

**Chippewa County
Executive Committee
Regular Meeting
June 16, 2026
Chippewa County Courthouse, Room 302
4:30 PM**

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 04:00 PM

2. Roll Call

Members Present:

Jason Bergeron, Joel Seidlitz, Joseph Roshell, Karen Lotts

Members Absent:

Kari Ives

Others Present:

Others Present: Andy Albarado, Traci Bremness, Leah Simington, Todd Pauls, Pam Guthman, Chuck Bomar, Andy Bauer, Erik Dickson, Angela Quick, Steve Little, Bob Krause, Micky Judkins, Elizabeth Johnson, Patty Schimmel, Jessica McDonald, Todd Pauls, Brad Viegut

3. Members of the Public Wishing to Be Heard

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

Dr. Erik Dickson, Angela Quick, Steve Little, Bob Kaue, Elizabeth Johnson and Micky Judkins all spoke in favor of the Chippewa Valley Community Hospital and encouraged the committee and County Board to support their request for a \$10 Million Loan from the Wisconsin Board of Commissioner of Public Lands.

4. Consent Agenda

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

Motion:	Approved
Result:	Passed (4 - 0)
Mover:	Karen Lotts
Seconder:	Joel Seidlitz
Ayes:	Jason Bergeron, Joel Seidlitz, Joseph Roshell, Karen Lotts
Nayes:	None
Absent:	Kari Ives

1. Approve the Agenda
2. Approve the Minutes - June 2, 2026
3. Schedule Next Meeting Date - July 7, 2026

5. Reports

6. Updates, Announcements, and Correspondence

1. County Board Chair Report
 - a. District 6 County Board Supervisor Vacancy - Jason Bergeron

Bergeron reported that Supervisor Goettl recently resigned from his position as District 6 Supervisor and sadly since

that time he has passed away. The County recruited for the vacancy and the deadline for applications is June 16th. We received three applications. His goal is to meet with the candidates and bring a recommendation to the July 14th County Board meeting for confirmation.

b. County Treasurer Vacancy - Jason Bergeron

Bergeron reported that Patty Schimmel has submitted her retirement notice effective October 9, 2026. His recommendation is to recruit and appoint someone to fill the remainder of the term through December 31, 2028. His goal is to bring a resolution to the Executive Committee and County Board in July to seek support for recruiting and appointing someone rather than hold a special election, which would not occur until April 2028. A second resolution would then come forward in September to appoint a new Treasurer. See the memo on file for more details.

Patty Schimmel has worked for Chippewa County for 42 years. She expressed her support for the recruitment process as it will hopefully allow some cross-over time for her to help train the new person. Also, they are recruiting for a new Deputy Treasurer so there will be two new people in the office.

2. County Administrator Operation Report

7. Business Items

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

Motion:	Motion to recess to closed session at 5:02 p.m. Closed session to include the following: Andy Albarado, Traci Bremness, Todd Pauls, Leah Simington, all Executive Committee members and any other County Board Supervisors
Result:	(4 - 0)
Mover:	Karen Lotts
Second:	Joseph Roshell
Ayes:	Jason Bergeron, Joel Seidlitz, Joseph Roshell, Karen Lotts
Nays:	None
Absent:	Kari Ives

Motion to:	Motion to allow Brad Viegut to attend closed session remotely.
Result:	Passed (4 - 0)
Mover:	Joel Seidlitz
Second:	Karen Lotts
Ayes:	Jason Bergeron, Joel Seidlitz, Joseph Roshell, Karen Lotts
Nays:	None
Absent:	Kari Ives

2. The Executive Committee will reconvene to open session.

Motion:	Motion to reconvene to open session at 6:01 p.m.
Result:	Passed (4 - 0)
Mover:	Joel Seidlitz
Second:	Joseph Roshell
Ayes:	Jason Bergeron, Joel Seidlitz, Joseph Roshell, Karen Lotts
Nays:	None
Absent:	Kari Ives

8. Agenda Items for Future Consideration

9. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at: 06:02 PM

Result:	Passed (4 - 0)
Mover:	Karen Lotts
Second:	Joseph Roshell
Ayes:	Jason Bergeron, Joel Seidlitz, Joseph Roshell, Karen Lotts
Absent:	Kari Ives