

**Chippewa County
County Board of Supervisors
Regular Meeting
July 14, 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 9 Joel Seidlitz
County Board Supervisor - District 1 James Flater
County Board Supervisor - District 2 Pam Guthman
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 10 Matthew Peterson
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 14 David Kelly
County Board Supervisor - District 15 Lee Hennick
County Board Supervisor - District 16 Rocky Kempe
County Board Supervisor - District 17 George Rohmeyer, Jr.
County Board Supervisor - District 18 Daniel Hardy
County Board Supervisor - District 19 Chuck Hull
County Board Supervisor - District 20 Nina Eisold
County Board Supervisor - District 21 Kari Ives

Members Absent:

County Board Supervisor - District 3 Duane Shoebridge

Others Present:

Andy Albarado, Leah Simington, Chris Elstran, Andy Bauer, Jessica McDonald, Patty Zenner, Kristen Bruder, Jordan Blue, Tod Pauls, Traci Bremness and Jackie Sadler

4. Approval of Agenda

Motion:	Approved
Result:	Passed (19 - 0)
Mover:	David Kelly
Second:	Karen Lotts
Ayes:	Jason Bergeron, Joel Seidlitz, James Flater, Pam Guthman, Peter Gehring, Dennis Bachman, James Ericksen, Matthew Peterson, Karen Lotts, Charles Bomar, Joseph Roshell, David Kelly, Lee Hennick, Rocky Kempe, George Rohmeyer, Jr., Daniel Hardy, Chuck Hull, Nina Eisold, Kari Ives
Nays:	None
Absent:	Duane Shoebridge

5. Members of the Public Wishing to Be Heard

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

There were no members of the public wishing to be heard.

6. Consent Agenda

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

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

1. Approve the Minutes - June 9, 2026
2. Schedule Next Meeting Date - August 11, 2026, 5:00 pm
 - Note earlier start time

7. Reports

1. County Administrator Review and Update
2. Department Reports
 - A. UW-Extension Report - Kristen Bruder

UW-Extension Area Director, Kristen Bruder attended the meeting and spoke briefly on the partnership of UW-Extension with Chippewa County. Jordan Blue, 4-H Youth Development Educator, presented on the 4-H program and introduced four 4-H youth members, Maggie, Brooklyn, Ben and Ervin. The youth members each spoke to the board about their experience in 4-H.

- B. Monthly Statements of Claim Filed - Jaclyn Sadler

County Clerk, Jaclyn Sadler, informed the board that there were two new claims filed since the last meeting.

3. General Reports

8. Business Items

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

“Approved by the County Board this 14th day of July, 2026”

Motion:	Approved
Result:	Passed (19 - 0)
Mover:	James Flater
Second:	Pam Guthman

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

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

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Nayes:	None
Absent:	Duane Shoebridge

3. 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:	Approved
Result:	Passed (19 - 0)
Mover:	James Flater
Second:	Karen Lotts
Ayes:	Jason Bergeron, Joel Seidlitz, James Flater, Pam Guthman, Peter Gehring, Dennis Bachman, James Ericksen, Matthew Peterson, Karen Lotts, Charles Bomar, Joseph Roshell, David Kelly, Lee Hennick, Rocky Kempe, George Rohmeyer, Jr., Daniel Hardy, Chuck Hull, Nina Eisold, Kari Ives
Nayes:	None
Absent:	Duane Shoebridge

4. Res. 22-26: 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

Motion:	Approved
Result:	Passed (19 - 0)
Mover:	James Flater
Second:	Karen Lotts
Ayes:	Jason Bergeron, Joel Seidlitz, James Flater, Pam Guthman, Peter Gehring, Dennis Bachman, James Ericksen, Matthew Peterson, Karen Lotts, Charles Bomar, Joseph Roshell, David Kelly, Lee Hennick, Rocky Kempe, George Rohmeyer, Jr., Daniel Hardy, Chuck Hull, Nina Eisold, Kari Ives
Nayes:	None
Absent:	Duane Shoebridge

5. Res. 23-26: 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

Motion:	Approved
Result:	Passed (19 - 0)
Mover:	None

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

6. Res. 24-26: Resolution to Authorize County Board Appointment to Fill the Vacancy of the Position of County Treasurer - Andy Albarado

Motion:	Approved
Result:	Passed (19 - 0)
Mover:	Pam Guthman
Seconders:	David Kelly
Ayes:	Jason Bergeron, Joel Seidlitz, James Flater, Pam Guthman, Peter Gehring, Dennis Bachman, James Ericksen, Matthew Peterson, Karen Lotts, Charles Bomar, Joseph Roshell, David Kelly, Lee Hennick, Rocky Kempe, George Rohmeyer, Jr., Daniel Hardy, Chuck Hull, Nina Eisold, Kari Ives
Nayes:	None
Absent:	Duane Shoebridge

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

Motion:	Approved
Result:	Passed (19 - 0)
Mover:	David Kelly
Seconders:	Karen Lotts
Ayes:	Jason Bergeron, Joel Seidlitz, James Flater, Pam Guthman, Peter Gehring, Dennis Bachman, James Ericksen, Matthew Peterson, Karen Lotts, Charles Bomar, Joseph Roshell, David Kelly, Lee Hennick, Rocky Kempe, George Rohmeyer, Jr., Daniel Hardy, Chuck Hull, Nina Eisold, Kari Ives
Nayes:	None
Absent:	Duane Shoebridge

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

Motion:	Approved
Result:	Passed (19 - 0)
Mover:	Karen Lotts
Seconders:	Dennis Bachman
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Nayes:	None
Absent:	Duane Shoebridge

9. County Board Chair Appointments

1. County Board Chair Appointment - District 6 County Board Supervisor (Les Danielson) - Jason Bergeron

Motion:	Approved
Result:	Passed (18 - 1)
Mover:	Charles Bomar
Seconders:	Matthew Peterson
Ayes:	Jason Bergeron, Joel Seidlitz, James Flater, Pam Guthman, Peter Gehring, Dennis Bachman, James Ericksen, Matthew Peterson, Charles Bomar, Joseph Roshell, David Kelly, Lee Hennick, Rocky Kempe,

	George Rohmeyer, Jr., Daniel Hardy, Chuck Hull, Nina Eisold, Kari Ives
Nayes:	Karen Lotts
Absent:	Duane Shoebridge

2. Oath of Office - Jaclyn Sadler

County Clerk, Jaclyn Sadler, administered the oath of office to Les Danielson.

10. County Administrator Appointments

1. County Administrator Appointment - Groundwater Technical Review Committee (Lynda Schweikert) - Andy Albarado

Motion:	Approved
Result:	Passed (19 - 0)
Mover:	Lee Hennick
Second:	Karen Lotts
Ayes:	Jason Bergeron, Joel Seidlitz, James Flater, Pam Guthman, Peter Gehring, Dennis Bachman, James Ericksen, Matthew Peterson, Karen Lotts, Charles Bomar, Joseph Roshell, David Kelly, Lee Hennick, Rocky Kempe, George Rohmeyer, Jr., Daniel Hardy, Chuck Hull, Nina Eisold, Kari Ives
Nayes:	None
Absent:	Duane Shoebridge

11. Agenda Items for Future Consideration

12. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at: 06:55 PM

Result:	Passed (19 - 0)
Mover:	James Ericksen
Second:	Karen Lotts
Ayes:	Jason Bergeron, Joel Seidlitz, James Flater, Pam Guthman, Peter Gehring, Dennis Bachman, James Ericksen, Matthew Peterson, Karen Lotts, Charles Bomar, Joseph Roshell, David Kelly, Lee Hennick, Rocky Kempe, George Rohmeyer, Jr., Daniel Hardy, Chuck Hull, Nina Eisold, Kari Ives
Absent:	Duane Shoebridge

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Members Absent:

County Board Supervisor - District 9 Joel Seidlitz
County Board Supervisor - District 10 Matthew Peterson
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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
Nays:	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
Nays:	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
Nays:	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
Nays:	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
Seconder:	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
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
Absent:	Joel Seidlitz, Matthew Peterson, David Kelly, Rocky Kempe



Extension

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON
CHIPPEWA COUNTY

UW—Madison Extension Chippewa County 4-H Youth Development

Jordan Blue

Extension Educator, 4-H Positive Youth Development

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What is 4-H?

Growing True Leaders Through Positive Youth Development



✓ Learn by doing

✓ Develop Head, Heart, Hands, and Health

✓ Research-based youth development program

✓ Opportunities for all youth



Program Highlights

500
Members

80
Volunteer
s

14
Community
Clubs

50+
Events &
Programs

1
Classroom
Clubs

The Impact of 4-H

- Youth build confidence
- Develop leadership skills
- Explore career pathways
- Serve their communities
- Find belonging and connection



Meet Members of Chippewa County 4 -H

- Finding Sparks Through 4 -H Youth Development
- Learning Through Projects
- Growing as a Leader
- A Place to Belong



Local Impact, Lasting Results

"Chippewa County 4 -H
empowers young people with
the skills, confidence, and
connections they need to thrive
today and lead tomorrow."





Key Impact Areas

Youth Development

- 14 community 4 -H clubs serving youth across Chippewa County
- Hands-on leadership, STEM, arts, outdoors, and citizenship experiences
- Youth develop confidence, communication, teamwork, and decision-making skills

Community Engagement

- Youth contribute through service projects and community partnerships
- Members take active leadership roles in clubs, county events, camps, and ambassador programs
- 4-H connects youth to caring adult mentors and positive peer networks

Volunteer Leadership

- Dedicated volunteer leaders expand opportunities for local youth
- Training and support strengthen volunteer capacity and program quality
- Adult volunteers help create safe and welcoming learning environments

Access & Opportunity

- New family orientation and outreach efforts reduce barriers to participation
 - Diverse project areas allow youth to explore interests from agriculture to robotics, arts, and photography
 - County, regional, and state experiences help youth discover future education and career pathways
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Return on Investment



County support helps provide:

- ✓ Safe places for youth
- ✓ Leadership development
- ✓ Workforce readiness
- ✓ Community engagement
- ✓ Volunteer - driven programming



Extension

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CHIPPEWA COUNTY

THANK YOU

Interested in learning more about 4-H? Whether you're interested in enrolling, volunteering, or visiting a program, we'd love to connect with you.

Visit our website at chippewa.extension.wisc.edu or contact Jordan Blue, 4-H Positive Youth Development Extension Educator, at jordan.blue@wisc.edu or 608 -893 -3183 to learn more about opportunities for youth and families in Chippewa County.



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: July 14, 2026

Claimant	Date Filed	Amount of Claim	Type of Claim	Department Involved
Stephanie Ischer and Kevin Crowell	6/22/2026	\$77.15	Vehicle	Highway
Mike Denesen	6/25/26	\$500.00	Vehicle	Highway

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:

- 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.

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.



Statement of Explanation

12-26

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

1 This resolution is the initial resolution to authorize the issuance of general obligation
2 promissory notes to allow Chippewa County to borrow funds for the public purpose of paying
3 the cost of construction and improvement of County highways and bridges and other capital
4 projects included in the County's Capital Improvement Plan. Approval of this resolution will
5 authorize the County to issue general obligation promissory notes up to \$7,500,000.00.

6
7 Approval of this resolution requires a three-quarters ($\frac{3}{4}$) vote of the entire County Board
8 or 16 yes votes to approve.

Resolution No. 12-26

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

9 WHEREAS, Chippewa County, Wisconsin (the "County") is in need of an amount not to
10 exceed \$7,500,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of the construction and
11 improvement of highways; and
12

13 WHEREAS, it is desirable to authorize the issuance of general obligation promissory notes
14 for such purpose pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes.
15

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Chippewa County Board of Supervisors that the
17 County borrow an amount not to exceed \$7,500,000 by issuing its general obligation
18 promissory notes for the public purpose of paying the cost of the construction and
19 improvement of highways; and
20

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that there be and there hereby is levied on all the taxable
22 property in the County a direct, annual tax in such years and in such amounts as are sufficient
23 to pay when due the principal and interest on such notes.
24

25 **Financial Impact**

26 Payments on the borrowing commence in 2027. The amounts of those payments will
27 not be determined until the interest rates on the general obligation promissory notes are
28 determined in September. Based on estimates from Baird, the 2021 interest payment is
29 projected to be \$283,530 and will be funded with a bid premium generated by the sale of the
30 notes and deposited to the County's debt service fund upon closing, so there is no fiscal impact
31 in 2027. Principal and interest payments due in 2028 through 2035 will be made from the sales
32 tax fund per County Ordinance Sec. 2-476.
33

34 **Signatures**

35 Approved as to Form:
36

Andy Albarado
County Administrator

Leah Simington
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Chippewa County

Executive Committee - 2026 Financing

June 2, 2026

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Chippewa County

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - 2026 FINANCING

June 2, 2026



Tentative Timeline

- Executive Committee considers plan of finance and Initial and Set Sale ResolutionJune 2, 2026
- County Board considers Executive Committee recommendation and adopts Initial and Set Sale ResolutionJune 9, 2026
- Baird and County staff prepare necessary information and submit to Moody's for credit ratingOngoing
- Preparations are made for the issuance (compilation of Preliminary Official Statement, marketing)Ongoing
- Executive Committee considers Parameters ResolutionAugust 4, 2026
A Parameters Resolution defines a narrow set of parameters for the issuance of General Obligation Promissory Notes (the "Notes"). Provides additional flexibility to lock-in long-term interest rates between board meeting dates.
 - Authority for final sign-off on the sale of the Notes, within designated parameters, is delegated to the County Chairperson (the "Authorized Officer").
- County Board considers Parameters ResolutionAugust 11, 2026
- County Chairperson executes Approving Certificate (target date to finalize terms and interest rates)September 2, 2026
Approving Certificate certifies that designated parameters established in Parameters Resolutions are met.
- County Administrator provides update to the County Board on final sale/awardSeptember 8, 2026
- Settlement (funds available for projects)September 21, 2026
- First payment on 2026 General Obligation Promissory Notes February 1, 2027

Chippewa County

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - 2026 FINANCING

June 2, 2026



Summary of Financing

Amount:	\$7,500,000
Description:	General Obligation Promissory Notes
Dated/Settlement Date:	September 21, 2026
Structure:	Matures Annually 2/1/2027 through 2/1/2036
First Interest:	February 1, 2027
Callable:	TBD
Purpose:	New Money Projects (\$7,500,000) • Construction and Improvement of Highways
Estimated Interest Rate:	3.68%
Financing Illustration:	Page 3

Chippewa County

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - 2026 FINANCING

June 2, 2026

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Financing Plan Illustration

LEVY YEAR	YEAR DUE	NET EXISTING DEBT SERVICE (A)	Example 2026 Borrowing \$7,500,000 G.O. PROMISSORY NOTES Dated September 21, 2026 (First interest 2/1/27)			Example 2028 Borrowing \$5,500,000 G.O. PROMISSORY NOTES Dated October 1, 2028 (First interest 2/1/29)			Example 2030 Borrowing \$6,500,000 G.O. PROMISSORY NOTES Dated October 1, 2030 (First interest 2/1/31)			Example 2032 Borrowing \$3,500,000 G.O. PROMISSORY NOTES Dated October 1, 2032 (First interest 2/1/33)			COMBINED DEBT SERVICE	YEAR DUE
			PRINCIPAL (2/1)	NET INTEREST ^(B) (2/1 & 8/1) TIC = 3.68%	TOTAL	PRINCIPAL (2/1)	NET INTEREST ^(C) (2/1 & 8/1) TIC = 3.54%	TOTAL	PRINCIPAL (2/1)	NET INTEREST ^(D) (2/1 & 8/1) TIC = 3.66%	TOTAL	PRINCIPAL (2/1)	NET INTEREST ^(E) (2/1 & 8/1) TIC = 3.72%	TOTAL		
2025	2026	\$2,096,678													\$2,096,678	2026
2026	2027	\$1,788,125	\$510,000	\$0	\$510,000										\$2,298,125	2027
2027	2028	\$1,612,700	\$435,000	\$249,647	\$684,647										\$2,297,347	2028
2028	2029	\$1,447,275	\$380,000	\$294,448	\$674,448	\$280,000	\$0	\$280,000							\$2,401,723	2029
2029	2030	\$1,201,925	\$515,000	\$275,876	\$790,876	\$250,000	\$160,370	\$410,370							\$2,403,171	2030
2030	2031	\$646,750	\$840,000	\$247,760	\$1,087,760	\$100,000	\$222,250	\$322,250	\$440,000	\$0	\$440,000				\$2,496,760	2031
2031	2032	\$650,875	\$875,000	\$212,174	\$1,087,174	\$100,000	\$218,250	\$318,250	\$315,000	\$126,215	\$441,215				\$2,497,513	2032
2032	2033		\$915,000	\$175,031	\$1,090,031	\$715,000	\$201,950	\$916,950	\$100,000	\$272,150	\$372,150	\$120,000	\$0	\$120,000	\$2,499,131	2033
2033	2034		\$960,000	\$131,325	\$1,091,325	\$740,000	\$172,850	\$912,850	\$100,000	\$268,150	\$368,150	\$65,000	\$62,887	\$127,887	\$2,500,212	2034
2034	2035		\$1,010,000	\$80,598	\$1,090,598	\$770,000	\$142,650	\$912,650		\$266,150	\$266,150		\$161,350	\$161,350	\$2,430,748	2035
2035	2036		\$1,060,000	\$27,295	\$1,087,295	\$805,000	\$107,125	\$912,125		\$266,150	\$266,150		\$161,350	\$161,350	\$2,426,920	2036
2036	2037					\$850,000	\$65,750	\$915,750	\$1,110,000	\$243,950	\$1,353,950		\$161,350	\$161,350	\$2,431,050	2037
2037	2038					\$890,000	\$22,250	\$912,250	\$1,160,000	\$192,750	\$1,352,750		\$161,350	\$161,350	\$2,426,350	2038
2038	2039								\$1,595,000	\$123,875	\$1,718,875	\$440,000	\$152,550	\$592,550	\$2,311,425	2039
2039	2040								\$1,680,000	\$42,000	\$1,722,000	\$460,000	\$132,250	\$592,250	\$2,314,250	2040
2040	2041											\$1,175,000	\$91,375	\$1,266,375	\$1,266,375	2041
2041	2042											\$1,240,000	\$31,000	\$1,271,000	\$1,271,000	2042
\$9,444,328			\$7,500,000	\$1,694,153	\$9,194,153	\$5,500,000	\$1,313,445	\$6,813,445	\$6,500,000	\$1,801,390	\$8,301,390	\$3,500,000	\$1,115,462	\$4,615,462	\$38,368,777	
Sources			Sources			Sources			Sources			Sources				
Par			Par			Par			Par			Par				
Premium			Premium			Premium			Premium			Premium				
Total			Total			Total			Total			Total				
Uses			Uses			Uses			Uses			Uses				
Project Fund			Project Fund			Project Fund			Project Fund			Project Fund				
Bond Counsel (est.)			Bond Counsel (est.)			Bond Counsel (est.)			Bond Counsel (est.)			Bond Counsel (est.)				
Rating (est.)			Rating (est.)			Rating (est.)			Rating (est.)			Rating (est.)				
Official Statement			Official Statement			Official Statement			Official Statement			Official Statement				
Underwriter's Discount			Underwriter's Discount			Underwriter's Discount			Underwriter's Discount			Underwriter's Discount				
Day Loan			Day Loan			Day Loan			Day Loan			Day Loan				
Bid Premium (est.)			Bid Premium (est.)			Bid Premium (est.)			Bid Premium (est.)			Bid Premium (est.)				
Total			Total			Total			Total			Total				

(A) Existing debt net of bid premium from 2024 Notes.

(B) Net of hypothetical bid premium of \$345,242.

(C) Net of hypothetical bid premium of \$267,822.

(D) Net of hypothetical bid premium of \$399,060.

(E) Net of hypothetical bid premium of \$237,988.

Note: This illustration represents a mathematical calculation of potential debt service, assuming hypothetical rates based on current market rates as of May 13, 2026 +15bps for the 2026 issuance and current market rates as of May 13, 2026 for all future issuances. Interest and costs of issuance are only estimates for illustrative purposes and are based on Baird's experience with comparable transactions. Actual interest and costs of issuance will vary. This illustration provides information and is not intended to be a recommendation, proposal or otherwise considered advice.



Statement of Explanation

13-26

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

- 1 Passage of this resolution will formally authorize the sale of not to exceed \$7,500,000 in
- 2 General Obligation Promissory Notes to be used to pay the cost of the construction and
- 3 improvement of county highways. Passage of this resolution requires a simple majority of the
- 4 Supervisors present.

Resolution No. 13-26

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

5 WHEREAS, the County Board of Supervisors of Chippewa County, Wisconsin (the
6 "County") has adopted an initial resolution authorizing the issuance of general obligation
7 promissory notes in an amount not to exceed \$7,500,000 for the public purpose of paying the
8 cost of the construction and improvement of highways (the "Project").
9

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Board of Supervisors of the County
11 that:
12

13 Section 1. Sale of the Notes. The County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes and
14 directs that General Obligation Promissory Notes (the "Notes") in a principal amount not to
15 exceed \$7,500,000 shall be issued for the purpose specified above. The sale of the Notes shall
16 be negotiated with Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated ("Baird"), and the terms of the Notes,
17 including the dating, interest rates, maturity schedule and other details with respect to the
18 Notes, shall be subject to approval by subsequent resolution of the County Board of
19 Supervisors.
20

21 Section 2. Official Statement. The County Clerk shall cause an Official Statement
22 concerning this issue to be prepared by Baird. The appropriate County officials shall determine
23 when the Official Statement is final for purposes of Securities and Exchange Commission Rule
24 15c2 12 and shall certify said Official Statement, such certification to constitute full
25 authorization of such Official Statement under this Resolution.
26

27 Section 3. Reimbursement. The County Board of Supervisors hereby officially declares its
28 intent pursuant to Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2 to reimburse any expenditures made in
29 connection with the Project prior to the issuance of the Notes with the proceeds of the Notes in
30 an amount not to exceed \$7,500,000.
31

32 **Financial Impact**

33 Payments on the borrowing commence in 2027. The amounts of those payment will not
34 be determined until the interest rates on the general obligation promissory notes are
35 determined in September. Based on the estimates from Baird, the 2027 interest payment is
36 projected to be \$283,530 and will be funded with a bid premium generated by the sale of the
37 notes and deposited to the County's debt service fund upon closing so there will be minimal
38 fiscal impact to 2027. Principal and interest payments due in 2027 through 2034 will be made
39 from the sales tax fund per County Ordinance Sec. 2-476.
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41 **Signatures**

42 Approved as to Form:
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Andy Albarado
County Administrator

Leah Simington
Finance Director

Todd Pauls
Corporation Counsel



Statement of Explanation

17-26

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

1 This resolution is brought pursuant to § 2-361(a)(3)b. of the Chippewa County Code of
2 Ordinances, which requires the passage of a separate resolution, prior to the adoption of the
3 annual County Budget, to approve the use of any sales tax funds to fund capital improvement
4 projects. In addition, Chippewa County Finance Division Policy 305, "Policy for Use of Fund
5 Balance / Non-Lapsing Accounts", requires that capital improvement projects funded with non-
6 lapsing fund balance over \$50,000 must be approved by the County Board. This resolution is
7 being brought to authorize funding for various Highway Department projects, pursuant to § 2-
8 361(a)(3)b. of the Chippewa County Code of Ordinances, and Finance Division Policy 305, as
9 part of the 2027 Chippewa County Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and to be included in the
10 2027 County Budget.

11
12 Passage of this resolution will authorize the use of \$2,700,000 in sales tax funding and
13 \$3,800,000 of bonding, if approved, to be included in the 2027 County Highway Department
14 Budget for roadway and bridge CIP projects. These funds will be used to help capture state and
15 federal matching funds. If all state, federal, and other funding sources are captured,
16 approximately \$8,059,580, the roadway and bridge CIP projects in 2027 will total approximately
17 \$14,559,580. The specific 2027 CIP Highway Department roadway and bridge projects are
18 enumerated in the "Chippewa County 2027-2031 Capital Improvement Plan Justification Form"
19 for 2027.

20
21 Passage of this resolution also authorizes the use of \$1,550,000 of fund balance from the
22 Highway Department's machinery fund for the purchase of County Highway Department
23 machinery in 2027. In addition, passage of this resolution will authorize the use of \$100,000 of
24 fund balance from the Highway Department's machinery fund for the improvement of County
25 Highway Department buildings in 2027. Finally, passage of this resolution authorizes the
26 transfer of \$340,000 in sales tax revenue funds to the Non-Highway Vehicle Fleet pool for the
27 purchase of replacement vehicles as needed in 2027.

Resolution No. 17-26

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

WHEREAS, § 2-361(a)(3)b. of the Chippewa County Code of Ordinances authorizes using a portion of the 1/2% County Sales Tax funds collected for Long Term Capital Improvement Projects, but requires that prior to the adoption of the annual County Budget, use of sales tax funds to fund those projects must be approved by separate County Board resolution; and

WHEREAS, Chippewa County Finance Division Policy 305, "Policy for Use of Fund Balance / Non- Lapsing Accounts", requires that capital improvement projects funded with non-lapsing fund balance over \$50,000 must also be approved by the County Board; and

WHEREAS, the Chippewa County Highway Commissioner has identified certain Highway Department capital projects to be included in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and to be completed in 2027; and

WHEREAS, the Highway Department is able to capture state and federal funding by using matching county funds; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Highway Commissioner, the Finance Director and the County Administrator that \$2,700,000 of sales tax funds be combined with \$3,800,000 of bonding, if approved, to help leverage \$8,059,580 of state and federal matching funds and other funding sources to fund the 2027 CIP roadway and bridge projects; and

WHEREAS, the Highway Commissioner, Finance Director, and County Administrator recommend that \$1,550,000 of fund balance be applied for the purchase of County Highway Department machinery in 2027; and

WHEREAS, the Highway Commissioner, Finance Director, and County Administrator recommend that \$100,000 of fund balance be used for the improvement of County Highway Department buildings in 2027; and

WHEREAS, the Highway Commissioner, Finance Director, and County Administrator recommend that \$340,000 of sales tax funds be utilized to fund vehicle replacements in the Non-Highway Vehicle Fleet pool in 2027; and

WHEREAS, the Highway Committee reviewed and prioritized these projects on February 25, 2026 and recommends that these projects be completed as part of the 2027 CIP;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to § 2-361(a)(3)b. of the Chippewa County Code of Ordinances, that the sum of \$2,700,000 be transferred from the Sales Tax Fund to be used to fund Highway Department roadway and bridge projects in 2027 as part of the 2027 County Budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to Chippewa County Policy 305 - Fund Balance or

Resolution No. 17-26

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

Non-Lapsing Account Expenditure Policy, the County Board does hereby authorize the Highway Department to utilize fund balance in the amount of \$1,550,000 from the Highway Department Machinery fund to purchase Highway Department machinery in 2027 as part of the 2027 County Budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to Chippewa County Policy 305 - Fund Balance or Non-Lapsing Account Expenditure Policy, the County Board does hereby authorize the Highway Department to utilize fund balance in the amount of \$100,000 from the Highway Department Machinery fund balance to be used for the improvement of County Highway Buildings and grounds projects in 2027 as part of the 2027 County Budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, pursuant to § 2-361(a)(3)b. of the Chippewa County Code of Ordinances, that the sum of \$340,000 be transferred from the Sales Tax Fund to be used to fund replacement of vehicles in the County's Non-Highway Fleet in 2027 as part of the 2027 County Budget.

Forwarded to the County Board by the Executive Committee.

Financial Impact

The Sales Tax Fund will be reduced by \$3,040,000 in 2027.
Bonding funds will be utilized in the amount of \$3,800,000 in 2027 for roadway and bridge construction, if approved.
Highway machinery fund balance will be applied in the amount of \$1,650,000 in 2027.
Grants/Other will be utilized in the amount of \$8,059,580 in 2027.

Signatures

Approved as to Form:

Andy Albarado

County Administrator

Leah Simington

Finance Director

Todd Pauls

Corporation Counsel



Statement of Explanation

22-26

Res. 22-26: 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

1 Passage of this resolution will approve a public-private partnership agreement between
2 Chippewa County and Ntera, LLC, a Wisconsin limited liability company (“Ntera”), in support
3 of a proposed broadband expansion project by Ntera in Chippewa County that targets unserved
4 and underserved areas in eastern Chippewa County.
5

6 Chippewa County has long recognized that reliable, high-speed broadband is essential for
7 economic development, community connectivity, and overall quality of life. Ntera, operates
8 within the County and is proposing to expand fiber-based broadband infrastructure to residences
9 and businesses currently lacking adequate access. The County Board has demonstrated support
10 for past Ntera broadband expansion efforts in Chippewa County in Resolutions 21-21, 07-22 and
11 05-23. Passage of this resolution would demonstrate the County’s collaborative engagement
12 with Ntera to provide assistance in support of Ntera’s current broadband expansion project
13 efforts in Chippewa County.
14

15 The public-private partnership between Ntera and the County is intended to strengthen
16 Ntera’s grant application through the Wisconsin Public Service Commission’s Broadband
17 Expansion Grant Program for its proposed broadband expansion project in Chippewa County.

18 Passage of this resolution formalizes the County’s role and demonstrates local commitment
19 through the public-private partnership agreement - two factors that improve the competitiveness
20 of grant proposals.
21

22 Chippewa County’s contribution to the public-private partnership with Ntera will not
23 include any financial obligation. Rather, the County will assist Ntera with promotion of
24 community and stakeholder outreach efforts and education of community members of the
25 benefits of fiber-to-the-home, provide any needed meeting space subject to Chippewa County
26 policies, when available, and provide a streamlined process for obtaining any necessary permits
27 for the broadband expansion project from Chippewa County, when possible.
28

29 Through the public-private partnership with Ntera, the County aims to help eliminate
30 service disparities, support local economic growth, and ensure that interested households and
31 businesses within the project area can benefit from improved broadband access upon project
32 completion. Ntera has provided an anticipated project map, and the County supports that the
33 intended project area is unserved or underserved.
34

35 Passage of this Resolution affirms Chippewa County’s commitment to expanding
36 broadband capability and supporting Ntera’s efforts to secure state grant funding necessary to
37 bring much-needed connectivity improvements to the proposed project area in Chippewa
38 County.

Resolution No. 22-26

**Res. 22-26: 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**

WHEREAS, Chippewa County, Wisconsin, seeks to assist in providing access to resources and the support structure necessary for economic development within its boundaries; and

WHEREAS, Ntera, LLC, a Wisconsin limited liability company doing business in Chippewa County ("Ntera"), proposes a public-private partnership with Chippewa County in support of Ntera's current efforts to expand fiber-based broadband capability to reach the unserved and underserved residences and businesses in Chippewa County where such service is currently unavailable or not readily available; and

WHEREAS, it is currently expected that the proposed broadband expansion would occur in areas within Chippewa County, and that the enhanced broadband access and availability will be utilized to position the area for desirable economic growth through addressing broadband existing service disparities that now exist through drops to businesses and residential homes that desire connection within the project area; and

WHEREAS, Ntera intends to submit an application for a Broadband Expansion Grant with the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin to expand access to broadband services in Chippewa County, for which Ntera has requested the County's support; and

WHEREAS, in support of Ntera's application for a Broadband Expansion Grant, the County and Ntera desire to engage in a public-private partnership in furtherance of which the County would provide support for Ntera's broadband expansion project by assisting Ntera with promotion of community and stakeholder outreach efforts and education of community members of the benefits of fiber-to-the-home, providing any needed meeting space subject to Chippewa County policies, when available, and providing a streamlined process for obtaining any necessary permits for the broadband expansion project from Chippewa County, when possible;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Board does hereby approve the public-private partnership agreement between Chippewa County and Ntera in support of Ntera's current proposed project to expand fiber-based broadband access and services to unserved and underserved areas of eastern Chippewa County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Board authorizes the County Administrator to execute the public/private partnership agreement on behalf of Chippewa County.

Forwarded to the County Board by the Executive Committee.

Financial Impact

By passage of this Resolution there is no fiscal impact to Chippewa County

Signatures

Approved as to Form:

Resolution No. 22-26

Res. 22-26: 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

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Andy Albarado

County Administrator

Leah Simington

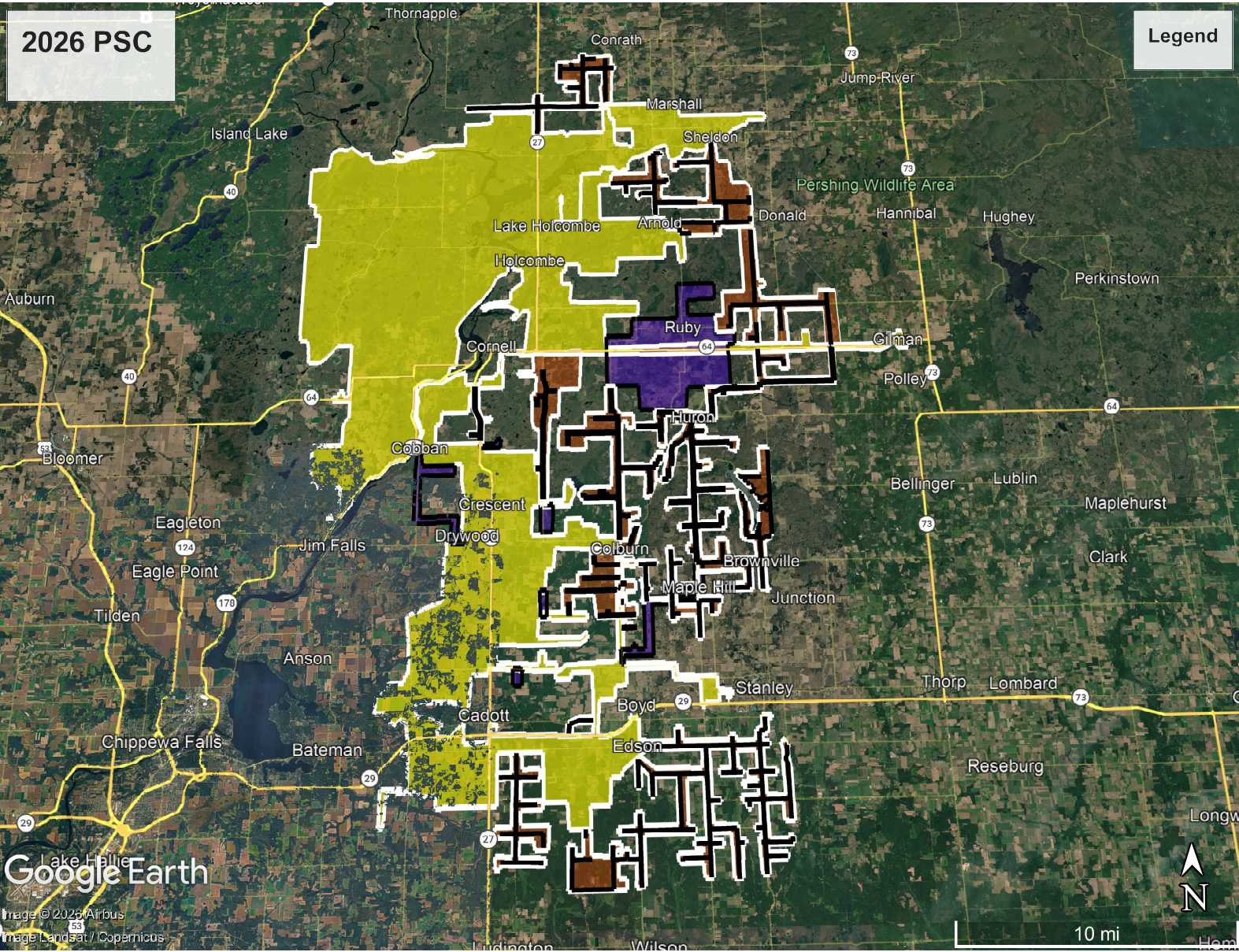
Finance Director

Todd Pauls

Corporation Counsel

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Ntera



PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN CHIPPEWA COUNTY AND NTERA, LLC

This Public-Private Partnership Agreement is made by and between Chippewa County, a Wisconsin body corporate and politic ("County"), and Ntera, LLC, a Wisconsin limited liability company ("Ntera").

WHEREAS, Ntera is requesting Chippewa County's support for its grant application to the Wisconsin Public Service Commission's Broadband Expansion Grant Program ("Program") for broadband infrastructure for unserved households and businesses within Chippewa County; and

WHEREAS, Ntera proposes to support technology needs by expanding broadband capability to reach unserved residents and businesses within Chippewa County where such service is currently unavailable or prohibitively expensive; and

WHEREAS, Ntera has made capital investments in Chippewa and surrounding counties, bringing state-of-the-art telecommunications and broadband infrastructure that provides access to affordable broadband for unserved communities; and

WHEREAS, Ntera seeks to enter into a formal public-private partnership with the County to assist in the Program deeming as a Chippewa County partner in broadband construction and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Broadband Expansion Grant Program requires a formal public-private partnership to support Ntera's grant application to provide broadband infrastructure access to Chippewa County areas deemed unserved; and

WHEREAS, 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 opportunity for distance learning education assistance, which is critical to business expansion and education opportunities for all; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in furtherance of this Agreement, the Parties agree that the County will provide support for Ntera's Program grant application and broadband expansion project by assisting Ntera with promotion of community and stakeholder outreach efforts and education of community members of the benefits of fiber-to-the-home, providing any needed meeting space subject to Chippewa County policies, when available, and providing a streamlined process for obtaining any necessary permits for the broadband expansion project from Chippewa County, when possible.

County of Chippewa:

By: _____
Andy Albarado, County Administrator

Dated: July _____, 2026

Ntera, LLC:

By: _____
Ryan Hartzell, Vice President

Dated: July _____, 2026



Statement of Explanation

23-26

Res. 23-26: 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

1 Passage of this resolution will approve a public-private partnership agreement between
2 Chippewa County and CTC Telcom, Inc., a Wisconsin corporation, DBA Mosaic Technologies
3 ("Mosaic"), in support of a proposed broadband expansion project by Mosaic in Chippewa
4 County that targets unserved and underserved areas in eastern Chippewa County.
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6 Chippewa County has long recognized that reliable, high-speed broadband is essential for
7 economic development, community connectivity, and overall quality of life. Mosaic, operates
8 within the County and is proposing to expand fiber-based broadband infrastructure to
9 residences and businesses currently lacking adequate access. The County Board has
10 demonstrated support for past Mosaic's broadband expansion efforts in Chippewa County in
11 Resolutions 21-21, 07-22 and 05-23. Passage of this resolution would demonstrate the
12 County's collaborative engagement with Mosaic to provide assistance in support of Mosaic's
13 current broadband expansion project efforts in Chippewa County.
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15 The public-private partnership between Mosaic and the County is intended to strengthen
16 Mosaic's grant application through the Wisconsin Public Service Commission's Broadband
17 Expansion Grant Program for its proposed broadband expansion project in Chippewa County.
18 Passage of this resolution formalizes the County's role and demonstrates local commitment
19 through the public-private partnership agreement - two factors that improve the
20 competitiveness of grant proposals.
21

22 Chippewa County's contribution to the public-private partnership with Mosaic will not
23 include any financial obligation. Rather, the County will assist Mosaic with promotion of
24 community and stakeholder outreach efforts and education of community members of the
25 benefits of fiber-to-the-home, provide any needed meeting space subject to Chippewa County
26 policies, when available, and provide a streamlined process for obtaining any necessary permits
27 for the broadband expansion project from Chippewa County, when possible.
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29 Through the public-private partnership with Mosaic, the County aims to help eliminate
30 service disparities, support local economic growth, and ensure that interested households and
31 businesses within the project area can benefit from improved broadband access upon project
32 completion. Mosaic has provided an anticipated project map, and the County supports that the
33 intended project area is unserved or underserved.
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35 Passage of this Resolution affirms Chippewa County's commitment to expanding
36 broadband capability and supporting Mosaic's efforts to secure state grant funding necessary to
37 bring much-needed connectivity improvements to the proposed project area in Chippewa
38 County.

Resolution No. 23-26

Res. 23-26: 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

WHEREAS, Chippewa County, Wisconsin, seeks to assist in providing access to resources and the support structure necessary for economic development within its boundaries; and

WHEREAS, CTC Telcom, Inc., a Wisconsin corporation, DBA Mosaic Technologies in Chippewa County ("Mosaic"), proposes a public-private partnership with Chippewa County in support of Mosaic's current efforts to expand fiber-based broadband capability to reach the unserved and underserved residences and businesses in Chippewa County where such service is currently unavailable or not readily available; and

WHEREAS, it is currently expected that the proposed broadband expansion would occur in areas within Chippewa County, and that the enhanced broadband access and availability will be utilized to position the area for desirable economic growth through addressing broadband existing service disparities that now exist through drops to businesses and residential homes that desire connection within the project area; and

WHEREAS, Mosaic intends to submit an application for a Broadband Expansion Grant with the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin to expand access to broadband services in Chippewa County, for which Mosaic has requested the County's support; and

WHEREAS, in support of Mosaic's application for a Broadband Expansion Grant, the County and Mosaic desire to engage in a public-private partnership in furtherance of which the County would provide support for Mosaic's broadband expansion project by assisting Mosaic with promotion of community and stakeholder outreach efforts and education of community members of the benefits of fiber-to-the-home, providing any needed meeting space subject to Chippewa County policies, when available, and providing a streamlined process for obtaining any necessary permits for the broadband expansion project from Chippewa County, when possible;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Board does hereby approve the public-private partnership agreement between Chippewa County and Mosaic in support of Mosaic's current proposed project to expand fiber-based broadband access and services to unserved and underserved areas of eastern Chippewa County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Board authorizes the County Administrator to execute the public/private partnership agreement on behalf of Chippewa County.

Forwarded to the County Board by the Executive Committee.

Financial Impact

Resolution No. 23-26

Res. 23-26: 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

By passage of this Resolution there is no fiscal impact to Chippewa County

Signatures

Approved as to Form:

Andy Albarado

County Administrator

Leah Simington

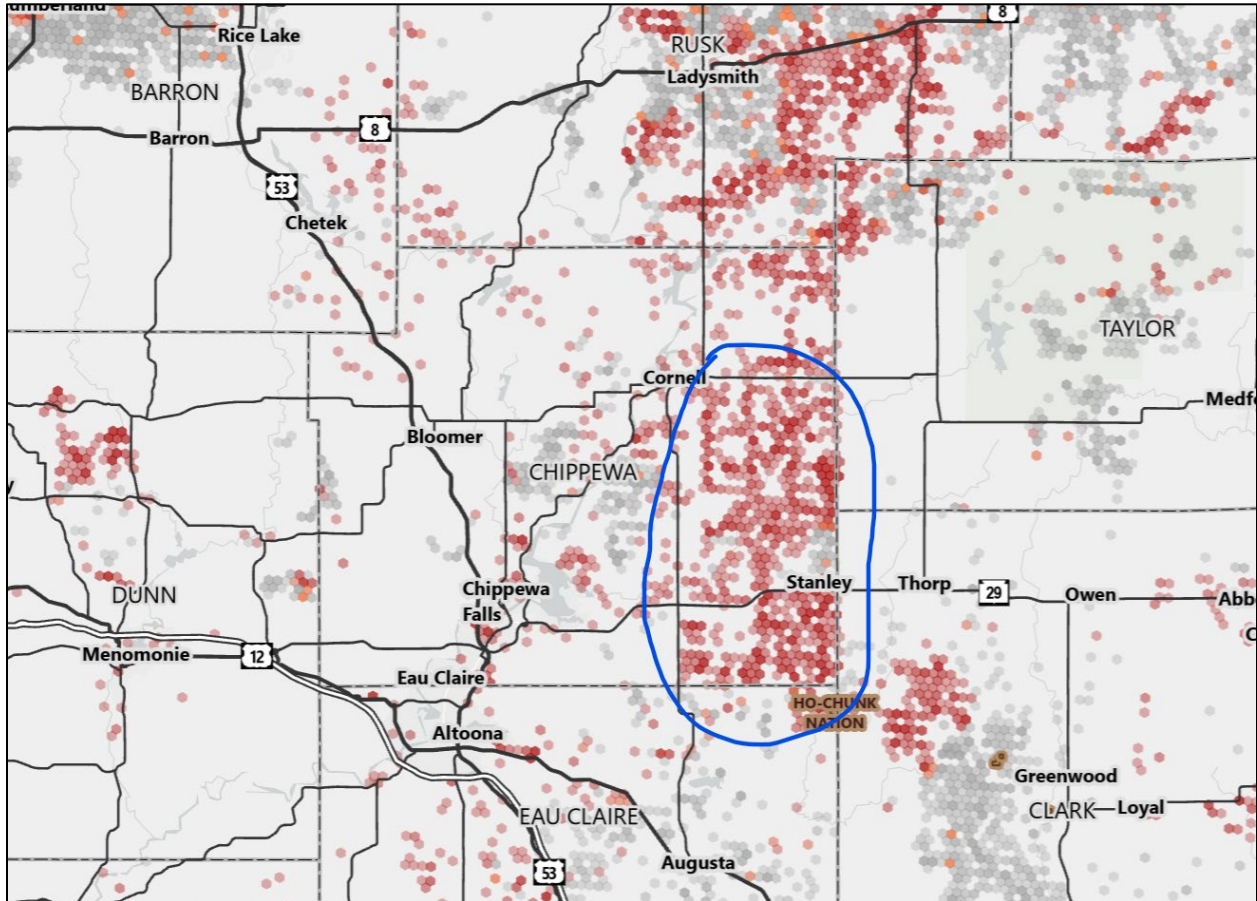
Finance Director

Todd Pauls

Corporation Counsel

CTC Telcom, Inc. dba Mosaic Technologies

We are applying for the eligible locations in the Townships of Edson, Delmar, and Colburn, as well as the City of Stanley.



**PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN CHIPPEWA COUNTY AND CTC TELCOM, INC.,
DBA MOSAIC TECHNOLOGIES**

This Public-Private Partnership Agreement is made by and between Chippewa County, a Wisconsin body corporate and politic ("County"), and CTC Telcom, Inc., a Wisconsin corporation, DBA Mosaic Technologies ("Mosaic").

WHEREAS, Mosaic is requesting Chippewa County's support for its grant application to the Wisconsin Public Service Commission's Broadband Expansion Grant Program ("Program") for broadband infrastructure for unserved households and businesses within Chippewa County; and

WHEREAS, Mosaic proposes to support technology needs by expanding broadband capability to reach unserved residents and businesses within Chippewa County where such service is currently unavailable or prohibitively expensive; and

WHEREAS, Mosaic has made capital investments in Chippewa and surrounding counties, bringing state-of-the-art telecommunications and broadband infrastructure that provides access to affordable broadband for unserved communities; and

WHEREAS, Mosaic seeks to enter into a formal public-private partnership with the County to assist in the Program deeming as a Chippewa County partner in broadband construction and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Broadband Expansion Grant Program requires a formal public-private partnership to support Mosaic's grant application to provide broadband infrastructure access to Chippewa County areas deemed unserved; and

WHEREAS, 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 opportunity for distance learning education assistance, which is critical to business expansion and education opportunities for all; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in furtherance of this Agreement, the Parties agree that the County will provide support for Mosaic's Program grant application and broadband expansion project by assisting Mosaic with promotion of community and stakeholder outreach efforts and education of community members of the benefits of fiber-to-the-home, providing any needed meeting space subject to Chippewa County policies, when available, and providing a streamlined process for obtaining any necessary permits for the broadband expansion project from Chippewa County, when possible.

County of Chippewa:

By: _____
Andy Albarado, County Administrator

Dated: July _____, 2026

CTC Telcom, Inc., DBA Mosaic Technologies:

By: _____
Chris Fitzgerald, Director of Public Relations

Dated: July _____, 2026



Statement of Explanation

24-26

Res. 24-26: Resolution to Authorize County Board Appointment to Fill the Vacancy of the Position of County Treasurer - Andy Albarado

1 Passage of this resolution will authorize filling the future vacancy in the County
2 Treasurer position through appointment by the County Board. This resolution will authorize
3 the Executive Committee to be the committee responsible for the County Treasurer
4 recruitment process, including the interviewing of candidates for the position.
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6 Due to the retirement of County Treasurer Patty Schimmel, effective October 9, 2026,
7 Chippewa County will need to fill the County Treasurer position for the remainder of Ms.
8 Schimmel's unexpired term of office. Ms. Schimmel's current term of office will end on
9 December 31, 2028. Pursuant to § 17.21(3), Wis. Stats., the vacancy in the County Treasurer
10 position may be filled by either County Board appointment or special election. Due to the
11 timing of the County Treasurer's resignation, the soonest that a special election could be held is
12 April 6, 2027, which would result in the County Treasurer position remaining open for almost 7
13 months. However, by choosing to fill the County Treasurer position through appointment, the
14 County Board could potentially take action on the appointment as early as the September 8,
15 2026 regular meeting of the Board.
16

17 In 2011 and in 2017, the Chippewa County Executive Committee was responsible for
18 recruiting and recommending the person to fill the vacancies in the County Clerk position
19 created by the resignations of former County Clerks Kathy Bernier and Sandi Frion. As the
20 designated policy committee for the Offices of the County Clerk and County Treasurer, it is
21 appropriate that the Executive Committee again be authorized to conduct the recruitment of
22 the successor County Treasurer for eventual appointment by the County Board. The proposed
23 recruitment process timeline and job description are attached to this resolution.

Resolution No. 24-26

Res. 24-26: Resolution to Authorize County Board Appointment to Fill the Vacancy of the Position of County Treasurer - Andy Albarado

24 WHEREAS, Patty Schimmel has announced her resignation as County Treasurer, effective
25 October 9, 2026; and
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27 WHEREAS, pursuant to § 17.21(3), Wis. Stats., the future vacancy in the County Treasurer
28 position due to Ms. Schimmel's resignation, effective October 9, 2026, may be filled either by
29 County Board appointment or special election, to serve the remainder of Ms. Schimmel's
30 current term of office, which is scheduled to expire on December 31, 2028; and
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32 WHEREAS, due to the timing of the County Treasurer's resignation, the soonest that a
33 special election to fill the future vacancy in the County Treasurer position could be held is April
34 6, 2027, which would result in the Treasurer position remaining open for almost 7 months; and
35

36 WHEREAS, if the County Board chooses to fill the future vacancy through appointment,
37 the Board could potentially take action on the appointment as early as the September 8, 2026
38 meeting of the Board; and
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40 WHEREAS, in 2011 and in 2017 the Executive Committee was responsible for recruiting
41 and recommending the persons to fill the vacancies in the County Clerk position created by the
42 resignations of former Clerk Kathy Bernier and Sandi Frion; and
43

44 WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the Executive Committee again be authorized to conduct
45 the recruitment for the successor County Treasurer for eventual appointment by the County
46 Board, as the Executive Committee is the policy committee for the Offices of the County Clerk
47 and County Treasurer; and
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49 WHEREAS, the proposed job description and timeline for completing the recruitment for
50 the appointment of the successor County Treasurer are attached to this resolution;
51

52 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Sec. 17.21(3) of the Wisconsin
53 Statutes, the Chippewa County Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize filling the vacancy
54 in the County Treasurer position created by the resignation of County Treasurer Patty Schimmel
55 by County Board appointment; and
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57 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Executive Committee is authorized to conduct the
58 recruitment of the successor County Treasurer and shall take all steps necessary to effectuate
59 that recruitment; and
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61 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon completion of the recruitment process, the
62 Executive Committee shall present a resolution to the County Board with its recommendation
63 for appointment of a successor County Treasurer, to serve the remainder of Ms. Schimmel's
64 unexpired term of office.
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Resolution No. 24-26

**Res. 24-26: Resolution to Authorize County Board Appointment to Fill the Vacancy of the
Position of County Treasurer - Andy Albarado**

Forwarded to the County Board by the Executive Committee.

Financial Impact

There is no fiscal impact to Chippewa County by passage of this resolution, aside from
normal recruitment expenses.

Signatures

Approved as to Form:

Andy Albarado

County Administrator

Leah Simington

Finance Director

Todd Pauls

Corporation Counsel

Chippewa County Board

Jason Bergeron, County Board Chair
jbergeron@chippewacountywi.gov



June 9, 2026

TO: County Board Supervisors

FR: Jason Bergeron, County Board Chair

RE: County Treasurer Vacancy

Dear Fellow County Board Supervisors,

This letter is to notify you that on June 3, 2026, Patty Schimmel submitted her notice to retire as County Treasurer effective October 9, 2026, after serving 42 years with Chippewa County. Patty is currently elected to fill the 2025-2028 term of office.

As indicated in Wisconsin State Statute, the County Board could fill the vacancy by appointment, or we could hold a special election to fill the vacancy, since it is occurring in the middle of the term (before June 1 in the year preceding expiration). The statute is included below for your reference.

17.21 ***Vacancies in elective county offices; how filled; term.** Vacancies in elective county offices shall be filled in the manner and for terms as follows:*

- (1)** *Sheriff, coroner, register of deeds. In the office of sheriff, coroner or register of deeds, by appointment by the governor for the residue of the unexpired term.*
- (3)** *County clerk, treasurer, and surveyor. In the office of county clerk, treasurer, or surveyor, by appointment by the county board for the residue of the unexpired term unless a special election is ordered by the county board, in which case the person appointed shall serve until his or her successor is elected and qualified. The county board may, if a vacancy occurs before June 1 in the year preceding expiration of the term of office, order a special election to fill the vacancy. If the county board orders a special election during the period beginning on June 1 and ending on November 30 of any year, the special election shall be held concurrently with the succeeding spring election. If the county board orders a special election during the period beginning on December 1 and ending on May 31 of the succeeding year, the special election shall be held on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November following the date of the order. A person so elected shall serve for the residue of the unexpired term.*

Recommendation to Fill Vacancy by Appointment

Chippewa County has addressed similar vacancies twice over the last 15 years; both situations were to fill the County Clerk vacancy due to resignations. My recommendation is that we follow a similar process for this vacancy as well. I encourage the County Board to fill the position by appointment, rather than incurring the time and expense of a special election. Also, the special election wouldn't happen until April 2027, which creates a significant issue in performing statutory duties until the election would happen.

In addition, I encourage this recruitment process to occur promptly so whomever would be appointed Treasurer could start employment as an LTE prior to Patty Schimmel's last day. This would allow some overlap for the new person to train with Patty. This is critical as there are only four employees in that office and our Deputy Treasurer has already given her retirement notice effective at the end of July, so we will have a new person in that position and a new Treasurer. If the new Treasurer is approved for appointment by the County Board, then the newly appointed individual would transition on October 10, 2026, from the LTE position to the County Treasurer position. The appointed individual will serve the remainder of the term through November 2028.

Recruitment/Appointment Timeline

I've included a draft timeline below that could be used for the recruitment/appointment process. This involves bringing a resolution to the County Board twice. The first resolution would be to seek support for the recruitment process and the second would be to appoint a new County Treasurer.

06/02/26	Resignation notice submitted effective 10/09/26
07/07/26	Executive Committee – Present resolution supporting recruitment process
07/14/26	County Board – Present resolution supporting recruitment process
07/15/26	HR – Public Recruitment Starts
07/29/26	HR – Public Recruitment Closes
08/04/26	Executive Committee – Closed Session to review applications and select finalists for interviews
08/10/26	Executive Committee – Closed Sessions to Conduct Interviews in the evening
08/11 – 08/14/26	HR – Conduct reference checks on behalf of Executive Committee following interviews
08/18/26	Executive Committee – Closed Session to discuss reference checks and finalize selection
08/19/26	HR – Make offer of employment on behalf of Executive Committee
09/01/26	Executive Committee – Present resolution to appoint new Treasurer
09/08/26	County Board – Present resolution to appoint new Treasurer

Possible start dates for the new Treasurer, depending on need for notice:

- 09/28/26 start as an LTE and have 2 weeks with Patty before she leaves
- 10/12/26 official start date as County Treasurer

If the County were to hold a special election, that would occur on April 6, 2027. In addition, the County would need to hire someone to temporarily perform the statutory duties of the Treasurer at one of the busiest times of the year for that office, and that would be an additional unbudgeted cost to the County. A brief timeline for election process is included below.

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|---------------------|---|
| • October 10, 2026 | Vacancy effective |
| • April 6, 2027 | Spring election |
| • December 31, 2028 | End of current 2025-2028 term |
| • January 1, 2029 | New 2029-2032 term of office starts – ends on January 2, 2033 |

I want to thank Patty Schimmel for her extraordinary service and dedication to the citizens of Chippewa County and wish her all the best in her much deserved retirement. If you have any questions or concerns don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Jason Bergeron
County Board Chair

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COUNTY TREASURER

Chippewa County has a temporary full time appointment available for the position of County Treasurer. This appointment will be from October 2026 to January 1, 2029. As the County Treasurer is an elected position, to continue as County Treasurer after January 1, 2029, the successful candidate will need to enter the 2028 primary and general elections for County Treasurer and prevail in those elections.

Minimum Qualifications: Must be at least 18 years of age and eligible to vote in Chippewa County. Preferred, not Required Qualifications: Associate's degree in Accounting or related field with a minimum of three years recent accounting and supervisory experience. Knowledge of property tax cycle, work experience in electronic banking, and knowledge of property legal descriptions preferred. Strong computer skills and customer service skills is also preferred. Working knowledge of the duties of the County Treasurer as defined by Wisconsin State Statute § 59.25 preferred. A full job description is located on the Chippewa County website. Interviews for this position are scheduled for August 10, 2026 in the evening.

Annual Salary: The compensation for the Treasurer is indicated below as approved by the County Board via Resolution 08-24, plus excellent fringe benefit package.

2026 - \$83,713.67 (prorated)

2027 - \$85,387.94

2028 - \$87,095.70

Benefits: Health Insurance offered through AmeriBen (Anthem BluePreferred Network) is a high-deductible plan with low monthly premiums. Includes Near-Site Clinic at ReforMedicine with **\$0 cost** office visits, physicals, labs, etc. and physical therapy services at Doctors of Physical Therapy with **\$0 cost** for visits! Wisconsin Retirement System pension! Dental, Vision, Life Insurance, Flexible Spending, Dependent Care, Accident Insurance, Critical Illness, and Disability Insurance offered. For more information on Chippewa County's Benefits visit: <https://www.chippewacountywi.gov/197/Employee-Benefits>

To Apply: A Chippewa County Application form is required. Applications will only be accepted through the online application process at www.chippewacountywi.gov under Career Opportunities.

Applications must be submitted electronically by 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 29, 2026. Application materials received after that date and time will not be considered. EOE.

**CHIPPEWA COUNTY
JOB DESCRIPTION**

Job Title: County Treasurer

FLSA: Exempt

Salary Range: by Resolution

Reports To: Executive Committee

Department: County Treasurer

Date: June 2026

JOB SUMMARY

The job duties of a County Treasurer are defined by county ordinances and state statutes and include but are not limited to receiving and disbursing all money belonging to the County, keep a true and accurate account of the receipt and expenditure of all money, organize, plan, implement, and direct the business office activities and operations of the Treasurer's Office. Duties shall be performed with independent judgment and discretion in the performance of complex administrative management, operational, and financial functions. Duties include supervising personnel and providing responsive, courteous and efficient service to County departments, residents and the general public.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The duties described below are indicative of what the County Treasurer may perform. This job description is to incorporate any county ordinances created for the position of County Treasurer. This is not an exhaustive list of job responsibilities and therefore other duties may be added at a later date:

- Receive and reconcile all money from all sources belonging to the County.
- Disburse all money belonging to the County.
- Keep a true and accurate account of the receipts and expenditures of all money belonging to the County.
- Provide confidential administrative and management support services to the Treasurer's Office.
- Generate a positive image for the Treasurer's Office by communicating detailed and accurate information with internal/external customers in a timely and efficient manner, conducting such business in a professional manner.
- Administer and monitor all office operations and provide instruction to office personnel. Conduct performance reviews and recommend discipline. Interview and select new department employees. Approve work schedules, vacation and leave time for department personnel.
- Supervise and manage new employee training.
- Make recommendations regarding the analysis and review of policies, procedures, and workflow.
- Make investment decisions as part of the Investment Panel, along with the Administrator and Finance Director.
- Assist with policy research and analysis of County programs and services and other public policy issues.
- Develop, prepare and monitor the budget for the Treasurer's Office.
- Respond to written and verbal inquiries concerning department functions or records.
- Prepare monthly, quarterly and annual payments and reports to the State according to statutory requirements.
- Produce tax rolls and tax bills for the municipalities. Provide direction to the municipal clerks/treasurers in regard to mill rates, tax collections and electronic data transfer of tax information.
- Collect first installment of the current year taxes for the City of Eau Claire located in Chippewa County.
- Balance municipality collections to the county totals after December & January tax collections.
- Calculate January, February, Lottery Credit and August tax settlements and disburse according to State statute.
- Annually on September 1st, issue a tax certificate for unpaid current year taxes.

- Provide training and assistance to other county departments in cash receipting.
- Reconcile department Springbrook cash receipt batches.
- Receive and receipt real estate tax payments and general fund monies received by mail, over the counter, or by wire transfer and ACH.
- Maintain daily receipt and expenditure records, reconcile cash, cancelled checks and bank deposits, and prepare monthly cash analysis.
- Mail accounts payable checks.
- Prepare the Tax Deed in Rem.
- Sign plats and timber cutting permits.
- Answer inquiries from the general public.
- Review, interpret and comply with federal law, state statutes, supreme court rules, district and local court rules, county code and municipal code, contracts and policies; conduct legal research.
- Coordinate with local media to inform the public of the department's mission, policies and practices in a positive, consistent and credible manner.
- Develop and implement office policies and procedures.
- Regularly attend Executive Committee meetings.
- Other duties as assigned by the County Board.

Customers:

- All members of the public that utilize services provided by the Treasurer's Office..
- Any County and local municipal employees who need our services.

Team Members:

- Employees of the Treasurer's office.
- Employees of all County offices.

WORK SCHEDULE

The hours of work for the position are generally Monday-Thursday, 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and Friday 7:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.. Early morning, late afternoon, evening hours, and occasional weekend hours may be required for meetings, tax bill calculating and printing and other duties assigned to the County Treasurer's Office.

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform each duty satisfactorily. The requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skill, and/or ability required at the time of hire.

EDUCATION AND/OR EXPERIENCE

- An elected official must meet Wisconsin Statutory requirements for County elected officials and must be at least 18 years of age and eligible to vote in Chippewa County.
- Associate's degree in Accounting or a related field preferred.
- Three (3) years recent accounting and supervisory experience preferred.
- Working knowledge of the duties of the County Treasurer as defined by Wisconsin State Statute Chapter 59.25 preferred.
- Knowledge of property tax collection process as defined in Wisconsin State Statute Chapter 74 preferred.
- Work experience in electronic banking preferred.
- Knowledge of property legal descriptions preferred.
- Strong computer and customer service skills preferred.
- Must be bondable.
- Must successfully complete a criminal background check.

SKILLS AND ABILITIES

- Ability to maintain a professional demeanor when dealing with the public.
- Ability to perform detailed work accurately in compliance with time limits.
- Ability to manage multiple projects.
- Ability to take control of situations in a responsible manner.
- Ability to comprehend, retain and apply County, State, and Federal policies and legislation, i.e. local ordinances, procedure manuals, codes, etc.

EQUIPMENT KNOWLEDGE REQUIRED

- Ability to operate various types of equipment – standard office equipment, computer and intermediate knowledge of Microsoft Office software.
- Other equipment could be required.

LANGUAGE SKILLS

- Ability to communicate effectively with other members of the staff, supervisor, and the public.
- Ability to communicate in both written and verbal form.
- Ability to handle sensitive situations calmly and tactfully.
- Ability to develop, interpret and implement local policies and procedures; written instructions, general correspondence; Federal, State, and local regulations; MSDS sheets, safety manuals; and warning labels.

MATHEMATICAL SKILLS

- Ability to perform complex mathematical calculations.
- Ability to prepare budget, including line item budgeting systems.

REASONING ABILITY

- Ability to respond to complaints and grievances posed by the public.
- Ability to define problems and deal with a variety of situations.
- Ability to think quickly, maintains self-control, and adapt to stressful situations.
- Ability to use good judgement and effectively solve problems.

PHYSICAL AND WORK ENVIRONMENT

The physical and work environments described are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform these functions.

Physical Environment:

- The duties of this job include physical activities such as stooping, kneeling, sitting, standing, reaching, walking, lifting and/or move (up to 10 pounds), grasping, talking, hearing/listening, seeing/observing, and repetitive motions.
- Specific vision abilities required by this job include close, distance and peripheral vision; depth perception; and the ability to adjust focus.
- Ability to coordinate eyes, hands, feet and limbs in performing skilled movements such as rapid keyboarding. Ability to operate office equipment and machinery requiring simple but continuous adjustments, such as computer keyboard, calculator/adding machine, photocopier, telephone, fax machine, scanner, paper shredder.
- Ability to exert light physical effort in sedentary to light work typically involving some combination of climbing and balancing, stooping, kneeling, crouching, crawling, lifting, carrying, pushing, and pulling.
- Ability to sustain prolonged visual concentration.

Work Environment:

- Works primarily in an office setting.



Statement of Explanation

ORD. 8-26

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

1 The proposed amendments: (1) clarify that Chippewa County will continue to exercise
2 jurisdiction over the permitting, enforcement and inspection of additions and alterations to
3 one-family and two-family dwellings built after June 1, 1980; (2) adopt Chapters SPS 320-325 to
4 apply to additions and alterations of one-family and two-family dwellings building prior to June
5 1, 1980, and only complete permits and inspections at the request of the owner or the lawful
6 occupant; (3) exercise jurisdiction over the inspection of electrical and plumbing servicing
7 detached accessory structures; (4) inspect the installation of new or replacement electrical
8 services; (5) increase the penalties for violations of Chapter 10; and (6) creates a new forfeiture
9 for the occupation of a structure prior to the issuance of the occupancy permit.

Ordinance No. ORD. 8-26

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

SEE ATTACHMENT

Financial Impact

By passage of these ordinance amendments, there is no fiscal impact to the Chippewa County.

Signatures

Approved as to Form:

Andy Albarado

County Administrator

Leah Simington

Finance Director

Todd Pauls

Corporation Counsel

**ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 10 OF THE CHIPPEWA COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES
BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS**

1. That Chapter 10 of the Chippewa County Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as follows:

Chapter 10 BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS*

~~*Cross references: County forest lands, ch. 16; environment, ch. 30; floodplain zoning, ch. 32; health, ch. 34; land division, ch. 38; shoreland zoning, ch. 54; waste treatment and disposal and sanitation, ch. 62; zoning, ch. 70.~~

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| Sec. 10-1. | Purposes. |
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| Sec. 10-6. | Fair and open housing. |
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~~On March 13, 2012, the County Board adopted ordinance revisions to codify Resolution No. 39-11, which restructured the County Board committees, boards, and commissions in anticipation of the downsizing of the County Board from 29 to 15 supervisors. Not all ordinance subsections were revised, but those subsections that had material changes will be specifically designated at the end of those subsections.~~

Sec. 10-1. Purposes.

(a) The purposes of this chapter ~~are to~~ is to promote the general health, safety, and welfare and to maintain required local uniformity with the administrative and technical requirements of the Wisconsin Uniform Dwelling Code.

(b) Scope.

- (1) Exercise jurisdiction over the ~~construction permitting, enforcement~~ and inspection of the construction of new one-family and two-family dwellings.
- (2) ~~Provide plan review and on-site inspections performed by persons or agencies certified by the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS). Exercise~~ jurisdiction over the permitting, enforcement and inspection of additions and alterations to one-family and two-family dwellings built after June 1, 1980.
- (3) ~~Establish and collect fees to defray costs. Adopt the provisions of SPS Chs. 320-325 to~~ apply to additions and alterations of one-family and two-family dwellings built prior to June 1, 1980 and pursuant to SPS 320.10(5), at the request of the owner or the lawful occupant, permit and inspect said additions or alterations.
- (4) ~~Provide remedies and penalties for violations. Exercise jurisdiction over the permitting,~~ enforcement and inspection of all electrical and plumbing servicing detached accessory structures.

~~(5) Exceptions. The following construction activities shall not require a building permit under this chapter.:~~

~~—Residing, re-roofing, window or door replacement, finishing of interior surfaces, installation of cabinetry, and non-structural repairs.~~

~~—Appliance replacements such as furnaces, water heaters, air conditioners.~~

~~—Repairs to HVAC, plumbing and electrical equipment or systems such as replacing electrical switches, receptacles, light fixtures and plumbing fixtures.~~

~~—Alterations to a dwelling resulting in an affected area of no more than 100 square feet within a two-year period.~~

(5) Exercise jurisdiction over the installation of a new electrical service or the replacement of an existing electrical service and require such installation to be completed by a Master Electrician.

(Code 1980, § 14.01) (Ord. No. 04-12, 03-12-2012)

Sec. 10-2. One-family and two-family dwellings.

The Wisconsin Uniform Dwelling Code, Wis. Admin. Code ~~NR-SPS~~ chs. 320-325, as adopted and effective on June 1, 1980, and all amendments thereto, is adopted by reference as part of this chapter as though fully set forth herein:

SPS ch. 320 Administration and Enforcement.

SPS ch. 321 Construction Standards.

SPS ch. 322 Energy Conservation Standards.

SPS ch. 323 Heating, Ventilating and Air Conditioning Standards.

SPS ch. 324 Electrical Standards.

SPS ch. 325 Plumbing.

(Code 1980, § 14.02) (Ord. No. 04-12, 03-12-2012)

Sec. 10-3. Administrative authority and building inspector.

~~This chapter shall be administered by the~~ The Chippewa County Board of Supervisors designates the Department of Planning and Zoning ~~Department to administer and enforce this chapter.~~ The ~~Planning and Zoning Committee~~ Department shall ~~appoint~~ employ a qualified building inspector(s) to enforce this chapter, ~~subject to confirmation by the County Board.~~

(Code 1980, § 14.03) (Ord. No. 04-12, 03-12-2012)

Cross references: Officers and employees, § 2-204 et seq.

(Ord. No. 07-18; 08-14-2018)

Sec. 10-4. Building permit.

(a) Required. ~~No person shall build or cause to be built any new one family or two family dwelling or any addition or alteration to an existing one family or two family dwelling without first~~

~~obtaining a state uniform building permit for such dwelling. Such building permit shall be issued by the County Planning and Zoning from the Department, as approved by the building inspector. A copy of such permit issued shall be filed with the Planning and Zoning Department.~~ The following shall require the submittal application for and issuance of a state uniform building permit:

- ~~(1)~~ The construction of new one-family or two-family dwellings.
- ~~(2)~~ Additions ~~or alterations~~ to one-family or two-family dwellings built after June 1, 1980.
- ~~(3)~~ Alterations to one-family or two-family dwellings built after June 1, 1980, that result in an affected area of more than 100 square feet within a two-year period.
- ~~(34)~~ Additions and alterations to one-family or two-family dwellings built prior to June 1, 1980 if requested by the owner or the lawful occupant pursuant to SPS 320.10(5), ~~permit and inspect said additions or alterations.~~
- ~~(5)~~ The installation of ~~heating, air conditioning, plumbing,~~ electrical or plumbing servicing detached accessory structures.
- ~~(6)~~ The installation of a new electrical service or the replacement of an existing electrical service.

(b) *Fee.* The building permit fee~~s~~ shall be ~~as~~ established by the County Board.

(Code 1980, § 14.04) (Ord. No. 04-12, 03-12-2012)

Sec. 10-~~56~~. Penalties.

~~(a)~~ Any person, including building contractors, or ~~his or~~ their agent~~(s)~~ who violates, disobeys, omits, neglects or refuses to comply with or resists the enforcement of any of the provisions of this chapter shall, upon conviction thereof, forfeit to the county a penalty of not less than ~~\$50.00~~200.00 together with the taxable cost in the action and not more than ~~\$200.00~~500.00. Every day of violation ~~may shall~~ constitute a separate offense ~~in addition to any penalties~~. Compliance ~~to with~~ this chapter is mandatory and no building or structure will be allowed without full compliance. Compliance therewith may also be enforced by injunctive order at the suit of the county.

~~(b)~~ Any person, including building contractors or their agents, who occupy a structure prior to the issuance of an occupancy permit shall, upon conviction thereof, forfeit to the county a penalty of \$1,000.00 together with the taxable cost in the action. Every day of violation shall constitute a separate offense.

(Code 1980, § 14.10)

Sec. 10-~~6~~. Fair and open housing.

~~(a)~~ The Board of Supervisors recognizes its responsibilities under Wis. Stats. § 106.50(1), and endorses the concepts of fair and open housing for all persons and prohibition of discrimination therein.

~~(b) — Wis. Stats. § 106.50, and all subsequent modifications, changes or amendments thereof, are hereby adopted by reference as if fully set forth. In addition, all persons shall have equal opportunity for housing regardless of familial status.~~

~~(c) — The officials and employees of the county shall assist in the orderly prevention and removal of all discrimination in housing within the county by implementing the authority and enforcement procedures set forth in Wis. Stats. § 106.50(6).~~

~~(d) — The Chippewa County Housing Authority office shall maintain forms for complaints to be filed under Wis. Stats. § 106.50(6), and shall assist any person alleging a violation thereof in county to file a complaint thereunder with the department of commerce for enforcement of this section.~~

~~(Code 1980, § 14.11)~~

2. That these ordinance amendments shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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



Statement of Explanation

ORD. 9-26

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

1 Passage of these ordinance amendments will implement the recent lease of Lake
2 Wissota Reserve Boat Landing (LWRBL) public access (former “Rod and Gun” boat landing) in
3 the Town of Eagle Point by the County from NSP (Xcel Energy) by adding the LWRBL to the list
4 of County special recreation areas under the management of the Facilities & Parks Division.

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6 Passage of these ordinance amendments will further remove Otter Lake Park from the list
7 of swimming zones under the management of the Facilities & Parks Division. Per the
8 recommendation of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Chippewa County Public
9 Health, and the Chippewa County Parks Manager and Facilities & Parks Director, the beach and
10 swimming area of Otter Lake will be decommissioned due to repeated issues with Blue-Green
11 Algae and other harmful environmental factors.

Ordinance No. ORD. 9-26

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

SEE ATTACHMENT

Financial Impact

By passage of these ordinance amendments, there is no fiscal impact to Chippewa
County.

Signatures

Approved as to Form:

Andy Albarado
County Administrator

Leah Simington
Finance Director

Todd Pauls
Corporation Counsel

**ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 50-1 AND 50-22 OF THE CHIPPEWA COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES
REGARDING PARKS**

1. That Sections 50-1 and 50-22 of the Chippewa County Code of Ordinances are hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 50-1. Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

- (1) *Committee shall* mean the County Facilities and Parks Committee.
- (2) *Department shall* mean the County Facilities and Parks Division of the Department of Administration.
- (3) *No anchor* means that no person may anchor or permit a boat to be anchored at the location of a designated zone.
- (4) *Park, county park and Chippewa County Park* mean all lands and water heretofore and hereafter acquired by the county for park or recreational purposes or placed under the jurisdiction of the Facilities and Parks Committee and includes without limitation, parks whether on county forest crop land or not, and privately owned lands the use of which has been granted to the county for park, recreational or like purposes. The following areas are designated as Chippewa County Parks:
 - a. Morris-Erickson Park.
 - b. Pine Point Park.
 - c. Otter Lake Park.
 - d. Round Lake Park.
- (5) *Slow no wake* means that speed at which a boat moves as slowly as possible while still maintaining steerage control.
- (6) *Special recreation area, special use area, wayside, public access and boat landing* mean all lands and water heretofore and hereafter acquired by the county for day use purposes or placed under the jurisdiction of the Facilities and Parks Committee, and include, without limitation, waysides, ski areas, boat landings, public access points and privately owned lands, the use of which has been granted to the county for recreational or like public purposes. The following areas are designated as county special recreation areas:
 - a. Otter Lake public access.
 - b. Long Lake public access.

- c. Lake Holcombe public access.
- d. Round Lake public access.
- e. Lake Wissota Lueck's Landing public access.
- f. Lake Wissota Yellow River Moon Bay public access.
- g. Lake Wissota Old Abe Trail public access.
- h. Lake Wissota Reserve Boat Landing public access.

Sec. 50-22. Boating and water traffic.

- (a) *Purpose.* The purpose of this section is to provide safe and healthful conditions for the enjoyment of aquatic recreation consistent with public rights and interest and the capability of the water resource.
- (b) *Applicability and enforcement.* The provisions of this section shall apply to the waters of Lake Holcombe, Long Lake, Otter Lake, Round Lake and Moon Bay Boat Launch and Old Abe Trail Boat Launch on Lake Wissota all within the jurisdiction of the county, and shall be enforced by officers of the county sheriff's department.
- (c) *State boating and water safety laws adopted.* The statutory provisions describing and defining regulations with respect to water traffic, boats, boating and related water activities and safety in the following enumerated sections of Wisconsin Statutes, exclusive of any provisions therein relating to the penalties to be imposed or the punishment for violation of such statutes, are adopted and by reference made a part of this section as if fully set forth herein:

TABLE INSET

Wis. Stats. § 30.50	Definitions
Wis. Stats. § 30.51	Operation of unnumbered motorboats prohibited
Wis. Stats. § 30.52	Certificates of number
Wis. Stats. § 30.53	Identification number to be displayed on boat; certificate to be carried
Wis. Stats. § 30.54	Transfer of ownership or numbered boat
Wis. Stats. § 30.55	Notice of abandonment or destruction of boat or change of address
Wis. Stats. § 30.60	Classification of motorboats
Wis. Stats. § 30.61	Lighting equipment
Wis. Stats. § 30.62	Other equipment
Wis. Stats. § 30.635	Motorboat prohibition
Wis. Stats. § 30.64	Patrol boats exempt from certain traffic regulations
Wis. Stats. § 30.65	Traffic rules
Wis. Stats. § 30.66	Speed restrictions
Wis. Stats. § 30.67	Accidents and accident reports
Wis. Stats. § 30.675	Distress signal flag
Wis. Stats. § 30.68	Prohibited operation
Wis. Stats. § 30.681	Intoxicated boating

Wis. Stats. § 30.682	Preliminary breath screening test
Wis. Stats. § 30.683	Implied consent
Wis. Stats. § 30.684	Chemical tests
Wis. Stats. § 30.686	Report arrest to department
Wis. Stats. § 30.687	Officer's action after arrest for violating intoxicated boating law
Wis. Stats. § 30.69	Water skiing
Wis. Stats. § 30.70	Skin diving
Wis. Stats. § 30.71	Boats equipped with toilets

(d) *Swimming zone.* Swimming zones will be established and an anchored system of regulatory buoys will be placed and maintained by the Department in the following described locations:

(1) Pine Point Park on Lake Holcombe--Section 19, Township 32N, Range 6 West, Town of Birch Creek.

#1	N 45.24413	W 91.15795
#2	N 45.24403	W 91.15810
#3	N 45.24390	W 91.15797
#4	N 45.24375	W 91.15787
#5	N 45.24384	W 91.15771

~~(2) Otter Lake Park--Section 14, Township 30 North, Range 5 West, Town of Colburn.~~

S#1	N 45.08638	W 90.95536
#2	N 45.08626	W 90.95546
#3	N 45.08623	W 90.95516
#4	N 45.08625	W 90.45496
#5	N 45.08635	W 90.45495

~~(32)~~ Morris-Erickson Park--Section 18, Township 32 North, Range 8 West, Town of Sampson.

#1	N 45.25355	W 91.41430
#2	N 45.25343	W 91.41430
#3	N 45.25341	W 91.41411
#4	N 45.25341	W 91.41395
#5	N 45.25356	W 91.41393

~~(43)~~ Round Lake Park--Section 14, Township 32N, Range 9 West, Town of Sampson pursuant to Town of Sampson Ordinance #1-1995, as amended.

All located in Chippewa County, Wisconsin, in waters adjacent to county park property used and maintained as public swimming beaches.

(e) *Slow No Wake zone.* No person shall operate a boat faster than slow no wake in those areas of the waters of Round Lake designated as slow-no-wake zones pursuant to Town of Sampson Ordinance #1-1995, as amended, and marked with regulatory buoys. An anchored system of regulatory buoys shall be placed and maintained by the Department pursuant to Town of Sampson Ordinance #1-1995 as amended.

- (f) *No Anchor zone.* No person may anchor or permit a boat to be anchored at the locations of the aerator systems on Otter Lake as identified and described in the Town of Colburn Ordinance to Regulate Anchoring and Ice Traffic at the Aerator Locations upon the Waters of Otter Lake in the Town of Colburn, Chippewa County Wisconsin, as amended.
- (g) *Interference prohibited.* No unauthorized person shall remove, damage, destroy, moor or attach any watercraft to any regulatory buoy or marker installed pursuant to this section identifying swimming-zones, slow-no-wake zones, and no anchor zones.

All located in Chippewa County, Wisconsin, in waters adjacent to county park property used and maintained as public swimming beaches.

- (h) *Controlled zone.* No person shall operate a boat faster than slow no wake in the waters of Round Lake beginning at the boat launch ramp and ending at the Round Lake swim area at any time.

(Code 1980, § 19.21) (Ord. No. 14-12, 03-12-2012; Ord. No. 06-20, 03-10-2020)

- 2. That these ordinance amendments shall take effect upon passage and publication.

Forwarded to the County Board by the Facilities & Parks Committee.

Chippewa County Board

Jason Bergeron, County Board Chair
jbergeron@chippewacountywi.gov



County Board Chair Appointment

I, Jason Bergeron, appoint, subject to County Board confirmation, Les Danielson, to the Chippewa County Board of Supervisors for District 6, which consists of the Towns of Arthur, Colburn, Goetz, that portion of the Town of Estella lying south of State Hwy 64 and south of the City of Cornell, that portion of the Town of Delmar lying north and west of the Village of Boyd and west of 320th St.

Les will fill the seat vacated by Timothy Goettl, who resigned May 22, 2026. The term will expire with the April 2028 election. In addition, Les will be appointed to the committees listed below. The term of office will expire as indicated:

Facilities & Parks Committee

Les Danielson (replaced Timothy Goettl)Term expires April 18, 2026

Agriculture & Extension Committee

Les Danielson (replaced Timothy Goettl)Term expires April 18, 2026

Dated this 14th day of July, 2026


County Board Chair

Official Oath

STATE OF WISCONSIN,)
) ss
_____ County)

I, _____, having been elected or appointed to
the office of _____,
(title)

but have not yet entered upon the duties thereof, swear (or affirm) that I will support the
constitution of the United States and the constitution of the State of Wisconsin, and will
faithfully discharge the duties of said office to the best of my ability.

So help me God.

(Signature of elected or appointed official)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, _____.

(Signature of person authorized to administer oaths)

☐ Notary Public or ☐ other official _____
(Official title, if not a notary)

If Notary Public: My commission expires _____, or ☐ is permanent

Department of Administration

Andy Albarado, County Administrator



County Administrator Appointment to Statutory Commissions and Boards

I, Andy Albarado, appoint, subject to County Board confirmation, Lynda Schweikert, Director of Land Conservation & Forest Management, as the Chippewa County Liaison for the City of Chippewa Falls Groundwater Technical Review Advisory Committee.

The Chippewa Falls Groundwater Technical Review Committee is defined in the City's Code of Ordinance Section 29.05. The role is to provide objective and scientific technical review of requests for provisional use permits and to make recommendations to the Board of Public Works to grant or deny provisional use permits based upon the facts discovered during review, to make recommendations on any and all provisions placed on a provisional use permit, and to give advice on matters concerning groundwater.

Dated this 14th day of July, 2026


County Administrator