

**Chippewa County
Executive Committee
Regular Meeting
July 7, 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, Kari Ives, Karen Lotts
Members Absent: Joseph Roshell
Others Present: Others Present: Andy Albarado, Traci Bremness, Leah Simington, Jackie Sadler, Ryan Hartzell, Chris Fitzgerald, Dennis Bachman, Jessica McDonald, Todd Pauls, Gerylanne Falch, Linda Falch

3. Members of the Public Wishing to Be Heard

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

Gerylanne Falch and Linda Falch both spoke in support of the Chippewa Valley Health Cooperative's project and the need for additional health care services in our area.

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, Kari Ives, Karen Lotts
Nayes:	None
Absent:	Joseph Roshell

1. Approve the Agenda
2. Approve the Minutes - June 16, 2026
3. Schedule Next Meeting Date - July 21, 2026

5. Reports

6. Business Items

1. Resolution to Approve a Public-Private Partnership Agreement Between Chippewa County and Ntera, LLC, in Support of a Proposed Broadband Expansion Project by Ntera, LLC in Chippewa County - Andy Albarado/Ryan Hartzell

Hartzell explained this project is similar to the efforts under ARPA and BEAD to expand fiber-based broadband to underserved areas of the county. This would provide coverage to over 1,000 additional households.

This item was reviewed by the committee and will be forwarded to the County Board for review at the 07/14/2026 meeting.

Motion:	Forwarded to the County Board
Result:	Passed (4 - 0)
Mover:	Joel Seidlitz
Second:	Kari Ives
Ayes:	Jason Bergeron, Joel Seidlitz, Kari Ives, Karen Lotts
Nays:	None
Absent:	Joseph Roshell

2. Resolution to Approve a Public-Private Partnership Agreement Between Chippewa County and CTC Telcom, Inc., DBA Mosaic Technologies In Support of a Proposed Broadband Expansion Project by CTC Telcom, Inc., DBA Mosaic Technologies in Chippewa County - Andy Albarado/Chris Fitzgerald

Fitzgerald explained this public-private partnership helps them get more points with their grant applications. Their goal is to also expand fiber-based broadband to underserved areas of the county.

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Motion:	Forwarded to the County Board
Result:	Passed (4 - 0)
Mover:	Joel Seidlitz
Second:	Karen Lotts
Ayes:	Jason Bergeron, Joel Seidlitz, Kari Ives, Karen Lotts
Nays:	None
Absent:	Joseph Roshell

3. Resolution to Authorize County Board Appointment to Fill the Vacancy of the Position of County Treasurer - Andy Albarado

Albarado explained there are two ways to fill the vacancy and the recommendation is to recruit which would allow us to get someone in the office sooner. He reviewed a draft timeline, advertisement and job description. The vacancy would be posted on 07/15/26. There will be a special Executive Committee meeting on Monday, August 10th at 4:00 to conduct interviews. The goal is to bring a resolution to the Executive Committee and County Board in September to appoint a new Treasurer. Patty's last day is 10/12/26.

This item was reviewed by the committee and will be forwarded to the County Board for review at the 07/14/2026 meeting.

Motion:	Forwarded to the County Board
Result:	Passed (4 - 0)
Mover:	Kari Ives
Second:	Karen Lotts
Ayes:	Jason Bergeron, Joel Seidlitz, Kari Ives, Karen Lotts
Nays:	None
Absent:	Joseph Roshell

4. County Clerk Proposed Fee Increase for 2027 Budget - Jackie Sadler

Sadler requested to increase the marriage license fees in 2027 from \$90 to \$100. If approved, she anticipates it will bring in an additional \$3,700 in revenue.

Motion:	Approved to increase marriage license fees from \$90 to \$100 for 2027
Result:	Passed (4 - 0)
Mover:	Karen Lotts
Second:	Kari Ives
Ayes:	Jason Bergeron, Joel Seidlitz, Kari Ives, Karen Lotts
Nays:	None
Absent:	Joseph Roshell

7. Updates, Announcements, and Correspondence

1. County Board Chair Report
2. County Administrator Operation Report

8. Agenda Items for Future Consideration

9. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at: 04:48 PM

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