

**Chippewa County
County Board of Supervisors
Regular Meeting
June 9, 2026
Chippewa County Courthouse, Room 302
6:00 PM**

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 06:00 PM

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

3. Roll Call

Members Present:

County Board Supervisor - District 7 Jason Bergeron
County Board Supervisor - District 1 James Flater
County Board Supervisor - District 2 Pam Guthman
County Board Supervisor - District 3 Duane Shoebridge
County Board Supervisor - District 4 Peter Gehring
County Board Supervisor - District 5 Dennis Bachman
County Board Supervisor - District 8 James Ericksen
County Board Supervisor - District 11 Karen Lotts
County Board Supervisor - District 12 Charles Bomar
County Board Supervisor - District 13 Joseph Roshell
County Board Supervisor - District 15 Lee Hennick
County Board Supervisor - District 17 George Rohmeyer, Jr.
County Board Supervisor - District 18 Daniel Hardy
County Board Supervisor - District 19 Chuck Hull
County Board Supervisor - District 20 Nina Eisold
County Board Supervisor - District 21 Kari Ives

Members Absent:

County Board Supervisor - District 9 Joel Seidlitz
County Board Supervisor - District 10 Matthew Peterson
County Board Supervisor - District 14 David Kelly
County Board Supervisor - District 16 Rocky Kempe

Others Present:

Andy Albarado, Patty Schimmel, Leah Simington, Andy Bauer, Chris Elstran, Curt Dutton, Lynda Schweikert, Todd Pauls, Traci Bremness, Scott Nabbefeld, Doug Clary and Jaclyn Sadler

4. Approval of Agenda

Motion:	Approved
Result:	(16 - 0)
Mover:	Karen Lotts
Second:	Pam Guthman
Ayes:	Jason Bergeron, James Flater, Pam Guthman, Duane Shoebridge, Peter Gehring, Dennis Bachman, James Ericksen, Karen Lotts, Charles Bomar, Joseph Roshell, Lee Hennick, George Rohmeyer, Jr., Daniel Hardy, Chuck Hull, Nina Eisold, Kari Ives
Nays:	None
Absent:	Joel Seidlitz, Matthew Peterson, David Kelly, Rocky Kempe

5. Members of the Public Wishing to Be Heard

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

Tom Zwiefelhofer, Town of Howard, spoke against 1/2 percent sales tax increase.

Terry Lambert, Town of Bloomer, spoke against 1/2 percent sales tax increase.
 Heather Rothbauer-Wanish, Town of Howard, spoke against 1/2 percent sales tax increase.
 Dennis Dvoracek, Town of Howard, spoke against 1/2 percent sales tax increase.
 Paul Krumenauer, Town of Wheaton, thanked the board for approving the atv routes at the last meeting. He also spoke on the 1/2 percent sales tax increase and asked if the bulletin boards in the lower level breakroom could be made public.
 Josh Conrey, City of Chippewa Falls, spoke against 1/2 percent sales tax increase.

6. Consent Agenda

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

Motion:	Approved
Result:	Passed (16 - 0)
Mover:	James Flater
Seconder:	Karen Lotts
Ayes:	Jason Bergeron, James Flater, Pam Guthman, Duane Shoebridge, Peter Gehring, Dennis Bachman, James Ericksen, Karen Lotts, Charles Bomar, Joseph Roshell, Lee Hennick, George Rohmeyer, Jr., Daniel Hardy, Chuck Hull, Nina Eisold, Kari Ives
Nayes:	None
Absent:	Joel Seidlitz, Matthew Peterson, David Kelly, Rocky Kempe

1. Approve the Minutes
 - May 12, 2026
 - May 19, 2026
2. Schedule Next Meeting Date
 - June 23, 2026
 - July 14, 2026

7. Reports

1. County Administrator Review and Update
 - A. 2027-2031 Capital Improvement Plan - Andy Albarado

County Administrator Albarado explained the 2027-2031 Capital Improvement Plan to the County Board.
2. Department Reports
 - A. Monthly Statements of Claim Filed - Jaclyn Sadler

County Clerk, Jaclyn Sadler, informed the County Board that there were two new claims filed since the last meeting.
 - B. Overview of Bonding Process - Leah Simington

Finance Director, Leah Simington, reviewed the bonding process to the board.
3. General Reports

8. Business Items

1. OneFest Ltd. 2024-2026 Revised Contract - Andy Albarado

Motion:	Approved
Result:	Passed (15 - 0)
Mover:	None
Second:	James Flater
Ayes:	Jason Bergeron, James Flater, Pam Guthman, Duane Shoebridge, Peter Gehring, Dennis Bachman, Karen Lotts, Charles Bomar, Joseph Roshell, Lee Hennick, George Rohmeyer, Jr., Daniel Hardy, Chuck Hull, Nina Eisold, Kari Ives
Nayes:	None
Absent:	Joel Seidlitz, Matthew Peterson, David Kelly, Rocky Kempe
Supervisor Ericksen stepped out before the vote.	

2. Res. 12-26: Initial Resolution Authorizing Not to Exceed \$7,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes for Highway Improvement Projects - Andy Albarado/Brad Viegut

Motion by Supervisor Flater to approve Resolution and seconded by Supervisor Guthman. During discussion of resolution Supervisor Hennick made a motion to postpone the resolution until the July 14, 2026 County Board meeting due to having 4 supervisors absent from the meeting.

Motion:	Postponed to the July 14, 2026 County Board meeting
Result:	Passed (13 - 3)
Mover:	Lee Hennick
Second:	Peter Gehring
Ayes:	Jason Bergeron, James Flater, Pam Guthman, Duane Shoebridge, Peter Gehring, Dennis Bachman, James Ericksen, Charles Bomar, Joseph Roshell, Lee Hennick, George Rohmeyer, Jr., Daniel Hardy, Nina Eisold
Nayes:	Karen Lotts, Chuck Hull, Kari Ives
Absent:	Joel Seidlitz, Matthew Peterson, David Kelly, Rocky Kempe

3. Res. 13-26: Resolution Providing for the Sale of Not to Exceed \$7,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes - Andy Albarado/Brad Viegut

Motion by Supervisor Flater to approve Resolution and seconded by Supervisor Guthman. During discussion of resolution Supervisor Hull made a motion to postpone the resolution until the July 14, 2026 County Board meeting due to having 4 supervisors absent from the meeting.

Motion:	Postponed to July 14, 2026 County Board Meeting
Result:	Passed (15 - 1)
Mover:	Chuck Hull
Second:	Charles Bomar
Ayes:	Jason Bergeron, James Flater, Pam Guthman, Duane Shoebridge, Peter Gehring, Dennis Bachman, James Ericksen, Charles Bomar, Joseph Roshell, Lee Hennick, George Rohmeyer, Jr., Daniel Hardy, Chuck Hull, Nina Eisold, Kari Ives
Nayes:	Karen Lotts
Absent:	Joel Seidlitz, Matthew Peterson, David Kelly, Rocky Kempe

4. Res. 14-26: Resolution to Authorize the Use of Sales Tax Funds to Pay Debt Service Liabilities as Part of the 2027 Chippewa County Budget - Andy Albarado

Motion:	Approved
Result:	Passed (15 - 0)
Mover:	Daniel Hardy
Second:	Karen Lotts
Ayes:	Jason Bergeron, James Flater, Pam Guthman, Duane Shoebridge, Peter Gehring, Dennis Bachman, James Ericksen, Karen Lotts, Charles Bomar, Lee Hennick, George Rohmeyer, Jr., Daniel Hardy, Chuck Hull, Nina Eisold, Kari Ives
Nays:	None
Absent:	Joel Seidlitz, Matthew Peterson, David Kelly, Rocky Kempe
Supervisor Roshell had stepped out before the vote.	

5. Res. 15-26: Resolution to Approve the Use of Sales Tax Funds for the Annual Contribution to the Chippewa Valley Regional Airport to be Used for Airport Capital Projects and/or Airport Debt Service as Part of the 2027 Chippewa County Budget - Andy Albarado

Motion:	Approved
Result:	Passed (16 - 0)
Mover:	James Flater
Second:	Daniel Hardy
Ayes:	Jason Bergeron, James Flater, Pam Guthman, Duane Shoebridge, Peter Gehring, Dennis Bachman, James Ericksen, Karen Lotts, Charles Bomar, Joseph Roshell, Lee Hennick, George Rohmeyer, Jr., Daniel Hardy, Chuck Hull, Nina Eisold, Kari Ives
Nays:	None
Absent:	Joel Seidlitz, Matthew Peterson, David Kelly, Rocky Kempe

6. Res. 16-26: Resolution to Authorize the Use of Sales Tax Funds for Facilities & Parks Division Capital Improvement Projects as Part of the 2027 Capital Improvement Plan - Andy Albarado/Scott Nabbefeld

Motion:	Approved
Result:	Passed (16 - 0)
Mover:	Karen Lotts
Second:	Dennis Bachman
Ayes:	Jason Bergeron, James Flater, Pam Guthman, Duane Shoebridge, Peter Gehring, Dennis Bachman, James Ericksen, Karen Lotts, Charles Bomar, Joseph Roshell, Lee Hennick, George Rohmeyer, Jr., Daniel Hardy, Chuck Hull, Nina Eisold, Kari Ives
Nays:	None
Absent:	Joel Seidlitz, Matthew Peterson, David Kelly, Rocky Kempe

7. Res. 17-26: Resolution to Authorize Funding of Highway Department Capital Improvement Projects as Part of the 2027 Chippewa County Budget - Andy Albarado/Chris Elstran

Motion made by Supervisor Flater to approve Resolution 17-26 and second made by Supervisor Lotts. During the discussion Supervisor Bomar made a motion to postpone the Resolution to the July 14, 2026 County Board Meeting.

Motion:	Postponed to the July 14, 2026 County Board Meeting
Result:	Passed (15 - 1)
Mover:	Charles Bomar
Second:	Lee Hennick
Ayes:	Jason Bergeron, James Flater, Pam Guthman, Duane Shoebridge, Peter Gehring, Dennis Bachman, James Ericksen, Charles Bomar, Joseph Roshell, Lee Hennick, George Rohmeyer, Jr., Daniel Hardy, Chuck Hull, Nina Eisold, Kari Ives
Nays:	Karen Lotts

Absent:	Joel Seidlitz, Matthew Peterson, David Kelly, Rocky Kempe
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8. Res. 18-26: Resolution to Authorize Use of Sales Tax Funds for the IT Division for Computer Equipment Replacement as Part of the 2027 Capital Improvement Plan - Andy Albarado/Andy Bauer

Motion:	Approved
Result:	Passed (16 - 0)
Mover:	Karen Lotts
Second:	Pam Guthman
Ayes:	Jason Bergeron, James Flater, Pam Guthman, Duane Shoebridge, Peter Gehring, Dennis Bachman, James Ericksen, Karen Lotts, Charles Bomar, Joseph Roshell, Lee Hennick, George Rohmeyer, Jr., Daniel Hardy, Chuck Hull, Nina Eisold, Kari Ives
Nayes:	None
Absent:	Joel Seidlitz, Matthew Peterson, David Kelly, Rocky Kempe

9. Res. 19-26: Resolution to Authorize the Use of Funding for Department of Land Conservation and Forest Management Capital Improvement Projects as Part of the 2027 Capital Improvement Plan - Andy Albarado/Lynda Schweikart

Motion:	Approved
Result:	Passed (16 - 0)
Mover:	Charles Bomar
Second:	Karen Lotts
Ayes:	Jason Bergeron, James Flater, Pam Guthman, Duane Shoebridge, Peter Gehring, Dennis Bachman, James Ericksen, Karen Lotts, Charles Bomar, Joseph Roshell, Lee Hennick, George Rohmeyer, Jr., Daniel Hardy, Chuck Hull, Nina Eisold, Kari Ives
Nayes:	None
Absent:	Joel Seidlitz, Matthew Peterson, David Kelly, Rocky Kempe

10. Res. 20-26: Resolution to Authorize the Use of Sales Tax Funds for Sheriff's Office Capital Improvement Projects as Part of the 2027 Capital Improvement Plan - Andy Albarado/Curt Dutton

Motion:	Approved
Result:	Passed (16 - 0)
Mover:	Karen Lotts
Second:	Lee Hennick
Ayes:	Jason Bergeron, James Flater, Pam Guthman, Duane Shoebridge, Peter Gehring, Dennis Bachman, James Ericksen, Karen Lotts, Charles Bomar, Joseph Roshell, Lee Hennick, George Rohmeyer, Jr., Daniel Hardy, Chuck Hull, Nina Eisold, Kari Ives
Nayes:	None
Absent:	Joel Seidlitz, Matthew Peterson, David Kelly, Rocky Kempe

11. Res. 21-26: Chippewa County Board of Supervisors Proposed Resolution for WCA Consideration

Resolution Seeking Authorization From the Wisconsin State Legislature for Wisconsin Counties to Adopt an Additional .5% Sales Tax For Road and Bridge Infrastructure — Chris Elstran / Andy Albarado

Motion:	Approved
Result:	Passed (10 - 6)
Mover:	James Flater
Second:	Daniel Hardy
Ayes:	Jason Bergeron, James Flater, Pam Guthman, Peter Gehring, James Ericksen, Charles Bomar, George Rohmeyer, Jr., Daniel Hardy, Chuck Hull, Kari Ives
Nayes:	Duane Shoebridge, Dennis Bachman, Karen Lotts, Joseph Roshell, Lee Hennick, Nina Eisold
Absent:	Joel Seidlitz, Matthew Peterson, David Kelly, Rocky Kempe

Motion to Postpone:	Motion to postpone Res. 21-26 to the July 14, 2026 County Board meeting.
Result:	Failed (5 - 11)
Mover:	Duane Shoebridge
Second:	Karen Lotts
Ayes:	Duane Shoebridge, Dennis Bachman, Karen Lotts, Joseph Roshell, Lee Hennick
Nayes:	Jason Bergeron, James Flater, Pam Guthman, Peter Gehring, James Ericksen, Charles Bomar, George Rohmeyer, Jr., Daniel Hardy, Chuck Hull, Nina Eisold, Kari Ives
Absent:	Joel Seidlitz, Matthew Peterson, David Kelly, Rocky Kempe

Motion by Supervisor Shoebridge to amend resolution to send the resolution to referendum to the residents of Chippewa County before sending it to WCA. Motion failed as there wasn't a second to the motion.

Motion to Call the Question:	Approved
Result:	Passed (16 - 0)
Mover:	Kari Ives
Second:	George Rohmeyer, Jr.
Ayes:	Jason Bergeron, James Flater, Pam Guthman, Duane Shoebridge, Peter Gehring, Dennis Bachman, James Ericksen, Karen Lotts, Charles Bomar, Joseph Roshell, Lee Hennick, George Rohmeyer, Jr., Daniel Hardy, Chuck Hull, Nina Eisold, Kari Ives
Nayes:	None
Absent:	Joel Seidlitz, Matthew Peterson, David Kelly, Rocky Kempe

12. Ord. 07-26: Ordinance to Amend Chapter 70 of the Chippewa County Code of Ordinances Zoning Ordinance - First Reading - Doug Clary

Motion:	Approved
Result:	Passed (16 - 0)
Mover:	George Rohmeyer, Jr.
Second:	James Flater
Ayes:	Jason Bergeron, James Flater, Pam Guthman, Duane Shoebridge, Peter Gehring, Dennis Bachman, James Ericksen, Karen Lotts, Charles Bomar, Joseph Roshell, Lee Hennick, George Rohmeyer, Jr., Daniel Hardy, Chuck Hull, Nina Eisold, Kari Ives
Nayes:	None
Absent:	Joel Seidlitz, Matthew Peterson, David Kelly, Rocky Kempe

Motion to Suspend the Rules to waive the second reading:	
Result:	Passed (15 - 1)
Mover:	Peter Gehring
Second:	Karen Lotts
Ayes:	Jason Bergeron, James Flater, Pam Guthman, Duane Shoebridge, Peter Gehring, Dennis Bachman, James Ericksen, Karen Lotts, Charles Bomar, Joseph Roshell, George Rohmeyer, Jr., Daniel Hardy, Chuck Hull, Nina Eisold, Kari Ives
Nayes:	Lee Hennick
Absent:	Joel Seidlitz, Matthew Peterson, David Kelly, Rocky Kempe

13. Ord. 08-26: Ordinance to Amend Chapter 10 of the Chippewa County Code of Ordinances Regarding Building and Building Regulations - First Reading - Doug Clary

The second reading for the ordinance amendment will be at the July 14, 2026 County Board meeting.

14. Ord. 09-26: Ordinance to Amend Sections 50-1 and 50-22 of the Chippewa County Code of Ordinances Regarding Parks - First Reading - Scott Nabbefeld

The second reading for the ordinance amendment will be at the July 14, 2026 County Board meeting.

15. Purchasing Policy Revisions - Leah Simington - Second Reading

Motion:	Approved
Result:	Passed (16 - 0)
Mover:	None
Second:	None
Ayes:	Jason Bergeron, James Flater, Pam Guthman, Duane Shoebridge, Peter Gehring, Dennis Bachman, James Ericksen, Karen Lotts, Charles Bomar, Joseph Roshell, Lee Hennick, George Rohmeyer, Jr., Daniel Hardy, Chuck Hull, Nina Eisold, Kari Ives
Nayes:	None
Absent:	Joel Seidlitz, Matthew Peterson, David Kelly, Rocky Kempe

9. County Board Chair Appointments

10. County Administrator Appointments

11. Agenda Items for Future Consideration

12. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at: 8:58 PM

Result:	(16 - 0)
Mover:	James Ericksen
Second:	Karen Lotts
Ayes:	Jason Bergeron, James Flater, Pam Guthman, Duane Shoebridge, Peter Gehring, Dennis Bachman, James Ericksen, Karen Lotts, Charles Bomar, Joseph Roshell, Lee Hennick, George Rohmeyer, Jr., Daniel Hardy, Chuck Hull, Nina Eisold, Kari Ives
Absent:	Joel Seidlitz, Matthew Peterson, David Kelly, Rocky Kempe