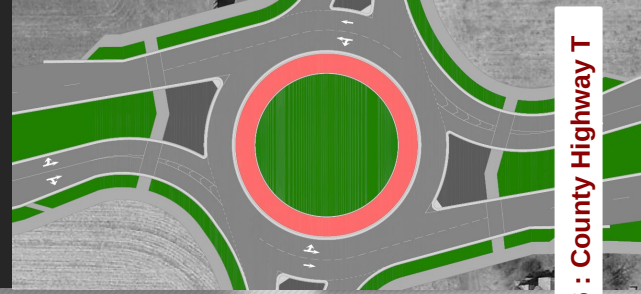


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County Highway T – Corridor Expansion Phased Approach (cont'd)

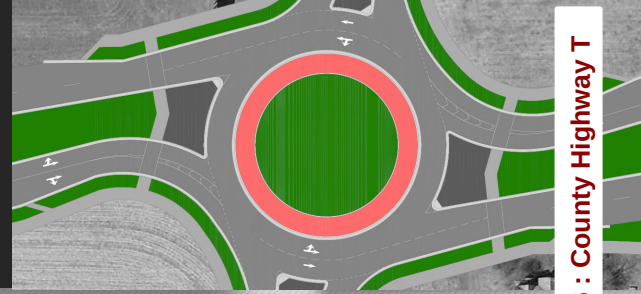


County Highway T – Corridor Expansion Phased Approach (cont'd)



- Continue with joint funding applications
 - Eau Claire County as lead agency
- Phase 1 entirely in Chippewa County
- Future phase(s) include work in Eau Claire County
- Stakeholder team is committed to success of overall corridor expansion
 - Unified approach improves strength of future funding applications

County Highway T – Corridor Expansion Funding Efforts



- Federal Funding Applications

- Unsuccessful:

- Two Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant applications
 - Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG) application

- Successful:

- \$10M Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) request

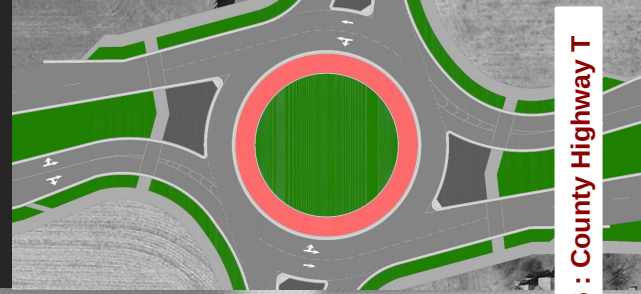
- Pending:

- Nationally Significant Freight and Highway Projects (INFRA) grant

- Future:

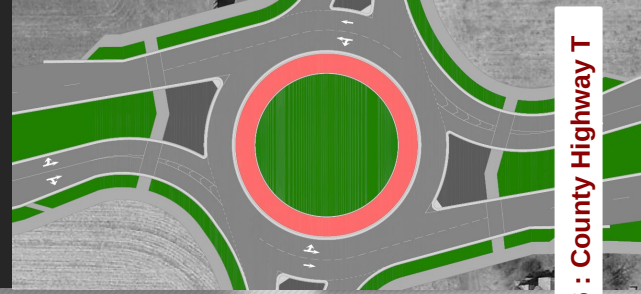
- STP-Urban
 - Additional State/Federal grant applications

County Highway T – Corridor Expansion Intergovernmental Cooperation



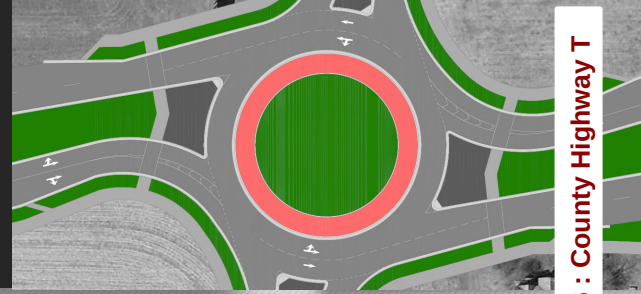
- Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement
 - Town of Union (signed 11-12-24)
 - Town of Wheaton (signed 11-12-24)
 - City of Eau Claire (signed 11-14-24)
 - Eau Claire County (signed 12-3-24)
 - Chippewa County (to be signed ~~1-15-25~~ 2-12-25)
- Stakeholders agree to cost shares
 - 32.67% each: City of Eau Claire, Eau Claire County, Chippewa County
 - 1% each: Town of Union, Town of Wheaton

County Highway T – Corridor Expansion Phase 1 Schedule



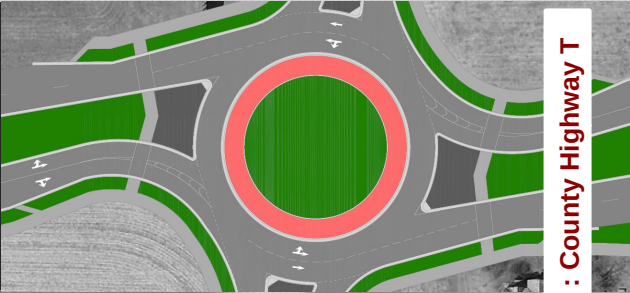
- Preliminary engineering project underway
 - Completion January 2025
- Additional funding search: ongoing
- Purchase right-of-way: 2025-2026
- Target final design project: 2024-2026
- Target construction project: 2027-2028

County Highway T – Corridor Expansion Next Steps



- Sign intergovernmental agreement for Phase 1
- Complete 30% preliminary design plans
- Continue searching for additional State/Federal funds to reduce local share

County Highway T – Corridor Expansion Questions



Questions & Answers

County Highway M – Chippewa River Bridge Existing Structure



- Steel bridge constructed in 1950 (74 years old)
- Length: 798' (Wisconsin's 5th-longest County bridge)
- Spans: 6
- Water depth: 33.5'
- Weight limit: 20 tons
- Sufficiency rating: 12.2/100 (3rd-lowest County structure out of 3,121 in WI)
- Deficiency: Buckling of truss connection gusset plates due to heavy loading

County Highway M – Chippewa River Bridge Purpose & Need



- Purpose
 - Maintain safe river crossing
 - Accommodate today's heavy loads
 - Provide access for emergency services
- Need
 - 15.1 mile detour route would take effect if bridge is closed unexpectedly
 - Current 20-ton weight limit has negative impact on local businesses, ag/timber industries
 - Difficult to keep heavy loads off of bridge
 - Tourism industry relies on river crossing at this location

County Highway M – Chippewa River Bridge Preliminary Design



- Preliminary Engineering (30% plans)
 - Highway Department has contracted with Ayres Associates
 - Currently negotiating fees
 - Increases competitiveness of grant applications
 - Provides detailed cost estimates
 - Next step towards goal of construction
- Highway Department will transfer \$400,000 of savings from CTH G bridge to fund preliminary design project

County Highway M – Chippewa River Bridge Proposed Improvements



- Likely to be a multi-span prestressed concrete girder structure
 - Analyze the cost of longer spans & thicker girders vs. shorter spans & additional piers
 - Increase clear width from 24' to approx. 30'
- Realignment of the bridge parallel to the existing bridge to be evaluated
- Crossing likely to be closed for 11-14 months for construction

County Highway M – Chippewa River Bridge Funding Efforts



- 2023 WisDOT Local Bridge Program
 - Funding application denied
- 2024 Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) request
 - Requested \$10M via Senator Tammy Baldwin
 - Only \$4M of request is currently under consideration
 - Awaits approval of appropriations bill
- 2025 WisDOT Local Bridge Program
 - Request program's cap amount of \$6M
- \$5M Chippewa County local funds
 - Continue to try and reduce this amount with State/Federal funding

County Highway M – Chippewa River Bridge Schedule



- Preliminary engineering underway
 - Completion in 2026
- Additional funding search: ongoing
- Target final design project: 2026-2027
- Target construction project: 2028-2029

County Highway M – Chippewa River Bridge Next Steps

- Secure a minimum of \$10M State/Federal funds
- Complete 30% preliminary design plans
- Monitor existing bridge's condition
- Enforce weight limit compliance



County Highway M – Chippewa River Bridge



Questions & Answers

Proposed Funding Approach

Preliminary Cost Estimates

CTH T Corridor - Phase 1					
Scenario	Project Cost	CDS	Total Local Share	Chippewa County Share (32.67%)	% Local Share
1	\$12,500,000	\$10,000,000	\$2,500,000	\$816,667	20.0%
2	\$13,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$980,000	23.1%
3	\$14,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$1,306,667	28.6%
4	\$15,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$1,633,333	33.3%
5	\$16,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$6,000,000	\$1,960,000	37.5%
6	\$17,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$7,000,000	\$2,286,667	41.2%

CTH M Bridge					
Scenario	Project Cost	Local Bridge Program	CDS	Chippewa County Share	% Local Share
1	\$10,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$2,000,000	20.0%
2	\$11,000,000	\$4,800,000	\$4,000,000	\$2,200,000	20.0%
3	\$12,000,000	\$5,600,000	\$4,000,000	\$2,400,000	20.0%
4	\$13,000,000	\$6,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$3,000,000	23.1%
5	\$14,000,000	\$6,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000	28.6%
6	\$15,000,000	\$6,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$5,000,000	33.3%

Proposed Funding Approach 2024 – 2030 Funding Plan

Year	Total Amount	Source
2024	\$1,100,000	ARPA replacement funding for CTH OO
2024	\$400,000	CTH G bridge savings
2024	\$600,000	<i>Possible year end closeout funds</i>
2026	\$1,000,000	Additional sales tax through budget process
2027	\$500,000	Increase 27-28 bonding by \$1M in 2026
2027	\$1,000,000	Additional sales tax through budget process
2028	\$500,000	Increase 27-28 bonding by \$1M in 2026
2028	\$1,000,000	Additional sales tax through budget process
2029	\$1,250,000	Increase 29-30 bonding by \$2.5M in 2028
2030	\$1,250,000	Increase 29-30 bonding by \$2.5M in 2028
TOTAL	\$8,600,000	

	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	TOTAL
CTH T Corridor	\$1,200,000	\$0	\$500,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$150,000	\$1,250,000	\$3,600,000
CTH M Bridge	\$900,000	\$0	\$500,000	\$1,250,000	\$1,250,000	\$1,100,000	\$0	\$5,000,000

Proposed Funding Approach

County T Corridor – Funding for Future Phases

- CTH T Corridor – Phase 1
 - \$17M project cost estimate (high end)
 - Chippewa County's local share: \$2,286,667
 - Note: Updated cost estimate expected January 2025
- Total funds to be allocated for CTH T Corridor: \$3,600,000
 - Funds available for future phases: \$1,313,333
- More of these funds may become available for remaining phases of CTH T Corridor
 - Savings in CTH M Bridge construction bid
 - Savings in CTH T Corridor Phase 1 construction bid
 - Additional State/Federal grants for either project

Questions & Answers



STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION

Resolution No. 04 - 25

RES. 04-25: RESOLUTION TO FORMALLY SUPPORT BRIGHTSPEED GRANT APPLICATION FOR BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING FROM THE WISCONSIN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION'S BROADBAND EQUITY, ACCESS, & DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM - KELLY SHIPLEY

1 Passage of this resolution will formally express Chippewa County's support for Connect
2 Holding II, LLC d/b/a Brightspeed's (Brightspeed) application for grant funding from the
3 Wisconsin Public Service Commission's Internet for All: Broadband Equity, Access, and
4 Deployment (BEAD) program for broadband infrastructure for the underserved and unserved
5 households and businesses within Chippewa County. Brightspeed reached out to the County to
6 request the County's support in the application process, which will assist Brightspeed with
7 qualifying for the grant funding. If the grant application is approved by the Public Service
8 Commission (PSC), Brightspeed would then use that grant funding to provide broadband
9 infrastructure access to the Chippewa County areas in Cadott, Eagle Point, Cornell and Stanley
10 deemed unserved and underserved by the PSC's Broadband Map.

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COMMISSION'S BROADBAND EQUITY, ACCESS, & DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM - KELLY SHIPLEY**

WHEREAS, Connect Holding II, LLC d/b/a Brightspeed (Brightspeed) has requested the County's support in Brightspeed's application for grant funding from the Wisconsin Public Service Commission's Internet for All: Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) program for broadband infrastructure for the underserved and unserved households and businesses within Chippewa County; and

WHEREAS, Brightspeed has represented to the Chippewa County Board of Supervisors that Brightspeed and the companies it operates in Wisconsin is headquartered in Charlotte, North Carolina and proposes to support technology needs by expanding broadband fiber capability to reach unserved and underserved residents and businesses within Chippewa County where such service is currently unavailable or prohibitively expensive; and

WHEREAS, Brightspeed has represented to the Chippewa County Board of Supervisors that on October 3, 2022, Brightspeed announced the official start of operations as a new company following the completion of the acquisition of incumbent local exchange carrier assets and associated operations from Lumen Technologies (d/b/a CenturyLink).

WHEREAS, Brightspeed purchased these assets and is a new company with new leadership that is excited to invest in Wisconsin and many of its legacy areas such as Cadott, Eagle Point, Cornell and Stanley to name a few; and

WHEREAS, Brightspeed is working on a plan to deploy leading-edge broadband fiber internet network in the markets it already serves in Wisconsin and in Chippewa County; and

WHEREAS, Brightspeed's new fiber network will be capable of delivering reliable, high-speed connections with up to 10 Gbps download and upload capabilities; and

WHEREAS, Brightspeed has identified 1,254 Broadband Serviceable Locations (BSL's) for a grant opportunity; and

WHEREAS, the Chippewa County Board of Supervisors has not investigated or confirmed the representations made by Brightspeed, but supports its efforts to bring enhanced connectivity and broadband services to the area; and

WHEREAS, it is the Chippewa County Board of Supervisors' understanding Brightspeed is seeking a formal endorsement to assist in the BEAD program deeming Brightspeed as a Chippewa County collaborator in broadband construction and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, it is the Chippewa County Board of Supervisors' understanding that the PSC BEAD grant requests a Letter of Endorsement to support Brightspeed's application to provide broadband infrastructure access to the Chippewa County areas of Cadott, Eagle Point, Cornell and Stanley deemed unserved and underserved by the PSC's Broadband Map; and

WHEREAS, it is the Chippewa County Board of Supervisors' understanding that fiber broadband connectivity and reliability is critical infrastructure for the health, safety, and quality of life for community residents, including access to telemedicine, expansive economic development and growth, and distance learning education opportunities for all; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution has been supported by Chippewa County Economic Development President/CEO Charlie Walker;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chippewa County Board of Supervisors, by the passage of this Resolution, does hereby endorse and support Connect Holding II, LLC d/b/a Brightspeed as a BEAD program applicant and Chippewa County broadband provider and supports the construction of unserved and underserved communities in Chippewa County highlighted within the Wisconsin Public Service Commission Broadband Map as part of the BEAD program, as administered by the Wisconsin Public Service Commission, to make Chippewa County fully covered with broadband access as stated.

Forwarded to the County Board by the Executive Committee.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact to Chippewa County by passage of this resolution.

02/11/2025 County Board

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: James Flater, District 1

SECONDER: Duane Shoebridge, District 3

AYES: Hull, Mueller, Flater, Guthman, Shoebridge, Kirby, Goettl, Bergeron, Ericksen, Seidlitz, Peterson, Lotts, Bomar, Roshell, Kelly, Hennick, Kempe, Rohmeyer, Flynn, Ives

ABSENT: Peter Gehring

History:

01/21/25 Executive Committee FORWARD TO COUNTY BOARD

Approved as to Form:



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1/9/2025



Lori Zwiefelhofer, Finance Director

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Chippewa County, WI BEAD Overview

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January 11, 2025



We believe in building a future where more communities benefit from a more connected life. That's why we're building our smart, fiber optics-based network in cities and towns where options for quality, high-speed internet connectivity are limited — providing residents and businesses with the fast, reliable connection they need to work, learn, play, and thrive.

\$ Investment

Brightspeed	\$2 billion
Broadband grant program awards	\$100 million+

📶 Network



Fiber passings planned	3,000,000+
Location capacity	6,500,000+
Customers	1,200,000+
States serviced (Midwest, Southeast, parts of NJ and PA)	20

📍 Our company

Established in October 2022
Headquartered in Charlotte, North Carolina
Fifth largest Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC) in U.S.
Chief Executive Officer, Tom Maguire
More than 4,000 employees

⚙️ Our technology

Next generation fiber
Next generation fiber-to-the-premises (FTTP) network engineered specifically for internet access

XGS-PON
XGS-PON with capability to deliver multi-gig connections

Wi-Fi 6 technology
In-home/office network delivering faster speeds and lower latency than previous generations of Wi-Fi

Speed
Symmetrical upload and download speeds with low latency and consistent response

💬 Our service

Simple and efficient
Product choices without confusing bundles, plans or bills

Reliable
Transforming the customer experience with 24/7 support

Helpful
Delivering connectivity to communities lacking quality options



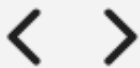
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Limited availability in select areas. Check availability below to confirm Brightspeed Fiber Internet is available at your address.

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\$300 PREPAID CARD*

Brightspeed Fiber Internet 2 Gig

Our fastest plan yet. Experience effortless streaming, gaming, video calling, uploading and downloading. All at once.

- Equal 2 Gig upload and download speeds
- Work and learn from home without interruptions
- Supports ultra HD streaming, gaming, and complete home security systems
- Includes equipment with next generation WiFi 6E technology for maximum home coverage
- Best for anyone looking for bandwidth that can easily handle dozens of devices at once
- Premium modem with secure wifi, no annual contracts, and no termination fees

\$200 PREPAID CARD*

Brightspeed Fiber Internet 1 Gig

Our most popular plan for multiple high-bandwidth users.

- Ultrafast 940 Mbps upload and download speeds
- Work and learn from home without interruptions
- 4K streaming and advanced gaming
- Supports extensive smart home capabilities
- Best for households that need ultrafast speeds for working, playing and home security
- Premium modem with secure wifi, no annual contracts, and no termination fees

UP TO \$100 PREPAID CARD*

Brightspeed Fiber Internet 500 Mbps

More speed made for HD streaming and competitive gaming.

- Superfast 500 Mbps upload and download speeds
- Work and learn from home without interruptions
- Ultra HD streaming and improved latency for gaming
- Ample bandwidth to support more users
- Best for anyone seeking a boost or larger households with a need for speed
- Premium modem with secure wifi, no annual contracts, and no termination fees

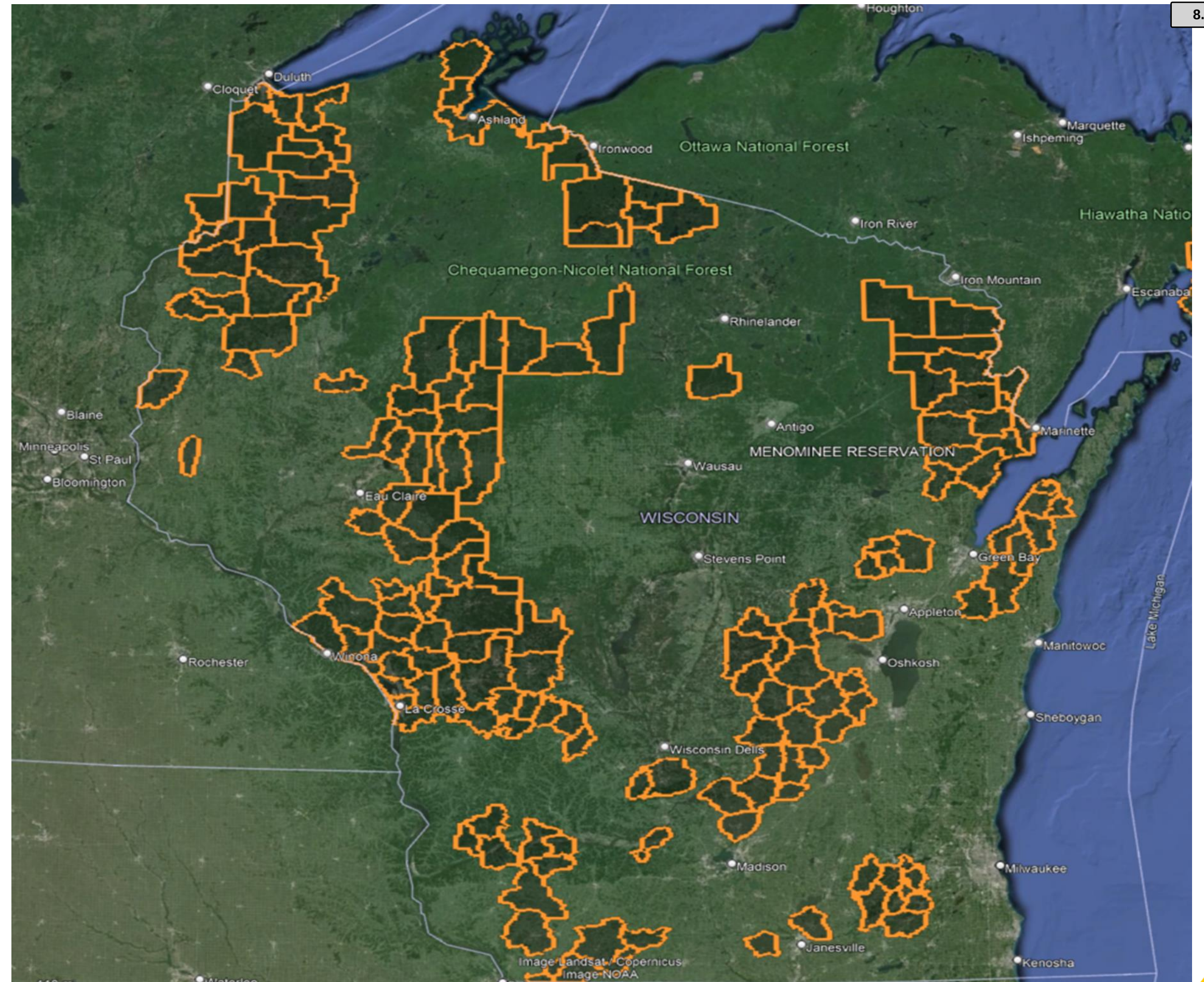
Brightspeed Fiber Internet 200 Mbps

Fast and reliable connection at an affordable cost.

- Equal 200 Mbps upload and download speeds
- Perfect for everyday streaming, gaming, and surfing
- Best for small households looking for great speed at great value
- Premium modem with secure wifi, no annual contracts, and no termination fees

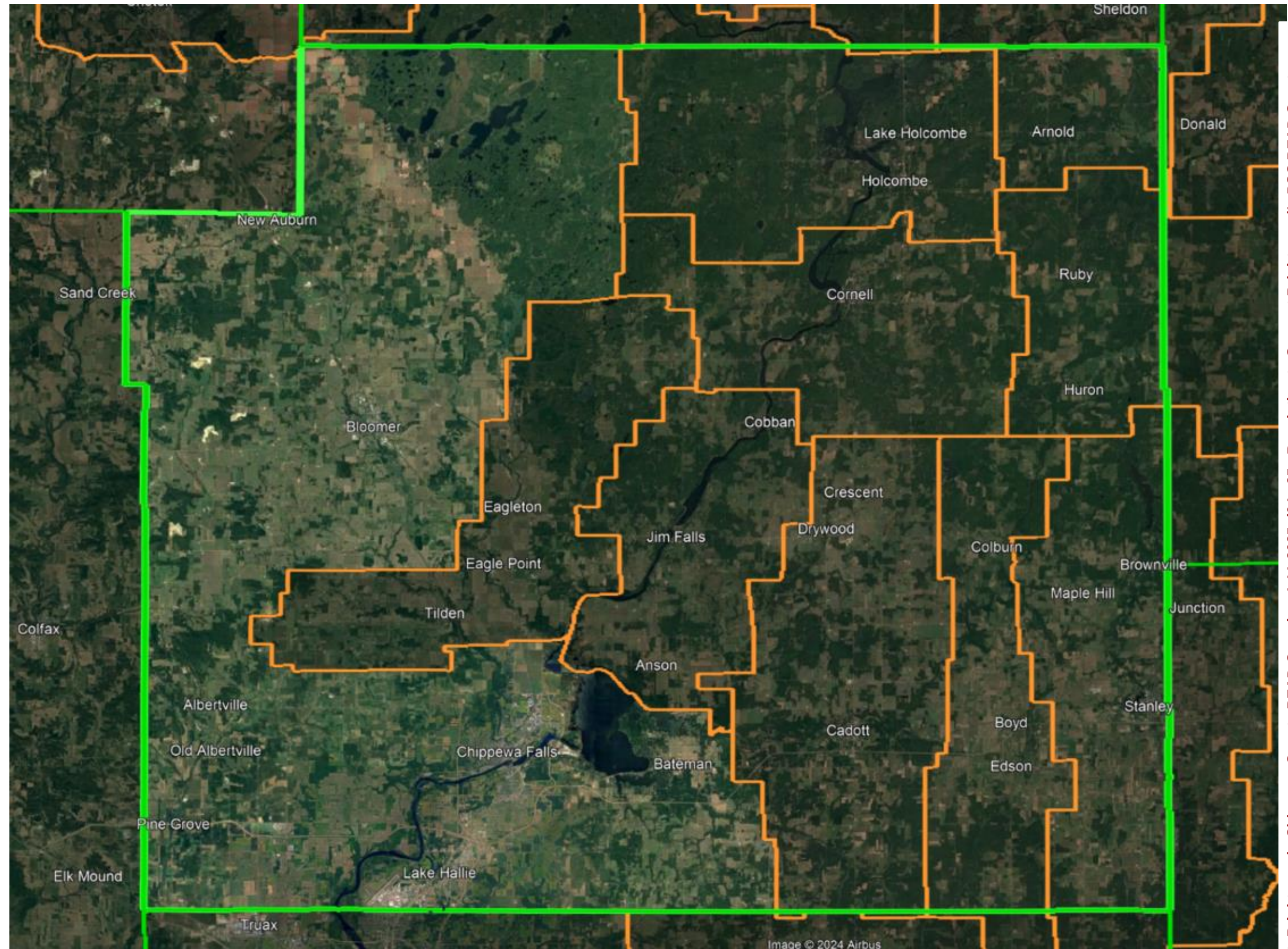


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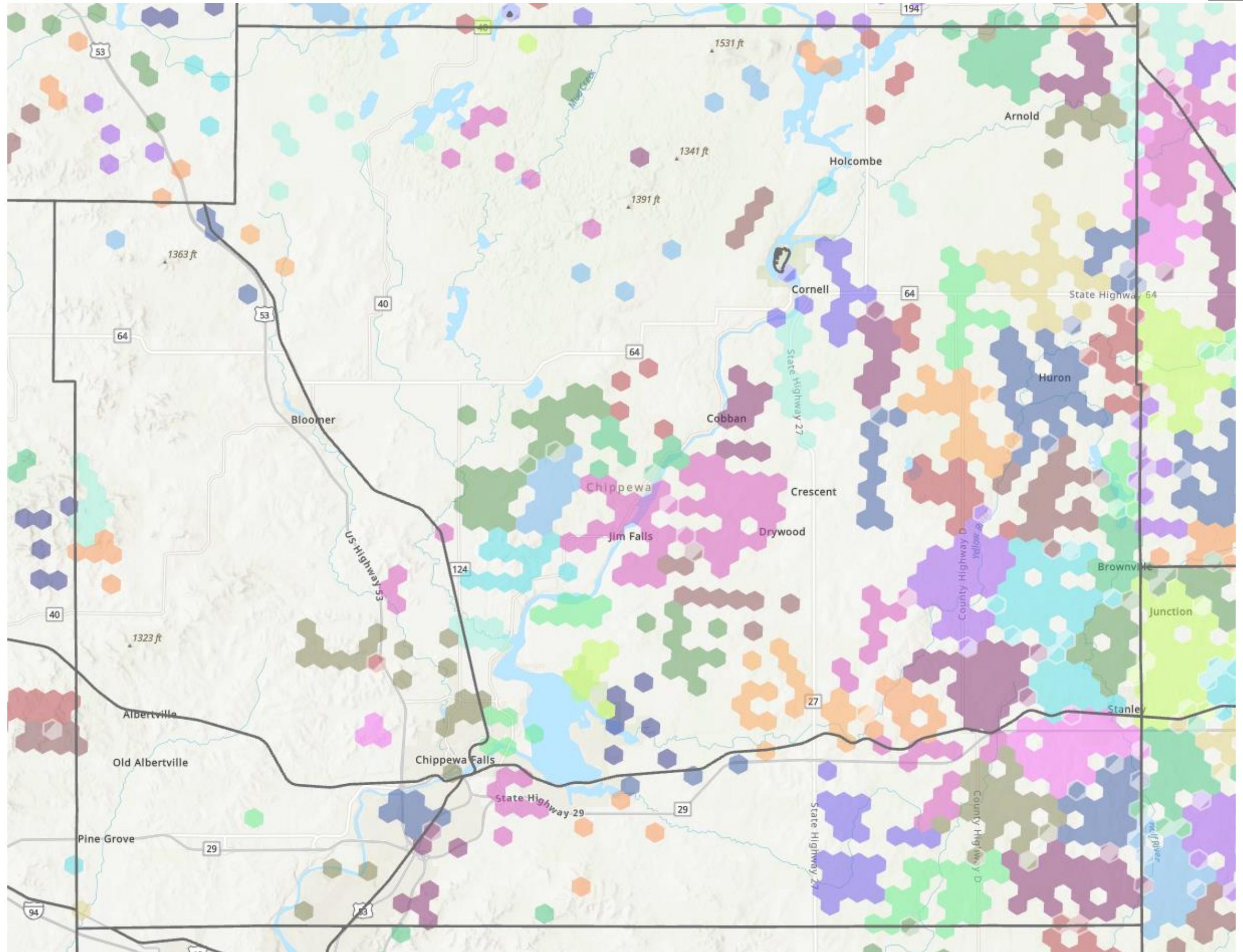


Chippewa County

- Strategic Fiber Build Locations 2025:
 - Cadott
 - Cornell
 - Stanley
- Total PSC BEAD locations:
 - 1,762
- Potential Brightspeed BEAD locations – 1,254 BSL's in 28 Project Units



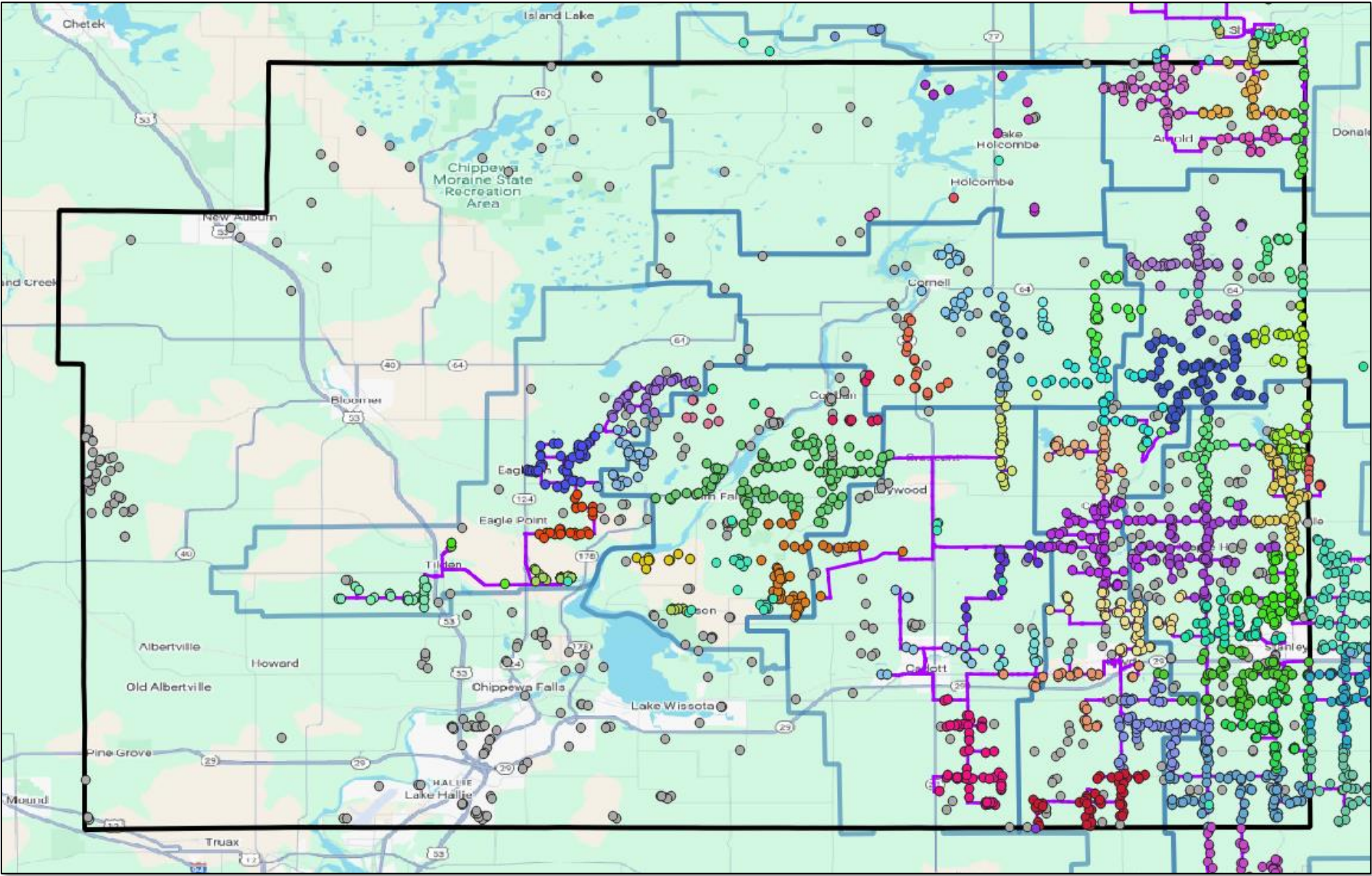
- # Chippewa County
- Total PSC BEAD locations: 1,762
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In Chippewa County, we can reach ≈1,254 premises

Planned investment dependent on finalized project units and locations and is subject to change

Chippewa County Project Proposal



Key Project Metrics

Total Grant-Eligible Premises Served	1,254
Number of Project Units	28
Number of Wire Centers	9
State Contribution %	63%
Brightspeed Contribution %	57%

- Project Location
- Colors represent distinct project units
- Excl. Eligible Locs
- Project Fiber
- County Boundary
- Wire Center Boundary
- Strategic Fiber

Note: Financials are preliminary; Sources: Altman Solon Research & Analysis
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Thank you

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STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION

Resolution No. 05 - 25

**RES. 05-25: RESOLUTION TO PLEDGE FUNDING FOR EXPANSION OF
COUNTY HIGHWAY T CORRIDOR - BRIAN KELLEY**

1 County Trunk Highway (CTH) T is a high volume, two-lane highway designated as an
2 oversize, overweight truck route. The corridor is seeing increased growth and potential for
3 commercial development and represents a critical piece of the regional transportation and
4 economic network. The corridor is classified as a minor arterial that serves Chippewa County,
5 Eau Claire County, the City of Eau Claire, the Town of Wheaton, and the Town of Union (project
6 stakeholders). For the purposes of funding requests and intergovernmental agreements, Eau
7 Claire County is the lead agency.

8 In October 2022, an official map was recorded at the County Register of Deeds offices in
9 Chippewa and Eau Claire Counties in order to preserve the future 4-lane corridor and ensure
10 that future development projects align with the counties' plans. This mapped area is located
11 within the Chippewa-Eau Claire Metropolitan Area on CTH T from State Trunk Highway (STH)
12 312 (North Crossing) in Eau Claire County to 33rd Avenue in Chippewa County.

13 Throughout 2021 to 2024, the stakeholder team has continued to pursue all viable
14 funding options for the 4-lane corridor expansion project, which project engineering
15 consultants estimate will cost approximately \$33,000,000. This effort included two separate
16 funding applications for the Federal Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and
17 Equity (RAISE) grant program and an application for the Federal Multimodal Project
18 Discretionary Grant (MPDG) grant program. These applications were unsuccessful.

19 In 2023, Eau Claire County submitted a request for Federal Congressionally Directed
20 Spending (CDS) funds to the offices of Senator Tammy Baldwin and Representative Derrick Van
21 Orden in the amount of \$25,000,000. In March of 2024, the stakeholders were notified that the
22 project was awarded \$10,000,000 of CDS funds. These funds must be allocated by 2029 and
23 require a 20% local match.

24 Eau Claire County has also recently submitted a Federal Nationally Significant Freight &
25 Highway Projects (INFRA) grant program for the grade separation of the Union Pacific Rail
26 crossing. A decision on that request is expected in 2025.

27 In 2023, the stakeholders determined that 30% preliminary engineering plans would be

necessary in order to make the project more “shovel-ready” and improve the likelihood of receiving State/Federal funding in the highly-competitive funding programs. Jewell Associates was selected to complete this work in June of 2023. They are currently working towards completion of the 30% engineering plans, which is scheduled for early 2025.

Due to the uncertainty of the INFRA funding, the stakeholders have determined that the best use of the \$10,000,000 CDS funding is to start on the north end of the corridor for Phase 1. Cost estimates and preliminary plans continue to be developed. Preliminary cost estimates for Phase 1 are between \$14,000,000 and \$17,000,000. Preliminary cost estimates for Chippewa County’s local share range from \$1,306,667 to \$2,286,667 with construction scheduled to take place from 2027 to 2029.

The stakeholders have determined that an intergovernmental agreement is needed at this time in order for each agency to pledge support for their share of Phase 1 local costs. Passage of this resolution will pledge Chippewa County’s financial support for Phase 1 and directs the County Administrator and Highway Commissioner to sign the 5-party intergovernmental agreement for Phase 1 funding. In addition, this resolution mandates that the Highway Commissioner provide an annual report on the project during the Capital Improvement budget process, which will be presented to both the Highway Committee and the County Board.

Resolution No. 05 - 25

**RES. 05-25: RESOLUTION TO PLEDGE FUNDING FOR EXPANSION OF COUNTY HIGHWAY T
CORRIDOR - BRIAN KELLEY**

WHEREAS, County Trunk Highway (CTH) T between Alpine Road and 33rd Avenue (CTH T corridor) is a high volume, two-lane highway designated as an oversize/overweight truck route; and

WHEREAS, the CTH T corridor is experiencing increased growth and commercial development and represents a critical piece of the regional transportation and economic network; and

WHEREAS, increasing traffic levels in the CTH T corridor are projected to exceed the capacity of the current two-lane highway and will present significant safety concerns; and

WHEREAS, the CTH T corridor is located in both Eau Claire and Chippewa Counties; and

WHEREAS, Chippewa County, Eau Claire County, the City of Eau Claire, the Town of Wheaton, and the Town of Union (project stakeholders) will all benefit from and have committed to completing the expansion of the entire CTH T corridor to four lanes; and

WHEREAS, Chippewa County, along with the other project stakeholders, has adopted an official map designating the limits of the future four lane CTH T corridor expansion; and

WHEREAS, well-attended public involvement meetings were held on 6-28-21 and 9-20-21 to present the official map; and

WHEREAS, the official map prevents development within the CTH T corridor that does not align with future highway expansion plans; and

WHEREAS, a copy of the official CTH T corridor map is recorded with the Chippewa County and Eau Claire County Register of Deeds offices; and

WHEREAS, the project stakeholders have determined that preliminary engineering is needed to develop more accurate cost estimates and improve the likelihood of the CTH T corridor receiving additional State/Federal funds in highly-competitive discretionary grant programs; and

WHEREAS, Jewell Associates was selected to complete the CTH T corridor 30% design plans; and

WHEREAS, the Highway Department has spent \$107,952 in 2023 and 2024 for mapping,

91 funding applications, and preliminary engineering for the entire CTH T corridor; and

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93 WHEREAS, funding constraints require that the CTH T corridor's final design and
94 construction be broken up into two or more phases; and

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96 WHEREAS, strong public support was received at a third public involvement meeting
97 held on 9-11-24 when the project team presented the preliminary design for the entire
98 corridor; and

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100 WHEREAS, Phase 1 of the CTH T corridor expansion is located entirely within Chippewa
101 County and will begin at 33rd Avenue and proceed south past the intersection of 20th Avenue;
102 and

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104 WHEREAS, the remainder of the CTH T corridor's expansion will be designed and
105 constructed in one or more future phases dependent on additional State and Federal funding;
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108 WHEREAS, the project stakeholders have pursued a variety of Federal funding
109 opportunities for the CTH T corridor expansion; and

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111 WHEREAS, Eau Claire County has submitted applications for two separate grants under
112 the Federal Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant
113 program, of which both applications were unsuccessful; and

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115 WHEREAS, Eau Claire County has been awarded \$10,000,000 of Federal Congressionally
116 Directed Spending (CDS) funds that must be allocated by 2029 and require a minimum 20%
117 local match; and

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119 WHEREAS, the project stakeholders have determined that it is most advantageous to
120 utilize these CDS funds on the segment designated as Phase 1 of the CTH T corridor expansion;
121 and

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123 WHEREAS, construction of Phase 1 is anticipated to take place from 2027 to 2029; and

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125 WHEREAS, construction of the remaining phases of the CTH T corridor expansion is likely
126 to occur in the next 5 to 10 years; and

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128 WHEREAS, funding for the CTH T corridor expansion projects will come from a variety of
129 sources, including Eau Claire County, Chippewa County, and the City of Eau Claire; and

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131 WHEREAS, Eau Claire County has submitted an application for a Federal Nationally
132 Significant Freight & Highway Projects (INFRA) grant for the grade separation of the Union
133 Pacific Rail crossing; and

135 WHEREAS, a decision on the INFRA funding request is expected in 2025; and

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137 WHEREAS, a unified approach by the project stakeholders increases the likelihood of
138 successfully obtaining the necessary State and Federal funds for expansion of the entire CTH T
139 corridor; and

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141 WHEREAS, all project stakeholders will be responsible for their share of Phase 1 local
142 costs per a 5-party intergovernmental agreement; and

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144 WHEREAS, a viable funding plan has been provided to the Highway Committee,
145 Executive Committee, and County Board; and

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147 WHEREAS, to keep the County Board apprised of the progress of the CTH T corridor
148 project, the Highway Commissioner will provide an annual report on the project during the
149 Capital Improvement budget process, which will be presented to both the Highway Committee
150 and the County Board;

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152 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Board recognizes the need for and
153 economic benefit of a future four-lane expansion of the entire CTH T corridor; and

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155 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Board directs the County Administrator and
156 Highway Commissioner to sign the attached 5-party intergovernmental agreement which
157 commits Chippewa County to paying for 32.66% of Phase 1 local costs; and

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159 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the total local costs for Phase 1 are currently estimated
160 at \$4,000,000 to \$7,000,000, of which Chippewa County's share is estimated to be between
161 \$1,306,667 and \$2,286,667; and

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163 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Board acknowledges that portions of future
164 CTH T corridor phases lie within Eau Claire County; and

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166 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that funding for Chippewa County's share of local costs for
167 remaining CTH T corridor expansion work will be identified in future County budgets and Capital
168 Improvement Plans; and

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170 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, to keep the County Board apprised of the progress of the
171 CTH T corridor project, the Highway Commissioner will provide an annual report on the project
172 during the Capital Improvement budget process, which will be presented to both the Highway
173 Committee and the County Board.

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175 Forwarded to the County Board by the Executive Committee.

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177 **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Chippewa County's share of Phase 1 is anticipated to be \$1,306,667 to \$2,286,667 to be financed through bonding, sales tax, and/or levy.

02/11/2025 County Board

RESULT: APPROVED [14 TO 6]

MOVER: George Rohmeyer, District 17

SECONDER: James Flater, District 1

AYES: Hull, Mueller, Flater, Kirby, Goettl, Bergeron, Ericksen, Peterson, Lotts, Bomar, Hennick, Rohmeyer, Flynn, Ives

NAYS: Guthman, Shoebridge, Seidlitz, Roshell, Kelly, Kempe

ABSENT: Peter Gehring

History:

01/22/25 Highway Committee REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

02/04/25 Executive Committee FORWARD TO COUNTY BOARD

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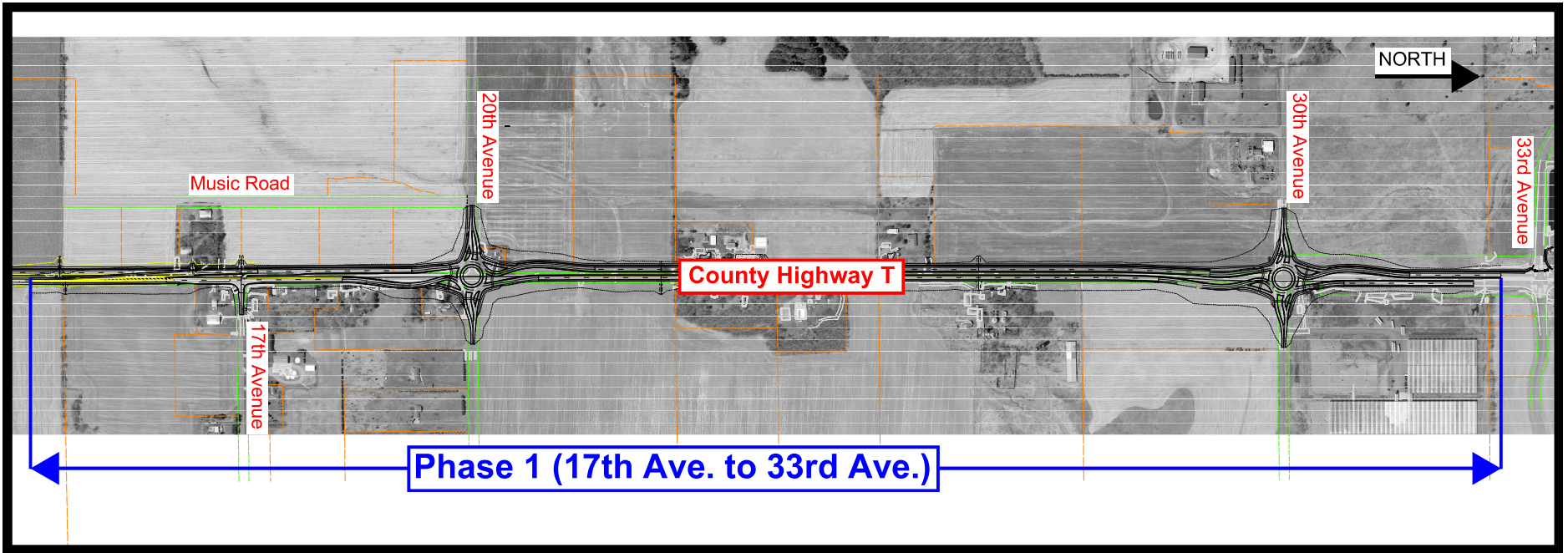
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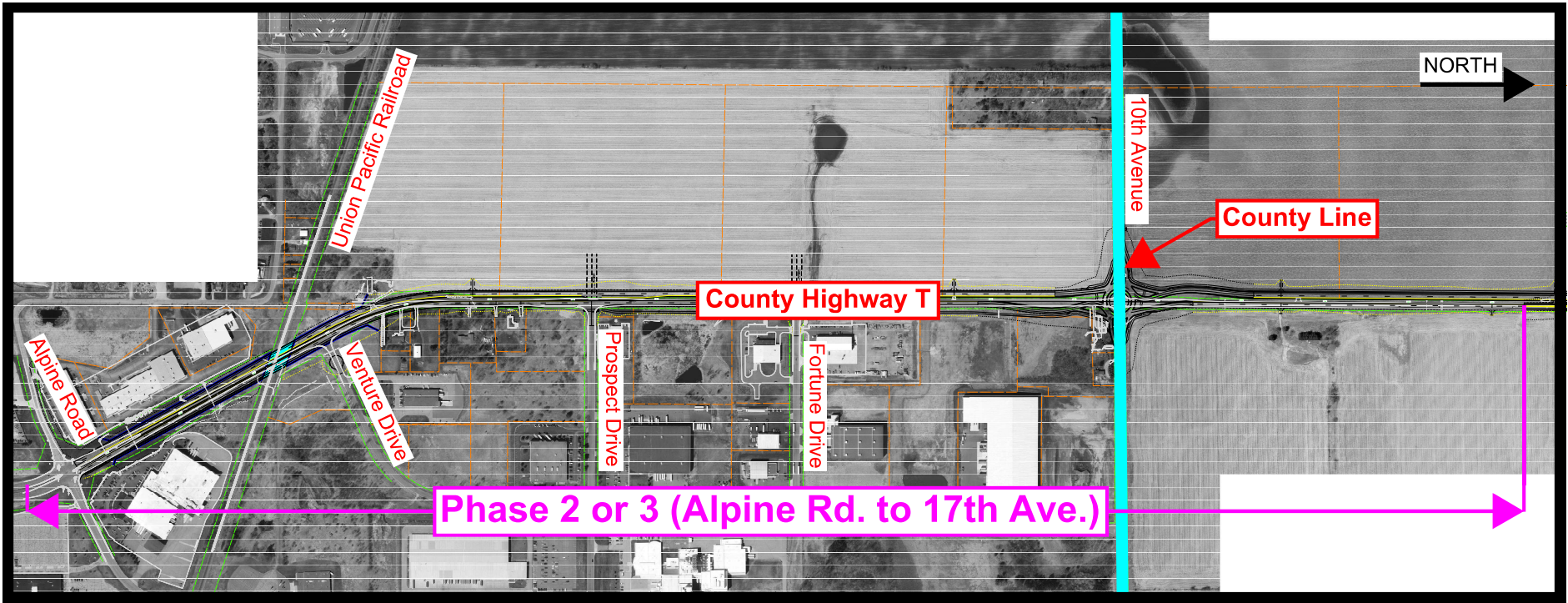
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1/13/2025



Attachment A



Attachment B

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR HIGHWAY “T” PHASE ONE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION

I. PARTIES

This Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement for Highway “T” Corridor Engineering Services (the “Agreement”) is between Chippewa County, Wisconsin, a quasi-municipal corporation, located at 711 N. Bridge Street, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729; the City of Eau Claire, located at 203 S Farwell Street, Eau Claire, WI 54701; the Town of Union, located at 1506 N. Town Hall Rd. Eau Claire, WI 54703; the Town of Wheaton, located at 4975 County Highway T, Chippewa Falls, WI. 54729; and Eau Claire County, a quasi-municipal corporation, located at 721 Oxford Avenue, Eau Claire, WI 54703. Chippewa County, the City of Eau Claire, Eau Claire County, the Town of Union and the Town of Wheaton are referred to collectively in this Agreement as the “Parties” and individually, without differentiation, each as a “Party.”

II. TERM OF AGREEMENT

Services under this Agreement shall commence upon execution of this agreement by all Parties, and shall continue through December 31, 2030.

III. PURPOSE OF AGREEMENT

The purpose of this Agreement is to assign responsibility for the cost and public responsibilities associated with the final design and reconstruction of phase one for County Highway “T” starting at the intersection of 17th Avenue located in the Town of Wheaton in Chippewa County to a point where Highway “T” intersects with 33rd Avenue in Chippewa County. This Agreement is authorized by Wis. Stat. § 66.0301. Project costs for phase one are outlined in the attached exhibit “A”. The local cost share percentage minimum is 20% per the federal grant funding requirements. The local cost share percentage for this project will likely be between 28% - 33% based on the engineers estimate for 2027 construction.

IV. SCOPE OF SERVICES

A. Eau Claire County is the lead for the Project and agrees to:

1. Contract with and administer the contract with the selected consultant as well as execute the State Municipal Agreement with the Department of Transportation for the complete roadway design and reconstruction of Highway “T” from 17th Avenue north to 33rd Avenue “phase one”.
2. Review and approve all plans and specifications as required for the project and coordinate approval with Chippewa County, the City of Eau Claire, the Town of Union and the Town of Wheaton.
3. Pay for 32.66% of the local cost share for the project.
4. Coordinate all state municipal agreement documents related to project delivery with Chippewa County, the City of Eau Claire, the Town of Union and the Town of Wheaton.
5. As Project lead, be primary party responsible for addressing public concerns and disseminating Project information to the public.

B. Chippewa County agrees to do the following:

1. Pay for 32.66% of the local cost share for the project
2. Assist in dealing with public concerns.
3. Complete all project deliverables as required as part of the project.

C. City of Eau Claire agrees to do the following:

1. Pay for 32.66% of the local cost share for the project
2. Assist in dealing with public concerns.

D. Town of Union agrees to do the following:

1. Pay for 1% of the local cost share for the project
2. Assist in dealing with public concerns.

E. Town of Wheaton agrees to do the following:

1. Pay for 1% of the local cost share for the project
2. Assist in dealing with public concerns.

V. COST EXEMPTIONS

None needed; consultant work to be performed by contract.

VI. FINAL PROJECT AUDIT

- A. Final audit of Project costs to be certified by all parties to this Agreement.
- B. Eau Claire County will invoice Chippewa County, the City of Eau Claire, the Town of Union and the Town of Wheaton for work completed according to this Agreement.

VII. NON-APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

In the event any of the following events occur, this Agreement shall terminate immediately and each of the Parties shall be responsible to pay its assigned local cost share percentage under Paragraph IV Scope of Services for any actual work completed up to the date of termination:

- A. The State of Wisconsin or the Federal Government fails to pay grant funding as set forth above.
- B. The Board or Council of any Party to this Agreement fails to appropriate its assigned local cost share percentage under Paragraph IV Scope of Services.

VIII. NOTICES

Notices required or deemed advisable under this Agreement shall be placed in writing and delivered personally or by registered or certified mail upon Eau Claire County to: Jon Johnson, Highway Commissioner, 2000 Spooner Avenue, Altoona, WI 54720, and to the other parties at the addresses listed in the first paragraph of this Agreement.

XI. INDEPENDENT STATUS.

The Parties to this Agreement acknowledge and recognize they are independent agencies for all purposes, including workers compensation, and not employees, or agents of each other.

X. MUTUAL HOLD HARMLESS.

The Parties agree fully to hold one another harmless from and against all claims, actions,

judgments, costs, and expenses, arising out of damages or injuries to third persons or their property, caused by the fault or negligence of the said Party, its agents, or employees, in the performance of this Agreement. The Parties shall give to each other prompt and reasonable notice of any such claims or actions and the other Party shall have the right to investigate, compromise, and defend the same.

XI. LIABILITY.

It is mutually agreed by the Parties that, as related to this Agreement, any loss or expense or resultant legal liability, involving personal injury or property damage, will be the responsibility of the Party whose officer, employee or agent may have caused the loss or expense by his or her respective actions, acts, activities or omissions which occurred or may occur in connection with this Agreement.

XII. WAIVER OF BREACHES

No waiver of any breaches of this Agreement shall be held to be a waiver of any other or any subsequent breaches. All remedies afforded in this Agreement shall be cumulative and in addition to any other remedies provided by law.

XIII. SEVERABILITY

Should any article or any part of any article of this Agreement be rendered void, invalid, or unenforceable by a court of law, for any reason, such a determination shall not render void, invalid, or unenforceable any other article or any part of any article in this Agreement.

XIV. JURISDICTION AND VENUE

The laws of the State of Wisconsin shall govern this Agreement and executed amendments thereto. Venue for all legal proceedings arising out of this Agreement, or breach thereof, shall be exclusively in Eau Claire County Circuit Court, Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

XV. SECTION HEADINGS

The headings of the several sections, and any table of contents appended hereto, shall be solely for convenience of reference and shall not affect the meaning, construction, or effect hereof.

XVI. STATUTORY PROTECTIONS

It is agreed by the parties that nothing in this Agreement, including but not limited to the hold harmless clause, shall in any way constitute a waiver on the part of any of the Parties of an immunity, liability limitation or other protection available to the parties under any applicable state or other law.

XVII. NON-ASSIGNMENT OF AGREEMENT

The Parties agree that there shall be no assignment or transfer of this Agreement, nor of any interests, rights or responsibilities herein contained, except as agreed to in writing.

XVIII. MODIFICATIONS TO AGREEMENT

There shall be no modifications to this Agreement, except in writing, signed by all Parties.

XIX. EXECUTION

This Agreement may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be an original and all of which shall constitute but one and the same agreement.

XX. INTEGRATION OF AGREEMENT

The entire agreement of the Parties is contained herein, and this Agreement supersedes all

previous agreements, whether written or oral and all negotiations as well as any previous agreements presently in effect between the Parties relating to the subject matter.

XXI. AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT

By signing below, the Parties affirm and acknowledge that they have read and understand this Agreement and its Attachments, if any, consisting of three (3) typewritten pages, excluding the signature page; they have authority to enter into this Agreement on behalf of the Entity or Corporation they are signing for; they are knowingly, freely, and voluntarily entering into this Agreement; and that they accept and agree to be bound by the terms and conditions of this Agreement and its Attachments as outlined in this Agreement.

EAU CLAIRE COUNTY BY:

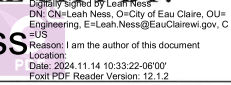

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12/03/2024
(Date)

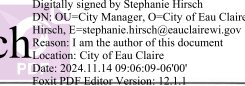

KATHRYN SCHAUF, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

12/03/2024
(Date)

EAU CLAIRE CITY BY:


LEAH NESS, CITY ENGINEER

11/14/2024
(Date)


STEPHANIE HIRSCH, CITY MANAGER

11/14/24
(Date)

CHIPPEWA COUNTY BY:

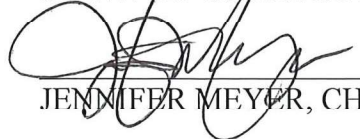
BRIAN KELLEY, HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER

(Date)

RANDY SCHOLTZ, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

(Date)

TOWN OF UNION BY:


JENNIFER MEYER, CHAIR

Nov. 12, 2024
(Date)

TOWN OF WHEATON BY:

Alice Droske
ALICE DROSKE, CHAIR11-12-24
(Date)

Exhibit A

Estimated Project Cost	Federal Funding	Local Share Cost
	\$	
\$ 14,000,000.00	10,000,000.00	\$ 4,000,000.00

Stakeholder	Cost Share Percentage	Local Share Cost	Total Cost per Stakeholder
Chippewa County Share	32.66%	\$ 4,000,000.00	\$ 1,306,667.00
Eau Claire County Share	32.66%	\$ 4,000,000.00	\$ 1,306,667.00
City of Eau Claire	32.66%	\$ 4,000,000.00	\$ 1,306,667.00
Town of Union	1%	\$ 4,000,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
Town of Wheaton	1%	\$ 4,000,000.00	\$ 40,000.00

Department of Administration

Randy B. Scholz, County Administrator

February 10, 2025

TO: County Board Supervisors

FR: Randy Scholz

RE: Annexation Questions about CTH T Corridor

Dear Chippewa County Supervisors,

I wanted to provide you with information regarding annexation and its effects on Chippewa County. I reached out to Erich Schmidtke from the Wisconsin Department of Administration's Municipal Boundary Review, and he provided insights into the impact of annexation. Below is a summary of key points from our discussion, along with relevant resource links and Erich's contact information. I also have the answers he gave to the questions I sent him.

Summary of Responses:

1. Tax Revenue Impact:

- Annexation shifts local property tax revenue from the town to the annexing city or village.
- Wisconsin law requires the annexing city or village to share property taxes with the affected town for five years (Wis. Stat. 66.0217(14)).
- County property taxes are generally not affected since the annexed land remains within the county.

2. Service Responsibilities:

- The annexing municipality assumes responsibility for services such as police, fire, sewer, and zoning.
- Annexation may affect county service contracts, such as law enforcement agreements with towns.

3. Land Use and Zoning:

- Upon annexation, the annexing city or village's zoning ordinances apply.
- The county may still be involved in shoreland, wetland, and floodplain zoning administration.

4. School District Boundaries:

- Annexation does not alter school district boundaries.

5. Economic Development:

- Annexation can lead to increased development due to access to municipal services.
- This can bring economic benefits but may also create challenges such as increased traffic and intergovernmental disputes.
- The impact on county sales tax revenue remains unclear; further inquiry with the Wisconsin Local Government Center or Wisconsin Counties Association is recommended.
- If sales tax revenues go up it will benefit the County. I do not believe cities receive sales tax.

6. Population and Representation:

- Annexation affects the population of the annexing and losing municipalities but does not typically impact overall county population.
- County representation may be affected if supervisory district boundaries need adjustment.

7. Impact on County Services:

- The effect on county services varies; in some cases, demand decreases as services shift to the annexing city or village, while in other cases, costs may rise.

Additional Resources:

- **DOA Annexation Law Overview:**
[https://localgovernment.extension.wisc.edu/files/2021/02/Fact-Sheet-4 - Annexation.pdf?utm_source=chatgpt.com](https://localgovernment.extension.wisc.edu/files/2021/02/Fact-Sheet-4-Annexation.pdf?utm_source=chatgpt.com)
- **Wisconsin REALTORS® Association Annexation Resource:**
<http://doa.wi.gov/municipalboundaryreview>

Contact Information:**Erich Schmidtke**

Municipal Boundary Review - DOA

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Please review this information and let me know if there are additional questions we should explore.

Thank you.



Randy Scholz
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Annexation Questions from Chippewa County
Answered by Erich Schmidtke
Municipal Boundary Review – DOA
02/10/2025

In general, the impact of annexation on counties tends to be less direct than on towns. For example, whether territory is located in a town or in a city or village, either way the territory will still be located within that county. Annexation does not change that. However, for a town annexation may have a major impact because it results in the loss of territory, revenue, and population. And for the annexing city or village annexation may also have a major impact because it results in the gain of territory, revenue, and population.

1. **Tax Revenue Impact:** How does annexation affect the distribution of property taxes between the county, city, and affected town?

Annexation from a town to a city or village means that instead of the town receiving the local government portion of the property tax, that is now collected by the annexing city or village. To attempt to lessen the impact of lost property taxes, the legislature created a property tax sharing requirement in section 66.0217(14), Wis. Stats. which requires the annexing city or village to share property taxes with the impacted town for a 5-year period.

Whether county property taxes are affected by annexation, I would not think there is as much of an impact because the territory is still located within that same county.

2. **Service Responsibilities:** What changes occur in the responsibilities for providing services like law enforcement and road maintenance?

Annexation from a town to a city or village changes the jurisdiction of the territory and which municipality is responsible for providing services. The annexing city or village becomes responsible for providing standard services such as sewer and water, police and fire protection, parks, library, public works, planning & zoning, etc.

Sometimes counties will contract with municipalities to provide services, such as law enforcement and planning services, among others. Annexation could impact these agreed upon arrangements. For example, if a town has contracted with a county sheriff's department for service, annexation of territory to a city or village that has a police department of its own could mean that the annexed territory is now served by the city or village's police department instead of the county sheriff.

3. **Land Use and Zoning:** How does annexation impact land use planning and zoning authority for the annexed area?

Annexation can have an impact on planning and zoning of the annexation territory, both general zoning and shoreland wetland floodplain zoning. Before annexation the town may have provided zoning, the county may have provided zoning, or the territory may have been un-zoned. However, upon annexation the territory becomes subject to the annexing city or village's planning and zoning.

The impact to the County may depend on whether the county provided zoning services to the town. On the other hand, if the annexing city or village contracts with the county for planning and zoning services, then the county may continue providing services. Also, if the annexing city or village does not administer shoreland wetland floodplain zoning, then the county may continue to administer those to the annexation territory.

4. **School District Boundaries:** What happens to school district boundaries and funding if a city annexes property?

Annexation does not impact school district boundaries.

5. **Economic Development:** What are the potential economic development benefits or challenges for the county when property is annexed by a city?

Petitioners often choose to annex their property to a city or village to receive higher service levels, such as sewer and water and zoning which permits higher intensity development. For example, more units per acre. This higher intensity development can provide benefits such as economic benefits, but it can also mean challenges such as increased traffic, stormwater management issues, intergovernmental disputes over annexation and development, among others.

- a. If there is increase economic development does the County get additional sales tax revenues?

Good question, however I do not know the answer. You could contact the Wisconsin Local Government Center or the Wisconsin Counties Association and they may know the answer.

6. **Population and Representation:** How does annexation affect population counts and the representation of residents in county government?

Annexation affects the population of the town that loses the territory, should the territory contain a dwelling unit. Annexation also affects the population of the annexing city or village should the territory contain a dwelling unit. Additionally, residents of the annexation territory would now be represented by city or village elected officials, rather than town elected officials.

From the standpoint of the county, population would likely not be impacted. Representation of county elected officials may depend on the supervisory district map. Sometimes annexation may impact these supervisory district maps. Annexation territory may be added to a ward or district, or a new ward or district may need to be created. For specifics about how annexation impacts elections you may want to contact the Wisconsin Elections Commission.

7. **Impact on County Services:** Does annexation typically result in reduced demand for county services in the annexed area, or do other county costs rise?

The impact on county services by annexation is highly variable.

Can you think of other questions the county should be asking?

You have asked some good questions here. You may want to ask questions to the Wisconsin Local Government Center, as well as Wisconsin Counties Association, and perhaps the Wisconsin Towns Association and League of Wisconsin Municipalities, and perhaps UW-Steven's Point Center for Land Use. Much has been written over the years about annexation and my answers here only scratch the surface.

STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION

Resolution No. 06 - 25

**RES. 06-25: RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
PROCEDURES FOR THE UPDATE OF THE CHIPPEWA COUNTY
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN - DOUG CLARY**

1 The Chippewa County Board of Supervisors has designated the Planning & Zoning
2 Committee as the county planning and zoning agency, pursuant to §59.69(2), Wis. Stats. The
3 county planning and zoning agency may direct the preparation or update of a county
4 development plan (i.e. a comprehensive plan) for the physical development of the
5 unincorporated territory within the county pursuant to §59.69(3) Wis. Stats.

6 The Planning & Zoning Committee has decided to update its comprehensive plan
7 pursuant to the authority and procedures set out in §59.69(2) and (3), and §66.1001, of the
8 Wisconsin Statutes. As part of the update, §66.1001(4)(a), Wis. Stats., requires the governing
9 body of the local governmental unit to adopt written procedures designed to describe the
10 methods the governing body of a local governmental unit will use to distribute proposed,
11 alternative, or amended elements of a comprehensive plan to owners of property. The goal of
12 these procedures is to foster public participation at every stage of comprehensive plan
13 preparation, provide an opportunity for the public to submit written comments on the
14 comprehensive plan, and to set out a process for the local governing body to respond to such
15 comments.

16 To assist with the development of the comprehensive plan, the Department of Planning
17 & Zoning has contracted with the West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission
18 (WCWRPC) to assist and facilitate the update. Attached to this resolution, is the *Public*
19 *Participation Procedures for the Chippewa County Comprehensive Plan Update*, which is being
20 proposed to foster public participation, ensure wide distribution of draft plan materials, and
21 provide opportunities for written comments on draft plan materials. Passage of this resolution
22 will approve the *Public Participation Procedures for the Chippewa County Comprehensive Plan*
23 *Update* to establish the procedures that Chippewa County will follow to meet the mandates of
24 §66.1001(4)(a), Wis. Stats., for public participation in the process to update the Comprehensive
25 Plan.

Resolution No. 06 - 25

**RES. 06-25: RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCEDURES FOR THE
UPDATE OF THE CHIPPEWA COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN - DOUG CLARY**

WHEREAS, Chippewa County has decided to update its comprehensive plan pursuant to the authority and procedures set out in §59.69(2) and (3), and §66.1001, of the Wisconsin Statutes; and

WHEREAS, §66.1001(4)(a), Wis. Stats., requires that the governing body of the local governmental unit adopt written procedures designed to foster public participation at every stage of comprehensive plan preparation; and

WHEREAS, such written procedures shall provide for wide distribution of proposed, alternative or amended comprehensive elements, an opportunity for the public to submit written comments on the comprehensive plan, and a process for the local governing body to respond to such comments; and

WHEREAS, the Chippewa County Board of Supervisors has designated the Planning & Zoning Committee as the county planning and zoning agency pursuant to §59.62(2), Wis. Stats., and such county planning and zoning agency may direct the preparation of a county development plan (comprehensive plan) for the physical development of the unincorporated territory within the county, pursuant to §59.69(3), Wis. Stats.; and

WHEREAS, to assist with and facilitate the update to the comprehensive plan, the County has contracted with the West Central Regional Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, the attached agreement between Chippewa County and the West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission, is consistent with and furthers the mandates of §66.1001(4)(a), Wis. Stats., to foster public participation, ensure wide distribution of draft plan materials, and provide opportunities for written comments on draft plan materials; and

WHEREAS, Chippewa County believes that regular, meaningful public involvement in the plan update development process is important to assure that the resulting plan meets the wishes and expectations of the public; and

WHEREAS, the attached *Public Participation Procedures for the Chippewa County Comprehensive Plan Update* has been developed to ensure compliance with the mandates of §66.1001(4)(a), Wis. Stats.;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chippewa County Board of Supervisors does hereby approve the attached *Public Participation Procedures for the Chippewa County Comprehensive Plan Update* as its public participation procedures to meet the requirements of

§66.1001(4)(a), Wis. Stats.

Forwarded to the County Board by the Planning & Zoning Committee.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact to Chippewa County by passage of this resolution.

02/11/2025 County Board

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Jason Bergeron, District 7

SECONDER: Duane Shoebridge, District 3

AYES: Hull, Mueller, Flater, Guthman, Shoebridge, Kirby, Goettl, Bergeron, Ericksen, Seidlitz, Peterson, Lotts, Bomar, Roshell, Kelly, Hennick, Kempe, Rohmeyer, Flynn, Ives

ABSENT: Peter Gehring

History:

01/23/25 Planning & Zoning Committee FORWARD TO COUNTY BOARD

Approved as to Form:

Todd A. Pauls

Todd A. Pauls, Corporation Counsel

1/8/2025

Lori Zwiefelhofer

Lori Zwiefelhofer, Finance Director

1/8/2025

Randy B. Scholz

Randy B. Scholz, County Administrator

1/8/2025

**Agreement Between
Chippewa County
and the
West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission
for the Update to the Chippewa County Comprehensive Plan**

I. Introduction

This agreement is entered into by and between the West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (hereinafter referred to as the Commission) and Chippewa County, Wisconsin (hereinafter referred to as the County).

Witnesseth That:

WHEREAS, the Commission is a regional planning agency duly constituted pursuant to the provisions of Section 66.0309, Wisconsin Statutes, that is authorized to enter into contracts to provide technical planning assistance to local governments and/or private entities; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to update the Chippewa County Comprehensive Plan, adopted July 20, 2010, in a manner that meets the requirements of Wis. Stats. §66.1001; and

WHEREAS, the County would also like to incorporate an update to the County Farmland Preservation Plan into the updated County Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has assisted counties and local municipalities in the region with the creation and updates of comprehensive plans and farmland preservation plans; and

WHEREAS, the County has determined that, in order to update the Chippewa County Comprehensive Plan in an efficient, economical, and effective manner, it is necessary to procure the assistance of professional planners.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements as hereinafter set forth, the parties to this agreement do hereby agree to the following:

II. Scope of Services to be Performed by the Commission

The Commission, in cooperation with the County, will provide those services described in Attachment A, dated July 1, 2024, including:

- A. Update the Chippewa County Comprehensive Plan, to include all standard content and meet the minimum requirements of Wis. Stats. §66.1001 as well as update and incorporate the Chippewa County Farmland Preservation Plan. The plan update will include all items identified in Attachment A Scope of Work, excluding those items identified as optional. At the request of the County and by written, mutual agreement between the Commission and County, the Commission may conduct one or more of those optional activities described on page 6 of Attachment A.
- B. The Commission will provide the County with a copy of the final updated plan in PDF format along with one printed copy.
- C. The Commission's role is limited to the update of the Chippewa County Comprehensive Plan, including an update to the Chippewa County Farmland Preservation Plan, as described in Attachment A. The Commission will assist the County in preparation of the public participation plan, public hearing notice, Plan Commission resolution, and County Board adopting ordinance as part of the required plan approval process. The Commission is not responsible for other ordinance development, additional public engagement activities, or developing detailed studies outside the planning scope and not specified in Attachment A.

III. Responsibilities of the County

The County agrees to perform the following services and to assume the following responsibilities with respect to this agreement:

- A. Those County responsibilities required to complete the activities described in Attachment A, including all communication with the Plan Committee, County Board, other County committees and County staff; provide materials and complete "homework" as described in Attachment A; review plan sections and identify proposed changes; required public noticing; required meeting minutes, conduct the public hearing; and any copying and distribution of the final draft and adopted comprehensive plan documents.

IV. Time Schedule

- A. The aforementioned services and items of work shall be performed during the period beginning September 15, 2024, and ending May 1, 2026, unless such period is amended by mutual agreement between the parties to this agreement. The Commission will adhere to the project schedule in Attachment A to the extent reasonably possible, though the actual schedule and timeline for completion can be influenced by factors outside the Commission's control.
- B. The Commission and the County shall reserve the right to cancel this agreement upon thirty (30) days written notice to either party if either party determines that the other party has not performed properly in any substantial respect or if either party determines that the other party has failed, neglected or refused to carry out the terms of this agreement.

V. Financial Payments

- A. It is expressly agreed by and between the parties to this agreement that the aforementioned services will be provided at a cost not to exceed \$76,000, excluding any optional items, in response to billing(s) submitted by the Commission or as agreed to by the County and Commission.
- B. The services to be completed by the Commission under this agreement shall be performed in a reasonable and professional manner, acceptable to the County and its staff.
- C. In the event that the County decides to discontinue work on the contract before its completion, due to no fault on the part of the Commission, the Commission will charge the County only for work completed.

VI. Title VI Non-Discrimination

During the performance of this contract, the contractor assures that no person shall on the grounds of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, or veteran status as provided by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 (P.L. 100.259), and the U.S. Department of Transportation implementing regulations be excluded from participation, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination in the execution of this contract. The Commission's services will also be performed in accordance with the West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission Title VI Plan—Language Assistance Plan and Public Participation Plan adopted September 11, 2014, and as amended November 9, 2023.

VII. Miscellaneous Provisions

- A. It is hereby understood and agreed upon by both parties thereto that this agreement is as and for the provision of certain, defined services, as set forth in Section II. In this respect and in its capacity under this agreement, the Commission and its employees, agents and officers are performing on an independent contractor basis and in no event shall the Commission, its agents, employees or officers be considered to constitute agents, employees, or officers of the County.

- B. The Commission shall not assign, transfer or subcontract this agreement without the approval of the County.
- C. This agreement may be modified or amended in writing by mutual agreement of the Commission and the County.
- D. The Commission shall furnish full worker's compensation coverage for all Commission employees.
- E. In the event a dispute arises regarding the performance of a party under this agreement, the parties shall meet and attempt to resolve the dispute. If the parties are unable to resolve the dispute, either party may immediately terminate this agreement. The County shall pay the Commission for any work performed up to the time of termination.
- F. The County and the Commission certify that no payment of money or any form of consideration has been offered to or given to a County employee for the purpose of procuring this agreement.
- G. All communications to the Commission concerning the terms and/or performance under this agreement shall be made to Scott Allen, Executive Director, and all communication pertaining hereto to the County shall be made to Doug Clary, Chippewa County Director of Planning & Zoning.
- H. Each person signing this agreement personally warrants and represents that he or she is duly authorized and empowered to enter into this agreement.

SIGNATURE PAGE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Chippewa County and the West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission execute this agreement.

Chippewa County

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Chippewa County and the West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission execute this agreement.

**West Central Wisconsin Regional
Planning Commission**



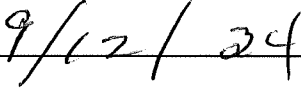
John Frank, Chair

Date



Joe Waichulis, Jr., Secretary/Treasurer

Date



9/12/24

ATTACHMENT A

Chippewa County Comprehensive Plan & Farmland Preservation Plan Update

Scope of Work

7/1/2024

Project Overview

- This scope of work may be modified by mutual agreement of Chippewa County and the West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (WCWRPC).
- WCWRPC understands that Chippewa County desires to update the County's Comprehensive Plan adopted in 2010. As necessitated by State statute, the County would also like to incorporate an update to the County Farmland Preservation Plan.
- The following process would result in a comprehensive plan for the County that includes, but not significantly exceeds, the minimum essential requirements of Wis. Stats. §66.1001. The plan will also incorporate the requirement elements for a Farmland Preservation Plan under Wis. Stats. §91.10.
- The plan will ensure that the data, maps, and programs included in the plan are up-to-date and that the vision, goals, objectives, and policies/strategies reflect the current desires and direction of the communities.
- According to State statutes, the Plan Commission is responsible for creating, amending, and updating a community's comprehensive plan. This scope of work assumes that the County's Planning & Zoning (P&Z) Committee will serve as the Comprehensive Plan Oversight Committee.
- WCWRPC will prepare items for meeting agendas along with promotional materials for special gatherings and surveys. The County will be responsible for reserving meeting rooms, posting all agendas, preparing and posting meeting minutes, and assisting with other coordination items that are typical for County meetings. The County will also be responsible for submitting, and cost of, the public hearing notice; WCWRPC will prepare the notice.
- A 16- to 18-month planning process is proposed with an October/November start date.
- In addition to open meetings and one public hearing, as required by WI Statutes, public input will also be obtained through the following methods:
 - Online community/public opinion survey
 - Mailed farmland owner survey
 - City, Village, & Town survey
 - 6 focus groups
 - 6-8 Zoned Town meetings
 - 1 County Towns Association presentation
 - Optional regional community meetings
 - Optional open house

Project Schedule & Approach

Month 1-2

Pre-Planning Activities:

Project Kickoff Meeting with County Planner

- WCWRPC project lead meets with County Planner, or designee(s), to discuss the logistics for meetings, etc.

WCWRPC to prepare County Comprehensive Plan Snapshot & draft Existing Land Use Maps

- WCWRPC to prepare 2-4 page County Comprehensive Plan fact sheet that includes an overview of comprehensive planning, and the update process, as well as a county profile/data snapshot on important demographics, economics, housing, and land use conditions and trends.
- WCWRPC to prepare draft existing land use maps for Towns within the County. Land Use Maps, existing and future, will not be prepared for Cities and Villages.
- Collect & review existing plans that may be pertinent to the planning effort.

County Planner Homework

- Review draft Existing Land Use Map and provide edits
- Complete inventory assessment worksheet¹ and provide existing data & maps (or GIS/CAD files)
- Identify any specific partners (e.g. County EDC) that we should engage during the planning process
- Work with WCWRPC to identify initial focus group members
- Provide copy (electronic or hardcopy) of any Town plans, Strategic Plan(s)
- Provide any additional pictures, graphics, maps, studies, or materials that may be helpful

County Board adopts public participation procedures via Resolution

- WCWRPC provides the County with draft public participation procedures and resolution.

Note: This proposed planning process includes the statutorily-required notifications for all meetings, public hearing, and an online public survey, as means of inviting public participation.

WCWRPC recommends that all meetings (in-person or remote) be open to the public and WCWRPC welcomes public input and participation during these meetings. The methods of public noticing and public participation for these meetings is at the discretion of the County and in accordance with applicable State rules.

Month 2

MEETING #1- Plan Committee and WCWRPC (2.5 hours)

- Review "What is a comprehensive plan?", FAQs, the Committee's role, and the project scope
- Discuss key demographic, housing, economic, and land use trends (from fact sheet)
- Issues and opportunities exercise
- Discuss draft questions for community survey

WCWRPC to prepare promotional flyer & survey instruments for public engagement opportunities

- Prepare promotional flyer for online community survey & farmland owner survey
- If included in scope, prepare promotional flyer for regional public meetings

¹ The Inventory Assessment Worksheet requests data and information that will be useful to the WCWRPC throughout the planning process, such as identifying existing County plans or ordinances, capacities and needs at County facilities, housing and sanitary permit data, County Capital Improvement Plan(s), and providing specific GIS data as available.

- Month 2-4 Chippewa County District Quarterly Towns Association Meeting Presentation and Issues & Opportunities Exercise**
- Attend and present at the Chippewa County District Quarterly Towns Association meeting to provide overview of the comprehensive planning project.
 - Obtain input on issues/opportunities as well as vision for the plan update.
 - Provide copies of promotional flyers and ask for assistance in promoting public engagement.
 - Recruit attendees to join focus groups and participate throughout the planning process.
- Month 2-4 Online Community Survey**
- An online survey will be conducted to get public input on various topics. The survey will be drafted with guidance from the Plan Committee during Meeting #1. Results will be used to inform the focus groups on issues and opportunities to address in the plan.
- Month 3-4 Mailed City, Village, and Town Survey (and Draft Existing Land Use Map for Comment for Towns)**
- A survey (and for towns, draft existing land use map), will be mailed to each City, Village and Town Clerk within the County. It is expected that one survey will be completed per community. City/village surveys will likely differ slightly from town surveys. The survey will help to gather feedback on issues/opportunities related to their specific community along with potential growth areas.
- Month 3-4 Mailed Farmland Owner Survey**
- A hardcopy survey will be mailed to Farmland owners with 30+ acres in unincorporated areas of the County. The survey results will help inform the Farmland Preservation Plan update and other elements of the Plan.
- Month 4-5 MEETING #2 – Plan Committee and WCWRPC (2.5-3 hours)**
- Review & discuss survey results
 - Visioning exercise
 - Select Focus Group Assignments and coordination
 - Finalize Existing Land Use Map
- Months 6-7 Focus Group Meetings (6 focus groups, 2 hours each, 7 meetings total)**
- There will be a total of 6 focus groups:
1. Housing
 2. Water
 3. Economic Development
 4. Agriculture (2 meetings)
 5. Land use regulations
 6. TBD by Plan Committee (informed by survey results)
- Each focus group will meet once to provide direction on the specific topic. The Agricultural Focus Group will be the primary group to guide the update to the Farmland Preservation Plan update and will meet twice: (i) The first meeting will be used to provide Farmland Owner survey results, discuss the Land Evaluation Site Assessment (LESA) model, and obtain feedback/direction on changes to the model. (ii) The second meeting will be used to finalize a recommended farmland preservation map.

- Month 6-7 Project Check-In Meeting with County Planner**
- WCWRPC project lead meets with County Planner, or designee(s), to check-in on project progress and discuss any project concerns.
- Month 6-7 MEETING #3- Plan Committee and WCWRPC (2.5-3 hours)**
- Begin review of plan elements – Transportation and Utilities and Community Facilities
- Month 7-8 MEETING #4- Plan Committee and WCWRPC (2.5-3 hours)**
- Continue review of plan elements – Agricultural, Natural, and Cultural Resources
- Month 8-9 MEETING #5 – Plan Committee and WCWRPC (2.5-3 hours)**
- Continue review of initial draft plan elements – Economic Development & Housing – bring in information from the Housing and Economic Development Focus Groups
- Month 9-10 MEETING #6 – Plan Committee and WCWRPC (2.5-3 hours)**
- Discuss Intergovernmental Cooperation element
 - Continue review of plan elements – Land Use Meeting 1
 - Identify and discuss any special growth areas
 - Discuss Preferred Future Land Use Map
- Month 9-10 1-on-1 Meetings with Zoned Towns**
- Meet with each Zoned Town, and any Town in the County considering zoning, to discuss the following:
 - o Land Use Trends & survey results for their community (general public, farmland owners)
 - o Draft Plan Recommendations
 - o Draft Preferred Future Land Use Map
 - Mail draft plan recommendations and preferred future land use map to unzoned Towns with opportunity for review and comment
- Month 10-12 Project Check-In Meeting with County Planner**
- WCWRPC project lead meets with County Planner, or designee, to discuss check-in on project progress and discuss any project concerns.
- Month 11-12 WCWRPC will complete the working draft Plan**
- The working draft will not be 100% complete and may include some remaining discussion items.
 - The working draft will be distributed to the Plan Committee.
 - The Plan Committee will be asked to review the draft plan and come prepared to discuss at Meeting 8.
- Month 12-13 MEETING #7 – Plan Committee and WCWRPC (2.5-3 hours)**
- Provide information from meetings with Zoned Towns
 - Review and discuss comments received at the Open House (if included in scope)
 - Discuss Implementation Element
 - Review the draft plan and address any remaining questions
 - The Plan Committee may meet additional times without WCWRPC to discuss the working draft plan
- Month 12-14 Public Hearing Draft Plan Completed & Distributed**
- WCWRPC provides County Planning Staff with Public Hearing Draft Plan and draft adopting documents (Resolution and Ordinance).
 - County may conduct additional review of the draft and request changes from WCWRPC.

- County Planning Staff to distribute the Public Hearing Draft Plan to the Plan Committee, County Board, library, and any other designated locations.
- County Planning Staff will also ensure a copy of the Public Hearing Draft Plan is available at the County Planning Offices for review during regular office hours and on the County website.

Month 14-16 Public Hearing Notice & Notifications

- WCWRPC will provide draft public hearing notice to County for publication and posting a minimum of 30 days in advance of the public hearing.
- WCWRPC will notify communities and adjacent/overlapping jurisdictions of the public hearing
- County Planning Staff to provide names and addresses of any individuals with non-metallic mining interests to WCWRPC.
- At least 30 days in advance of the public hearing, WCWRPC will send notice of the public hearing to those with non-metallic mining interests as identified by the County.

Month 15-17 Public Hearing and Plan Adoption

- If desired by the County, WCWRPC staff will present highlights from the planning effort at the public hearing.
- Planning & Zoning Committee and/or County Board conducts Public Hearing on draft ordinance.
- Planning & Zoning Committee adopts resolution to recommend adoption of the plan.
- County Board responds to any public written comments on the plan.
- County Board adopts the plan by ordinance.

Month 16-18 Post Adoption Items

- WCWRPC integrates the ordinance and resolution into the plan and provides the adopted plan to the County in PDF format, two printed copies of adopted plan along with one printed 24x36 full-color preferred future land use map.
- WCWRPC will distribute an electronic PDF of the adopted plan along with one printed 24x36 full-color preferred future land use map to all zoned towns within the County.
- WCWRPC will distribute an electronic PDF of the adopted plan to all cities, villages, and unzoned towns within the County.

Other Logistics

- The timeline will be adjusted as needed to accommodate any unanticipated delays.
- This scope of work is to update Chippewa County's Comprehensive Plan and incorporate an update of the County Farmland Preservation Plan. The project scope does not include feasibility analysis or site-specific studies, but may identify related issues, potential priorities, and related recommendations.
- While existing County or local regulations will be reviewed and potential changes discussed, new ordinance development, model ordinances, and updates to existing regulations and the zoning map are not included as part of the project scope.
- The County may conduct additional meetings, work groups, research, and other activities in support of the plan update, then compile this information for use by WCWRPC in the plan update.

Cost Estimate

WCWRPC's project cost without optional items: \$76,000

General Plan Development:	\$22,733
Farmland Preservation Planning:	\$4,163
Committee & Town Engagement Meetings:	\$25,174
Focus Group Meetings :	\$11,435
Public Opinion & Municipal Surveys:	\$12,495
Total WCWRPC Project Costs (w/o optional items):	\$76,000

Optional Activities for Consideration:

- Month 2-4** **OPTIONAL: Regional Public Meetings (4 – one in each county quadrant)**
 – Facilitate a regional meeting in each quadrant of the county to provide overview of project
 - Encourage attendees to complete upcoming community survey
 - Engage attendees to provide input on issues/opportunities and undertake a visioning/goal exercise
Cost: \$8,900
- Month 12-13** **OPTIONAL: Open House on Draft Plan (2 hours)**
 WCWRPC will present the draft plan and allow attendees to provide comments on the plan.
Cost: \$3,200
- Month 3-4** **OPTIONAL: Hardcopy Community Survey**
 In addition to the online community survey, WCWRPC would prepare a PDF of the survey that the County could print, distribute and collect. WCWRPC will enter up to 50 hardcopy surveys with the County to enter any additional surveys collected.
Cost: \$625
- Month 16-18** **OPTIONAL: Executive Summary or Poster Plan**
 -1- to 2-page poster with vision, key issues/focus areas, priority recommendations, & future land use map.
 -WCWRPC may request County Staff and/or Plan Committee input on draft poster, perhaps as part of Meeting #7
Cost: \$2,520

Public Participation Procedures for the Chippewa County Comprehensive Plan Update

INTRODUCTION

§66.1001 (4) (a), Wisconsin Statutes, requires that the governing body of the local governmental unit adopt written procedures designed to foster public participation, including open discussion, communication programs, information services and public meetings for which advance notice has been provided, at every stage of comprehensive plan preparation, and that such written procedures provide for wide distribution of proposed, alternative or amended comprehensive elements, an opportunity for the public to submit written comments on the comprehensive plan, and a process for the local governing body to respond to such comments.

The Chippewa County Board of Supervisors recognizes the need for an open and active public participation process to foster a strong community commitment to the development and implementation of a comprehensive plan to guide the community's future growth and development. To ensure that the public has an opportunity to be involved in every stage of the update of the Comprehensive Plan, the County identifies the following actions to promote an active public involvement process that provides complete information, timely public notice, full public access to key decisions, and supports early and continuing involvement of the public in developing the plan.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCEDURES

- The County has designated the Planning and Zoning Committee as the planning and zoning agency pursuant to Wis. Stat. §59.69(2).
- All meetings of the Planning and Zoning Committee and County Board are open to the public and are officially posted to notify the public as required by law. A period for public comment is provided.
- To obtain additional public input, the plan update process will include:
 - A web-based community opinion survey
 - Mailed survey to farmland owners with 30+ acres in unincorporated areas of the County
 - Presentation and discussion at a Chippewa County District Quarterly Towns Association Meeting
 - Meetings with zoned towns
 - Focus group meetings on topics such as housing, water, economic development, agriculture, land use regulations, etc. (7 such meetings are anticipated)
 - A required public hearing prior to plan adoption
- The governmental units of adjacent or overlapping jurisdiction will be notified of the county's undertaking of the preparation of the Comprehensive Plan and their input sought on interjurisdictional issues concerning land use, municipal boundaries and service provision.
- The County Board will receive periodic reports from the Planning and Zoning Committee during the preparation of the plan and will have the opportunity to review and provide feedback on the Plan's direction.
- A draft copy of the Comprehensive Plan will be available at the Chippewa County Building/Courthouse and the City of Chippewa Falls Public Library during regular hours for the public to review and to submit written comments. A copy of the draft plan will also be available for review on the County's website.
- A Public Hearing will be conducted on the recommended Comprehensive Plan prior to the Planning and Zoning Committee recommendation by resolution and the County Board enacting the plan by ordinance. The Public Hearing will be preceded by Class 1 notice under Chapter 985, Wisconsin Statutes, published at least 30 days before the hearing is held. Additional notice will be provided pursuant to §66.1001 (4) (e), Wisconsin Statutes. The public is invited to comment during the Public Hearing and submit written comments as part of the notice.
- At least 30 days before the Public Hearing is held, the County shall also provide written notice of the draft Comprehensive Plan's availability and the Public Hearing notice to all parties described in §66.1001 (4) (e), Wisconsin Statutes.
- The County Board will consider and respond to written comments regarding the plan before enacting it by ordinance.
- The adopted comprehensive plan will be distributed in hardcopy or digital form to:

1. Every governmental body that is located in whole or in part within the boundaries of the local governmental unit.
 2. The clerk of every local governmental unit that is adjacent to the local governmental unit that is the subject of the plan as well as the clerks of the cities, villages, and towns within Chippewa County.
 3. The Wisconsin Department of Administration on behalf of the Wisconsin Land Board
 5. The West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission.
 6. The City of Chippewa Falls Public Library.
- The Chippewa County Planning and Zoning Committee, with County Board approval, may implement additional public participation activities as deemed appropriate, practicable, and needed.

STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION

Ordinance No. 01 - 25

**ORD. 01-25: ORDINANCE TO CREATE CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE IV. OF THE
CHIPPEWA COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES REGARDING SECURITY OF
COUNTY BUILDINGS - TODD PAULS - FIRST READING**

1 Passage of this ordinance will create Chapter 2, Article IV. of the Chippewa County Code
2 of Ordinances. Chapter 2, Article IV. would prohibit the possession of weapons and other
3 contraband in the following County buildings: the building housing the Circuit Court of
4 Chippewa County, the buildings housing the Chippewa County Jail and Chippewa County
5 Sheriff's Office, all Chippewa County Highway Department buildings, the county building
6 located at 21 E. Spruce Street, and the maintenance shop located at 109 E. Spruce Street.

7 Chippewa County has been working to address security issues in the Courthouse since a
8 study on security was commenced in 2012-2013, and again in 2023 following a security
9 incident. As part of this process, many security measures have been implemented. On June 11,
10 2024, the County Board voted to adopt Security Plan Hybrid Option #4, which has resulted in
11 the implementation of additional security measures, including, but not limited to, the following:
12 remodeling projects that have involved the installation of physical barriers and cameras, the
13 hiring of a second Courthouse Security Officer and creation of a security office on the first floor,
14 and the addition of fob access on numerous courthouse and County facility doors.

15 The purpose of this ordinance is to further enhance the security and safety of the public
16 and County employees who frequent and conduct business in County buildings and compliment
17 the security measures that have been implemented to date by banning the possession of
18 weapons in the identified County buildings, and by authorizing Security Officers to screen
19 occupants for prohibited items.

20 County authority to adopt the provisions of this ordinance is granted under various
21 Wisconsin Statutes, including Wis. Stat. §§ 66.0409(3)(c), 175.60(16), 943.13, and 59.54(6). This
22 ordinance includes a statutory exception for district attorneys, judges, officer of the courts, and
23 security officers, unless there is a particularized concern. In addition, this ordinance does not
24 apply to tools or other devices that are used or carried in the course of the official duties of a
25 county employee, official, agent, contractor, vendor, or any other third-party providing services
26 to the county, or to the possession by a county employee or official of CS gel or oleoresin
27 capsicum (OC) spray devices (pepper gel and pepper spray) that comply with the laws of the

28 State of Wisconsin and have a safety feature designed to prevent accidental discharge.

29 The following is a brief summary of required and prohibited acts under the ordinance
30 and enforcement of its provisions:

- 31 • Prohibits occupants from possessing, carrying, or bearing a weapon, whether concealed
32 or unconcealed, or contraband, or any other prohibited item in designated County
33 buildings.
- 34 • Prohibits occupants from bypassing or attempting to bypass any security measure, or
35 failing to comply with any lawfully posted sign or order of a security officer.
- 36 • Requires persons to, when inside a designated County building, submit to screening of
37 their person, articles, and belongings by a security officer, if requested.
- 38 • Requires persons in possession of otherwise lawfully owned weapons to secure the
39 weapon outside of the County building, or surrender it to the security officer.
- 40 • Any person who violates the Article shall be subject to a forfeiture of not more than
41 \$500.00.

Ordinance No. 01 - 25

**ORD. 01-25: ORDINANCE TO CREATE CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE IV. OF THE CHIPPEWA COUNTY
CODE OF ORDINANCES REGARDING SECURITY OF COUNTY BUILDINGS - TODD PAULS - FIRST
READING**

SEE ATTACHMENT

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Undetermined building signage costs to implement ordinance.

02/11/2025 County Board

RESULT: APPROVED [18 TO 2]

MOVER: George Rohmeyer, District 17

SECONDER: Pamela Guthman, District 2

AYES: Hull, Mueller, Flater, Guthman, Kirby, Goettl, Bergeron, Ericksen, Seidlitz, Peterson,
Lotts, Bomar, Roshell, Kelly, Kempe, Rohmeyer, Flynn, Ives

NAYS: Duane Shoebridge, Lee Hennick

ABSENT: Peter Gehring

History:

01/27/25 Legal & Law Enforcement Committee RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

02/04/25 Executive Committee FORWARD TO COUNTY BOARD

Approved as to Form:

Todd A. Pauls

Todd A. Pauls, Corporation Counsel

1/21/2025

Lori Zwiefelhofer

Lori Zwiefelhofer, Finance Director

1/21/2025

Randy B. Scholz

Randy B. Scholz, County Administrator

1/21/2025

ORDINANCE TO CREATE CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE IV. OF THE CHIPPEWA COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES REGARDING SECURITY OF COUNTY BUILDINGS

1. That Chapter 2, Article IV. of the Chippewa County Code of Ordinances is created as follows:

Chapter 2. GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

ADMINISTRATION

Article IV. Security of County Buildings

- Sec. 2-461. Definitions.
- Sec. 2-462. Prohibited and required acts.
- Sec. 2-463. Penalty.
- Secs. 2-464—2-469. Reserved.

ARTICLE IV. SECURITY OF COUNTY BUILDINGS

Sec. 2-461. Definitions.

- (a) County building means the entire building housing the Circuit Court of Chippewa County, located at 711 N. Bridge Street, Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, or some other temporary location that may be authorized by the court, the buildings housing the Chippewa County Jail and Chippewa County Sheriff's Office, all Chippewa County Highway Department buildings, the building located at 21 E. Spruce Street, and the maintenance shop located at 109 E. Spruce Street.
- (b) Contraband means any item that is illegal to possess under any law or ordinance.
- (c) Weapon means any dangerous weapon as defined in Wis. Stat. § 939.22(10), and includes any firearm as defined in Wis. Stat. § 165.85(2)(c), including, without limitation, any rifle, handgun, spring gun, airgun or bow and arrow device, whether loaded or unloaded, an electric weapon as defined in Wis. Stat. § 941.295(1c)(a), a knife, a switchblade, a billy club, CS gel and oleoresin capsicum (OC) spray devices, also known as pepper gel, pepper spray or pepper mace, metallic knuckles, nunchaku, shuriken, cestus, manrikigusari, or any other device or instrumentality that is deemed a threat to security or is designed, used, or intended to be used as a weapon, and is capable of producing great bodily harm or death.
- (d) District attorney means the District Attorney of Chippewa County, any duly qualified deputy or assistant, any employee of the office of the district attorney, or any attorney working on behalf of the district attorney.
- (e) Judge has the same meaning as Wis. Stat. § 967.02(2m).
- (f) Officer of the court means a judicial assistant, court commissioner, clerk of court, court reporter, corporation counsel, civilian bailiff, register in probate, deputy clerk, deputy register in probate, juvenile clerk, deputy juvenile clerk, or attorney employed by the office of State Public Defender, or active attorney in good standing with the State Bar of Wisconsin.

- (g) Prohibited item means any object or substance that the possession or use of is restricted or barred in a county building, including a weapon or contraband.
- (h) Security officer means any law enforcement officer, as defined in Wis. Stat. § 165.85(2)(c), or jail officer, as defined in Wis. Stat. § 165.85(2)(bn), who is assigned, permanently or temporarily, for the purposes of screening persons entering a county building, maintaining order and preserving the peace, enforcing laws, ordinances, and orders of the court, and protecting persons therein, or has been tasked with transporting prisoners or other persons in custody to or from the court, a correctional officer as defined in Wis. Stat. § 301.28(1), or probation, extended supervision, parole, or aftercare agent as defined in Wis. Stat. § 940.20(2m) who is attending court for official business matters, or any other law enforcement officer defined in Wis. Stat. § 967.02(5).

Sec. 2-462. Prohibited and required acts.

- (a) Prohibited Acts. No person shall:
 - (1) Disobey the lawful order of any security officer under this section.
 - (2) Except as provided in subsection (b)(2), possess, carry, or bear a weapon, whether concealed or unconcealed, or contraband, or any other prohibited item within any county building.
 - (3) Bypass or attempt to bypass any security measure, including but not limited to posted or locked doors, entry control points, or signage restricting the movement of persons in a county building.
 - (4) Fail to comply with any lawfully posted sign or placard.
 - (5) Attempt to disable, bypass, tamper with, or otherwise affect the proper operation of any security device, sign, placard, or physical barrier in a county building.
 - (6) Aid or abet another person in an attempt to disable, bypass, tamper with, or otherwise affect the proper operation of any security device, sign, placard, or physical barrier in a county building.
 - (7) Violate any regulation lawfully created regarding county buildings.
- (b) Required Acts.
 - (1) Screening.
 - a. All persons, except as provided in subsection (b)(2), may be required to submit to screening of their person, articles, and belongings for weapons by a security officer prior to entering a county building. This includes all backpacks, bags, briefcases, packages, purses, and other personal property.

- b. All persons, except as provided in subsection (b)(2), may be required to submit to screening and re-screening by a security officer at any time while inside a county building.
- c. Any person who refuses to submit to such screening or re-screening shall be denied access to, or removed from, the county building.
- d. Persons found in possession of a prohibited item, including a weapon, that is otherwise legal to possess outside of the county building, shall be given the option to secure the prohibited item outside of the county building, such as in a personal vehicle, or surrender the item to a security officer.
- e. Any prohibited item surrendered to, or confiscated by, a security officer shall be disposed of in accordance with applicable law.

(2) Exceptions.

- a. Restrictions on the possession of weapons, contraband, or other prohibited items in county buildings shall not apply to items of evidence related to a matter before the court, subject to any security procedure established by the sheriff.
- b. Requirements for screening shall apply to all persons, except the person and belongings of a district attorney, judge, officer of the court, or security officer, unless a security officer has a security concern that the security officer believes warrants screening.
- c. Restrictions on the possession of a weapon under subsection (a)(2) shall not apply to any security officer, or a person exempted under Wis. Stat. § 175.60(16)(b). A security officer shall submit to screening and shall not possess a weapon in a county building when the security officer is a party to litigation in a personal and unofficial capacity, is a witness in a matter unrelated to official law enforcement duties, is a spectator in a manner or conducting business unrelated to official law enforcement duties, or is serving as a juror.
- d. Restrictions on the possession of a weapon under subsection (a)(2) shall not apply to the following:
 - 1. Tools or other devices that are used or carried in the course of the official duties of a county employee, official, agent, contractor, vendor, or any other third-party providing services to the county.
 - 2. Possession by a county employee or official of CS gel or oleoresin capsicum (OC) spray devices (pepper gel and pepper spray) that comply with the laws of the State of Wisconsin and have a safety feature designed to prevent accidental discharge.

Sec. 2-463. Penalty.

- (a) Penalty. Any person who violates, disobeys, neglects, refuses to comply with or resists the enforcement of any provision of this article shall, upon conviction, be subject to a forfeiture of not more than \$500.00, together with costs and assessments.
 - (b) Enforcement. A citation for violation of this section may be issued by the Chippewa County Sheriff's Office or any other security officer with jurisdiction in the location the violation occurred.
2. That Chapter 2, Article IV. of the Chippewa County Code of Ordinances shall take effect upon passage and publication.

Forwarded to the County Board by the Executive Committee.

**STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR APPOINTMENT - DHS DIRECTOR**

I, Randy B. Scholz, appoint, subject to County Board confirmation, Bobbie Jaeger, as Chippewa County Human Services Director. Bobbie will begin her new position on Monday, February 17, 2025.

Dated this 11th day of February, 2025

*Randy B. Scholz
County Administrator*

Department of Administration

Randy B. Scholz, County Administrator

February 3, 2025

New Human Services Director

I am pleased to announce Bobbie Jaeger as the new Chippewa County Human Services Director starting on February 17, 2025.

Bobbie earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology with a concentration in Family Studies, from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. Following her undergraduate education, she worked in many areas of social services serving domestic violence, homeless, and at-risk families and individuals. She earned her Masters degree in Human Services Leadership from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh.

Bobbie has worked for Chippewa County since 2013 as the Economic Support Manager in the Department of Human Services. During this time, she worked collaboratively as a part of the 10-county consortium-Great Rivers to administer income maintenance programs. Bobbie takes pride in the collaborative work that she's done with Great Rivers; becoming one of the top performing consortia in the state. In her time with Human Services, Bobbie has had the opportunity to work closely with other Human Services Managers, gaining experience with the challenges and successes of each division.



Bobbie grew up and continues to live in rural Pierce County, which developed her passion for service to the community. Coming from a family of first responders, and as a former volunteer EMT, helping people continues to motivate her into service.

Outside of her career in Human Services, she enjoys spending time with her family. She is a proud mom of four and recently welcomed her first Granddaughter. They enjoy the outdoors, cookouts, and sports.

Please join me in congratulating Bobbie and welcoming her to our leadership team.



Randy Scholz
County Administrator



**STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR APPOINTMENT - ADRC BOARD**

10.2

County Appointment to Statutory Commissions and Boards

I, Randy B. Scholz, re-appoint, subject to County Board confirmation, Donald Hauser, to the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) Board. The term of office will expire April 15, 2028.

Dated this 11th day of February, 2025

Randy Scholz
County Administrator

**STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR APPOINTMENT - HEALTH & HUMAN
SERVICES BOARD**

County Appointment to Statutory Commissions and Boards

I, Randy B. Scholz, appoint, subject to County Board confirmation, the individuals listed below, to the following statutory commissions and boards. The term of office will expire as indicated.

Health & Human Services Board

Kari Ives (reappoint) Term expires April 15, 2028
 John (Jack) Halbleib (reappoint) Term expires April 15, 2028
 Marcia Kyes (reappoint) Term expires April 15, 2028

Dated this 11th day of February, 2025

Randy Scholz
County Administrator



**STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR APPOINTMENT - LAND CONSERVATION &
FOREST MANAGMENT COMMITTEE**

10.4

County Administrator Appointment to Statutory Commissions and Boards

I, Randy B. Scholz, re-appoint, subject to County Board confirmation, James Pingel, to the Land Conservation and Forest Management Committee as the Chippewa County representative engaged in agricultural use, as defined under Wis. Stat. § 91.01(2)(a)1. to 7. His term will expire March 10, 2027.

Dated this 11th day of February, 2025

Randy Scholz
County Administrator



**STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR APPOINTMENT - VETERANS SERVICE
COMMISSION**

10.5

County Administrator Appointment to Statutory Commissions and Boards

I, Randy B. Scholz, re-appoint, Phillip Sarazan, to the Veterans Service Commission. The term of office will expire on April 15, 2028.

Dated this 11th day of February, 2025

Randy Scholz
County Administrator

STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR APPOINTMENT - ETHICS INQUIRY BOARD

County Administrator Appointment to Statutory Commissions and Boards

I, Randy Scholz, re-appoint, subject to County Board confirmation, the individual listed below to the Ethics Inquiry Board per Ordinance Sec. 2-192(e). The term of office will expire as indicated.

The Ethics Inquiry Board shall be responsible for investigating a complaint, and conducting a fact finding hearing pursuant to Sec. 2-192(e)(3), in any case where the Ethics Inquiry Board has found that probable cause exists for believing the allegations of a complaint referred to the Ethics Inquiry Board after preliminary review pursuant to Sec. 2-192(b-d). The Corporation Counsel shall provide legal advice, administrative support and assistance to the Ethics Inquiry Board.

Chad Verbeten, Attorney Term expires April 15, 2028

Dated this 11th day of February, 2025

Randy Scholz
County Administrator