

**Chippewa County
Legal & Law Enforcement Committee
Regular Meeting
July 20, 2026
Chippewa County Courthouse, Room 302
4:00 PM**

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 04:02 PM

2. Roll Call

Members Present: Peter Gehring, Dennis Bachman, Daniel Hardy
Members Absent: Charles Bomar, Chuck Hull
Others Present: Others present: Andy Albarado, Curt Dutton, James Maki, Wade Newell, Jessicad Hermann, Nathan Liedl, Jason Moses, Shannen Householder, Leah Simington and Jessica McDonald. Recorder: Amanda Richardson

3. Members of the Public Wishing to Be Heard

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

4. Consent Agenda

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

Motion:	Approved
Result:	(3 - 0)
Mover:	Dennis Bachman
Second:	Daniel Hardy
Ayes:	Peter Gehring, Dennis Bachman, Daniel Hardy
Nays:	None
Absent:	Charles Bomar, Chuck Hull

1. Approve the Agenda
2. Approve the Minutes - May 18, 2026 4:00 PM
3. Schedule Next Meeting Date - September 21st, 2026 4:00 PM

5. Reports

1. Sign Placements in Right-of-Way - Peter Gehring

Chair Gehring stated members of the public have been commenting to him about signs, political and/or for services, being placed in the right-of-way that should be removed. Gehring questioned if they were able to be given locations for the Highway Department to remove. Dutton stated that the procedure is once the Sheriffs office is notified of the signs in question, they will contact the County Highway Commissioner and he will have someone in the Highway department go out and check on the placement and remove the sign if needed.

2. Emergency Management Office Introduction - Jason Moses

Emergency Management Director, Jason Moses, introduced himself to the committee and gave an overview of the department, its staff and current projects.

6. Business Items

1. Office Introduction / Review Proposed 2027 Register in Probate Budget - Jessica Hermann

Motion:	Forward Budget to the County Administrator
Result:	(3 - 0)
Mover:	Daniel Hardy
Second:	Dennis Bachman
Ayes:	Peter Gehring, Dennis Bachman, Daniel Hardy
Nays:	None
Absent:	Charles Bomar, Chuck Hull

Register in Probate, Jessica Hermann, introduced herself to the committee and gave an overview of the department, staff and presented the proposed 2027 Register in Probate Budget. (Copy on file)

2. Office Introduction / Review Proposed 2027 District Attorney Budget - Wade Newell

Motion:	Forward Budget to the County Administrator
Result:	(3 - 0)
Mover:	Dennis Bachman
Second:	Daniel Hardy
Ayes:	Peter Gehring, Dennis Bachman, Daniel Hardy
Nays:	None
Absent:	Charles Bomar, Chuck Hull

District Attorney, Wade Newell, introduced himself to the committee and gave an overview of the department, staff and presented the proposed 2027 District Attorneys Budget. (Copy on file)

3. Office Introduction / Review Proposed 2027 Child Support Budget - Shannen Householder

Motion:	Forward Budget to the County Administrator
Result:	(3 - 0)
Mover:	Dennis Bachman
Second:	Daniel Hardy
Ayes:	Peter Gehring, Dennis Bachman, Daniel Hardy
Nays:	None
Absent:	Charles Bomar, Chuck Hull

Child Support Director, Shannen Householder, introduced herself to the committee and gave an overview of the department, staff and presented the proposed 2027 Child Support Budget. (Copy on file)

4. Office Introduction / Review Proposed 2027 Circuit Court Budget - Nathan Liedl

Motion:	Forward Budget to the County Administrator
Result:	(3 - 0)
Mover:	Peter Gehring
Second:	Daniel Hardy
Ayes:	Peter Gehring, Dennis Bachman, Daniel Hardy
Nays:	None
Absent:	Charles Bomar, Chuck Hull

Clerk of Court, Nathan Liedl, introduced himself to the committee and gave an overview of the department, staff and presented the proposed 2027 Clerk of Court Budget. (Copy on file)

5. Office Introduction / Review Proposed 2027 Coroner Budget - Ron Patten

Motion:	Forward Budget to the County Administrator
Result:	(3 - 0)
Mover:	Daniel Hardy
Second:	Peter Gehring
Ayes:	Peter Gehring, Dennis Bachman, Daniel Hardy
Nays:	None
Absent:	Charles Bomar, Chuck Hull

Finance Director, Leah Simington, stated on behalf of County Coroner, Ron Patten, that there were very few changes made to the Proposed 2027 Coroner Budget. (Copy on file)

6. Office Introduction / Review Proposed 2027 Sheriff Department Budget - Curt Dutton

Motion:	Forward Budget to the County Administrator
Result:	(3 - 0)
Mover:	Peter Gehring
Second:	Dennis Bachman
Ayes:	Peter Gehring, Dennis Bachman, Daniel Hardy
Nays:	None
Absent:	Charles Bomar, Chuck Hull

Chief Deputy, Curt Dutton, introduced himself to the committee and gave an overview of the department, staff and presented the proposed 2027 Sheriff Department Budget (Copy on file) Supervisor Gehring stated he previously requested to see a cost outline for the Fests. He would like to see the hard line numbers at the next meeting. Chief Dutton stated they should have all those numbers for all four festivals by the next meeting date. Supervisor Bachman stated he'd like to know what the policy and procedures are on how they handle and litigate overtime as well as any steps taken to help minimize that overtime. Chief Dutton explained they currently adjust their staff numbers due to the projected attendance of each festival based on previous data, if they have it, as well as adjust hours as needed due to weather or other circumstances allowing them to leave early or stay later. Administrator Albarado noted that they are not always able to staff for what they project and have to bring in other agencies.

7. Agenda Items for Future Consideration

Supervisor Gehring reiterated having the cost outline for all four festivals for review at the next meeting.

8. Adjourn

Motion:	Approved
Result:	(3 - 0)
Mover:	Peter Gehring
Second:	Daniel Hardy
Ayes:	Peter Gehring, Dennis Bachman, Daniel Hardy
Nays:	None
Absent:	Charles Bomar, Chuck Hull