

CHIPPEWA COUNTY

COUNTY BOARD

REGULAR MEETING

JULY 13, 2021

CHIPPEWA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, RM 302

6:00 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE**
3. **ROLL CALL**

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Dean Gullickson	Chippewa County	District 7 (Chair)	Present	
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Annette Hunt	Chippewa County	District 13	Present	
Chuck Hull	Chippewa County	District 14	Present	
Ronald McGill	Chippewa County	District 15	Present	

Also, in attendance Todd Pauls, Randy Scholz, Jaclyn Sadler, Dan Masterpole, Traci Bremness, Andy Bauer, Lori Zwiefelhofer, Carolyne Kaiser, David Staber and Bob Panzer

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Mickelson, District 8
SECONDER:	Lee McMenamin, District 4
AYES:	Gullickson, Sikorski, Steele, Schmitt, McMenamin, Thornton, Hauser, Mickelson, Shipman, Kervina, Eisenhuth, Ives, Hunt, Hull, McGill

5. **MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO BE HEARD**

David Staber, Town of Lafayette, thanked the County Board for putting the Stormwater Management Program back on the agenda.

Bob Panzer, spoke on Res. 18-21: Resolution to create the ad hoc committee on Chippewa County groundwater quality. copy of handout on file.

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6. CONSENT AGENDA

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Chuck Hull, District 14
SECONDER:	Ken Schmitt, District 3
AYES:	Gullickson, Sikorski, Steele, Schmitt, McMenamin, Thornton, Hauser, Mickelson, Shipman, Kervina, Eisenhuth, Ives, Hunt, Hull, McGill

1. Approval of Minutes

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2. County Board Chair Appointment - NoRTAC
3. County Administrator Appointment - Nutrition Advisory Council

7. REPORTS

A. County Administrator Review and Update

1. Update on ARPA and Broadband Access - Randy Scholz
County Administrator Randy Scholz provided an update on ARPA funds and broadband access. The County Board will have a special meeting on Tuesday, July 20th for further discussion and possible action for the Board.
2. Update on Redistricting Process and Recommendation for County Board Size - Randy Scholz
County Administrator, Randy Scholz, provided an update on the redistricting process. The Governor vetoed the bill to postpone the redistricting process. As of today redistricting will still need to be completed this year. The Counties have not received the census data or a new timeline. The timeline will be aggressive as the process needs to be completed before candidates take out papers December 1.
3. Update on Additional Funds for CDBG-CV Microenterprise Grant Program - Dean Gullickson and Randy Scholz
See attachments

B. Department Reports

1. The history of Chippewa County storm water agreements with other municipalities - Dan Masterpole
Dan Masterpole, Director of Land Conservation and Forest Management, presented the history of Chippewa County storm water agreements with other municipalities.

Supervisor Hauser asked if the revised mapping is one-time or is it ongoing. Mr. Masterpole said that it would be ongoing as it needs to be updated annually and the County would maintain it. The stormwater system maps would be updated annually.

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Supervisor Mickelson asked if the costs can be passed to municipalities. Mr. Masterpole said that would be a decision for the board.

Supervisor Schmitt asked if the cities of Bloomer, Stanley and Cornell have the population density for stormwater management program. Mr. Masterpole was unable to answer that question.

Supervisor Thornton asked if it is driven by census or development. Mr. Masterpole explained that is determined by both.

County Board Gullickson referred to NR216 (Chapter NR 216, Wis. Admin. Code, Storm Water Discharge Permits)

Supervisor Sikorski asked if it should be the town's responsibility to file reports. He also asked what are other counties doing. Mr. Masterpole explained the 6603 agreement outlined the responsibilities and indicates the County would do the joint reporting. This changed over the years. At first there was an option for joint permits. The state changed and now requires individual permits. The process got more complicated with the new electronic reporting. Mr. Masterpole indicated that responsibilities vary based on county.

Supervisor Steele asked Mr. Masterpole what the cost is with an ordinance. Mr. Masterpole indicated the total cost with an ordinance is \$52,250. Supervisor Steele stated that he is on the LCFM Committee and has asked in the past what the cost is and tonight's meeting is the first time anyone from the LCFM committee was seeing the monetary figures for the program.

Supervisor Sikorski asked why there is a cost difference between having an ordinance or not having an ordinance. Mr. Masterpole indicated the ordinance is focused on new development.

C. General Reports

8. BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Discussion and take possible action on options to assist Municipalities with their Storm Water Management Programs

Supervisor Shipman made a motion to direct the County Administrator and LCFM Director to negotiate a new agreement to implement a joint stormwater agreement for the Chippewa Falls Urban Area and bring it to the August County Board Meeting. Second by Supervisor Mickelson. Motion passed with 8 Yes, 7 No. Supervisors voting yes were Schmitt, Thornton, Hauser, Mickelson, Shipman, Kervina, Ives and Hunt. Supervisors voting no were Steele, Sikorski, McMenamin, Gullickson, Eisenhuth, Hull and McGill.

During discussion on the motion Supervisor Hunt agreed that the County Administrator and LCFM Director can handle the agreement. Supervisor Steele and Chair Gullickson want it to go through the LCFM committee.

Supervisor Hunt asked if the municipalities want to continue the program. Supervisor Shipman stated the municipalities have been at the last two meetings asking for it to be on the agenda and indicated they are willing to pay their fair share.

Supervisor Hunt called previous question, second by Supervisor Thornton - All Supervisors present voted yes, except Chair Gullickson voted no. 14 yes, 1 no

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2. Res. 18-21: Resolution to Create the Ad Hoc Committee on Chippewa County Groundwater Quality
Supervisor Ives asked how the members were selected and questioned the make up of the committee based on age/race and representing Chippewa County.

Chair Gullickson explained the process and indicated an email was sent to the County Board Supervisors asking who was interested in being on the ad hoc committee.

Supervisor Hunt questioned if the citizen members were advertised to the public for consideration.

Supervisor Schmitt made a motion to amend the resolution funding from \$50,000 to \$5,000. Second made by Supervisor McGill. All Supervisors voted yes except supervisors Sikorski, McMenamin, Gullickson, Eisenhuth and Hull voted not. 10 Yes and 5 No. Amendment passes.

Supervisor Thornton stated there isn't a need for another committee. The proposed ad hoc committee is made up of 5 County Board Supervisors. Planning and Zoning, Public Health and the DNR all have data/information and should be used as resources. The LCFM committee should be able to handle the issue.

RESULT:	DEFEATED [7 TO 8]
MOVER:	Harold Steele, District 1
SECONDER:	Lee McMenamin, District 4
AYES:	Gullickson, Sikorski, Steele, Schmitt, McMenamin, Kervina, Hull
NAYS:	Thornton, Hauser, Mickelson, Shipman, Eisenhuth, Ives, Hunt, McGill

9. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Supervisor Thornton asked about the status of changing the LCFM committee from 6 members to 7.

10. ADJOURN

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ken Schmitt, District 3
SECONDER:	Annette Hunt, District 13
AYES:	Gullickson, Sikorski, Steele, Schmitt, McMenamin, Thornton, Hauser, Mickelson, Shipman, Kervina, Eisenhuth, Ives, Hunt, Hull, McGill

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others present - Carolyn Kaiser, Dave Staber, Russ Bauer, Andy Bauer, Randy Scholz, Traci Bremness, Todd Pauls, Jaclyn Sadler, Jim Kowalczyk, Lori Zwiefelhofer, Chris Kowalczyk, Dan Masterpole, Tim Easker, Tom Diel, Kyra Secraw, Ashley Brott and Paul Brenner.

Brian Kelley presented remotely

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mechele Shipman, District 9
SECONDER:	Charlene Kervina, District 10
AYES:	Gullickson, Sikorski, Steele, Schmitt, McMenamin, Thornton, Hauser, Shipman, Kervina, Eisenhuth, Ives, Hull, McGill
ABSENT:	Mickelson, Hunt

5. **MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO BE HEARD**

Carolyn Kaiser, Town of Wheaton, spoke on the County's response to Covid.

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Dave Staber, Town of Lafayette, Town Chairman of Town of Lafayette, spoke on Stormwater Program. Would like to see it on the County Board agenda.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

After the vote County Administrator, Randy Scholz introduced Russ Bauer. Russ thanked the County Board for the opportunity and spoke highly of the current Emergency Management Director, Dennis Brown.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tom Thornton, District 5
SECONDER:	Lee McMenamin, District 4
AYES:	Gullickson, Sikorski, Steele, Schmitt, McMenamin, Thornton, Hauser, Shipman, Kervina, Eisenhuth, Ives, Hull, McGill
ABSENT:	Mickelson, Hunt

1. Approval of Minutes

County Board - Regular Meeting - May 11, 2021 6:00 PM

2. County Administrator Appointment - CJCC
3. County Administrator Appointment - ADRC Board
4. County Administrator Appointment - Board of Adjustment
5. County Administrator Appointment - Emergency Management Director

7. REPORTS

A. Department Reports

1. Human Services Placement Data Presentation - Human Services Staff
Tim Easker introduced presentation and staff. Tom Diel spoke on behalf of the adult placement, Kyra Secraw spoke on Youth Justice, Ashley Brott spoke on Child Protective Services and Paul Brenner spoke on DHS budget.

B. County Administrator Review and Update

1. COVID-19 Update - Randy Scholz
County Administrator, Randy Scholz, presented an update on COVID-19 to the County Board.
2. 2022-2026 Capital Improvement Plan - Randy Scholz
County Administrator, Randy Scholz, presented the 2022 - 2026 Capital Improvement Plan to the County Board.

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C. General Reports

8. BUSINESS ITEMS

Memo - Duplicate Resolution Numbers

1. Res. 20 (a) - 21 : Resolution to Request the WCA to Address Clean Water at the Annual Conference - Randy Scholz

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ken Schmitt, District 3
SECONDER:	Kari Ives, District 12
AYES:	Gullickson, Sikorski, Steele, Schmitt, McMenamin, Thornton, Hauser, Shipman, Kervina, Eisenhuth, Ives, Hull, McGill
ABSENT:	Mickelson, Hunt

2. Res. 21 (a) - 21 : Resolution to Amend 2021 Highway Dept CIP to Include Pavement Replacement on CTH F - Randy Scholz/Brian Kelley
Highway Commissioner, Brian Kelley, spoke on the County Highway F replacement.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mechele Shipman, District 9
SECONDER:	Lee McMenamin, District 4
AYES:	Gullickson, Sikorski, Steele, Schmitt, McMenamin, Thornton, Hauser, Shipman, Kervina, Eisenhuth, Ives, Hull, McGill
ABSENT:	Mickelson, Hunt

3. Res. 22 (a) - 21 : Resolution to Authorize Highway Department CIP Project Funding in 2022 - Randy Scholz/Brian Kelley
Highway Commissioner, Brian Kelley, presented the CIP projects for 2022 for the Highway Department.

RESULT:	APPROVED [11 TO 2]
MOVER:	Chuck Hull, District 14
SECONDER:	Ronald McGill, District 15
AYES:	Gullickson, Sikorski, Schmitt, McMenamin, Hauser, Shipman, Kervina, Eisenhuth, Ives, Hull, McGill
NAYS:	Steele, Thornton
ABSENT:	Mickelson, Hunt

4. Res. 23 - 21 : Resolution to Authorize the Use of Sales Tax and Fund Balance for Facilities & Parks 2022 CIP - Randy Scholz/Larry Ritzinger
County Administrator, Randy Scholz, presented the projects for the Facilities and Parks 2022 Capital Improvement Plan.

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RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Mechele Shipman, District 9
SECONDER: Don Hauser, District 6
AYES: Gullickson, Sikorski, Steele, Schmitt, McMenamin, Thornton, Hauser, Shipman, Kervina, Eisenhuth, Ives, Hull, McGill
ABSENT: Mickelson, Hunt

5. Res. 24 - 21 : Resolution to Use of Sales Tax Funds and Fund Balance in LCFM in 2022 for CIP - Randy Scholz/Dan Masterpole
Department of Land Conservation and Forest Management Director, Dan Masterpole presented the 2022 LCFM Capital Improvement Projects.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Harold Steele, District 1
SECONDER: Ken Schmitt, District 3
AYES: Gullickson, Sikorski, Steele, Schmitt, McMenamin, Thornton, Hauser, Shipman, Kervina, Eisenhuth, Ives, Hull, McGill
ABSENT: Mickelson, Hunt

6. Res. 25 - 21 : Resolution to Use Sales Tax Funds for Purchase of Body Cameras - Randy Scholz/Jim Kowalczyk
Sheriff Jim Kowalczyk presented on the resolution to purchase body cameras.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Harold Steele, District 1
SECONDER: Tom Thornton, District 5
AYES: Gullickson, Sikorski, Steele, Schmitt, McMenamin, Thornton, Hauser, Shipman, Kervina, Eisenhuth, Ives, Hull, McGill
ABSENT: Mickelson, Hunt

7. Res. 26 - 21 : Resolution to Use Sales Tax Funds for Computer Equipment Replacement - Randy Scholz/Andy Bauer
Information Technology Director, Andy Bauer spoke on the resolution.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Kari Ives, District 12
SECONDER: Lee McMenamin, District 4
AYES: Gullickson, Sikorski, Steele, Schmitt, McMenamin, Thornton, Hauser, Shipman, Kervina, Eisenhuth, Ives, Hull, McGill
ABSENT: Mickelson, Hunt

8. Res. 27 - 21 : Resolution to Use Sales Tax Funds for Annual Airport Contribution - Randy Scholz
County Administrator, Randy Scholz spoke on the resolution.

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RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
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SECONDER: Tom Thornton, District 5
AYES: Gullickson, Sikorski, Steele, Schmitt, McMenamin, Thornton, Hauser, Shipman, Kervina, Eisenhuth, Ives, Hull, McGill
ABSENT: Mickelson, Hunt

9. Res. 28 - 21 : Resolution to Use Sales Tax Funds to Pay Debt Service Liabilities - Randy Scholz
County Administrator, Randy Scholz spoke on the resolution.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Lee McMenamin, District 4
SECONDER: Ken Schmitt, District 3
AYES: Gullickson, Sikorski, Steele, Schmitt, McMenamin, Thornton, Hauser, Shipman, Kervina, Eisenhuth, Ives, Hull, McGill
ABSENT: Mickelson, Hunt

9. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

County Administrator, Randy Scholz informed the board that there could be an item on the next agenda regarding a previous resolution (Res. 15-21). West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission received more applications and there could be more funding available. The County Board Chair will send a letter via email tomorrow (6/9/2021) to all County Board Supervisors with information. Res. 15-21 authorizes the County Board Chair and the County Clerk to sign additional documents.

Supervisor Shipman requested that the Stormwater Contract be placed on the Executive Committee or LCFM agenda for discussion. She also questioned if the 10 year plan from LCFM would need to be updated.

10. ADJOURN

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Ken Schmitt, District 3
SECONDER: Mechele Shipman, District 9
AYES: Gullickson, Sikorski, Steele, Schmitt, McMenamin, Thornton, Hauser, Shipman, Kervina, Eisenhuth, Ives, Hull, McGill
ABSENT: Mickelson, Hunt

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**STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION
COUNTY BOARD CHAIR APPOINTMENT - NORTAC**

6.2

County Board Appointment to Standing and Special Committees

I, Dean Gullickson, reappoint, subject to County Board confirmation, the following individuals to the Northern Regional Trail Advisory Committee (NoRTAC).

Dean Gullickson, Member..... Term will expire 08/11/2023

Glen Sikorski, Member..... Term will expire 08/11/2023

Dated this 13th day of July, 2021

*Dean Gullickson
County Board Chair*



**STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR APPOINTMENT - NUTRITION ADVISORY
COUNCIL**

6.3

County Appointment to Statutory Commissions and Boards

I, Randy B. Scholz, appoint, subject to County Board confirmation, the individuals listed below, to the Nutrition Advisory Council on Aging. The term of office will expire as indicated. The roles and responsibilities of the council are outlined in Section 2-394 of the Code of Ordinances.

Mary Quinlan (fill the term vacated by Kalina Kline) Term expires April 19, 2022

Patricia German (replace Mary Quinlan as ADRC cross-over) Term expires April 1, 2023

Dated this 13th day of July, 2021

*Randy Scholz
County Administrator*



Department of Administration

Randy B. Scholz, County Administrator

June 25, 2021

TO: Executive Committee

FR: Randy Scholz

RE: Update on ARPA and Broadband Access

As you know, on March 11, 2021, President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) into law. This is a \$1.9 Trillion Economic Stimulus Package. As a result, Chippewa County will receive approximately \$12.5 million of this stimulus funding. I have been working diligently with the DOA team, the Wisconsin Counties Association, and the County Administrators throughout the state to try to understand the requirements associated with this funding. The guidance is limited and there are still a lot of unanswered questions, but we will continue to work through this and give you updates as we know more. We are preparing a document for the County Board to approve that would identify the guidelines and procedures Chippewa County will use to spend our ARPA funding. I plan to bring that forward as soon as it's ready.

In the meantime, on May 18, 2021, Governor Evers announced a \$100 million investment in the first round of federal funding for broadband access across the state. I have attached a copy of the press release so you can read that.

The State Broadband Office at the Public Service Commission (PSC) coordinates broadband investment, develops broadband maps, and manages the Broadband Expansion Grant Program. It will be the local telecommunications companies (Telcos) that will be installing the infrastructure necessary to accomplish this goal.

To help qualify for this State funding, applicants for the grant will need to provide matching funds for their broadband expansion projects. Currently the Telcos in Chippewa County are proposing that the State of Wisconsin provide 50% of the project costs. The Telcos are also asking the Towns in their area to provide funding. The Telcos themselves will also provide funding for the projects. In addition, the local Chippewa County Telcos have requested that Chippewa County provide gap funding to complete their projects. At this time, Chippewa County does not know the amount each Telco is going to request from Chippewa County ARPA funding.

Applications for this funding are due by July 27, 2021. At this time it is unclear what the total costs for Chippewa County projects will be, which is why we were not able to prepare a resolution for you to consider. Charlie Walker, CCEDC Director, is communicating with the local Telcos and will provide us with that information as soon as he can. In the meantime, I wanted to give you a report on this initiative.

If we get the necessary information in order to prepare a resolution, then we may need to have a special Executive Committee meeting prior to the July County Board meeting. This is the only way that we would be able to take appropriate action and allow the Telcos to meet the July 27, 2021 application deadline.

Sincerely,

Randy Scholz
County Administrator

Attachment

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: May 18, 2021

Contact: Jerel Ballard at the PSC, 608-266-9600, jerel.ballard@wisconsin.gov

Gov. Evers Announces \$100 Million Investment in First Round of Federal Funding for Broadband Access

Applications for largest single round of broadband investment in state history available on June 1, 2021

MADISON — Gov. Tony Evers announced today that the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC) will launch a round of broadband expansion funding in two weeks with \$100 million in funding from the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). This is the initial batch of federal funds to be dedicated to expanding high-speed broadband internet across the state. Funding will be awarded by the PSC based on a model similar to the successful Broadband Expansion Grant Program.

“I declared 2021 the Year of Broadband Access because everyone in this state should have access to reliable internet service. Between our Badger Bounceback agenda investments and these federal funds, we’re taking a major step toward connecting everyone in our state,” said Gov. Evers. “I’m glad to be able to direct this funding to the PSC so the folks in need of high-speed internet can get connected as quickly as possible. I also urge our state legislature to pass our Badger Bounceback agenda to allocate an additional nearly \$200 million for broadband access and provide financial assistance to low-income households struggling with their internet bills. This isn’t a question of providing federal or state funding for broadband—we must do both to ensure folks can get connected.”

Under U.S. Treasury guidance for the ARPA funds, eligible broadband projects are expected to:

- Serve unserved or underserved households and businesses.
- Be designed to deliver upon project completion internet service that reliably meets or exceeds upload and download speeds of 100 Mbps or at least 100 Mbps download and at least 20 Mbps upload if it not practicable to deliver the higher upload speeds due to geography, topography, or excessive costs.
- Prioritize projects that deliver a physical broadband connection that achieve the last mile connection.
- Prioritize affordability options.
- Prioritize investments in fiber optic infrastructure where feasible.
- Avoid investments in locations that have existing agreements to build reliable service of at least 100 Mbps download and 20 Mbps upload by December 31, 2024.

“I want to thank Gov. Evers for his continued leadership and commitment to broadband connectivity and for allocating this funding that will make a significant impact in the lives of those who are unserved by high-speed internet,” said PSC Chairperson Rebecca Cameron Valcq. “We are committed to getting the funding awarded quickly and efficiently while continuing to be good stewards of public dollars.”

The State Broadband Office at the PSC coordinates broadband investment, develops broadband coverage maps, and manages the Broadband Expansion Grant Program. The grant program helps providers find a path to return on investment in areas of the state that are challenging to serve due to population density or geography. Since 2019, the PSC has received 267 applications requesting more than \$112 million to fund broadband infrastructure expansion. Over the past two years alone, the PSC has awarded more than \$52 million for 130 broadband expansion projects across the state.

Attachment: CA Ltr to Exec RE Update on ARPA and Broadband 06-25-2021 (6435 : Update on ARPA and Broadband Access - Randy Scholz)

Gov. Evers' proposed biennial budget allocates \$151.7 million over the biennium to fund Broadband Expansion Grants. The governor's comprehensive broadband package also includes provisions to bookend the Broadband Expansion Grants, from Broadband Planning Grants that will make communities ready to partner on projects, to Broadband Extension Grants that will decrease the cost many individual customers face in order to connect to existing broadband infrastructure. The governor's proposal also included provisions that would have made internet service affordable for tens of thousands of families across Wisconsin through an internet subscription monthly subsidy program for low-income households; however, that proposal has been eliminated by the Legislature's Joint Committee on Finance.

In September 2020, Gov. Evers allocated over \$5 million in federal CARES Act funding for the PSC to make awards for 12 broadband expansion projects. Projects from that funding provided new or improved access to service for more than 20,000 homes, businesses, and farms across the state.

The PSC will make applications available, including information on project eligibility guidelines, for this first round of federal broadband funding on June 1, 2021, with applications due on July 27, 2021. More information regarding the PSC's broadband access and affordability programs can be found [here](#).



Department of Administration

Randy B. Scholz, County Administrator

June 21, 2021

TO: County Board Supervisors

FR: Randy Scholz

RE: Update on Redistricting Process and Recommendation for County Board Size

The last official update that was provided to you was on February 23, 2021. This memo will update you on what has occurred since that time with regard to the redistricting process.

As you know the US Census Bureau has delayed providing the data to counties as planned. This delay has significantly impacted the redistricting process and will make it impossible for counties to meet the statutory deadlines. We would normally receive information from the US Census Bureau by March 31st. Once that happens, per Wis. Stats. § 59.10(3) the County has 60 days to hold a public hearing and adopt a tentative county supervisory district plan. Then the municipalities have the next 60 days to create wards/adjustment of lines. Finally, the County must hold a public hearing and adopt a final plan within the next 60 days.

Issue – On February 3, 2021, we were notified that we would not receive data from the US Census Bureau until sometime after July 31, 2021. Then on February 12, 2021, we received notification that the US Census Bureau pushed the date back again to September 30, 2021. Due to these delays, counties will not be able to commence the redistricting process within the timeframe required by statute, and, depending on the extent of the delay, completion of the redistricting process prior to the December 1, 2021 deadline for filing nomination papers for the 2022 spring election will be impossible.

The WCA has been working diligently on this issue. They met with counties multiple times to receive input in hopes to find a solution that works for all 72 counties. As a result they submitted legislation that would allow counties to delay the redistricting process until 2022. For Chippewa County that would mean the April 2022 election would be based off the current 15 supervisory districts and the new redistricting districts would go into effect for the April 2024 election.

A few things of concern are happening with the legislation. A public hearing was held earlier this month on the proposed legislation. Milwaukee County and a few others have submitted concerns and shown opposition to the bill. In addition, as most things lately, this has become a political issue. Many are trying to tie this legislation to voter suppression and gerrymandering. In an effort to clarify the purpose of the legislation, the WCA put out a Myth vs. Fact sheet (attached) to try and inform every one of the true purpose for the bill. The last we heard, they are anticipating that the Governor will veto the bill. If that happens, that means all counties will be in violation of state statute because we are not able to meet the required timeline. We still have not received any data from the US Census Bureau.

While this has been extremely frustrating for counties and the WCA, it looks like we will need to move forward with appointing our redistricting committee. At this time we do not know what the plan is, or what timeline we will be required to follow. By moving forward with appointing our redistricting committee, it will allow us to get going on the process as soon as we receive official guidance and the data from the US Census Bureau. The redistricting committee members will be appointed by the County Board Chair and we hope to tentatively bring that to the August County Board meeting for confirmation.

Issue – On September 8, 2020, the County Board approved Resolution 31-20 that authorized staff to prepare a tentative supervisory redistricting plan based on a tentative County Board size consisting of 21 County Board Supervisors.

With the delay in receiving the census data, and if we are required to follow the compressed timeline, it will be almost impossible to move forward with increasing the size of the County Board for the April 2022 election. Although the redistricting process this time will be incredibly challenging, under the current circumstances it will be much easier for us to meet the statutory obligations and timelines if we stay with the current County Board size of 15 supervisors.

I realize the topic of the County Board size is something that many of you have discussed for some time now. There are few things that we need you to consider:

County Board Action Requested

1. If the legislation fails and we are required to follow the compressed timeline, and have the new supervisory districts effective for the April 2022 election, then we would request that the County Board confirm whether it is still your intention to increase the size of the County Board from 15 supervisors to 21. We would ask that you confirm that before we start working on the process.
2. If the legislation is passed and the new supervisory districts don't go into effect until April 2024, then technically the next County Board should be the body that makes the determination on whether to increase the size of the County Board from 15 supervisors to 21. It would also be our intent to have the next County Board confirm the redistricting committee members, to ensure the appointed County Board Supervisors are still on the County Board after the April 2022 election.

This issue has become very complicated and confusing so let me know if you have any questions or concerns at this time.



Randy Scholz
County Administrator



WISCONSIN TOWNS
ASSOCIATION
Empowering Town Officials

2021 ASSEMBLY BILL 369 / SENATE BILL 385

June 7, 2021

The Wisconsin Counties Association, League of Wisconsin Municipalities, and Wisconsin Towns Association have requested relief from the current statutory local redistricting deadlines given the federal government's delay in the release of U.S. Census data. Under current law, the local (and nonpartisan) redistricting process would need to be complete by mid-November so as to allow for publication of notices relating to the nomination process for local offices in the Spring primary and general elections in 2022. The local redistricting process typically takes approximately 180 days. Information surrounding the county process for redistricting is contained in the *County Decennial Redistricting Handbook*, a copy of which can be found at <https://files.constantcontact.com/77ea05ac001/9ce2c80f-31da-4424-b016-2f61bcc0c7f4.pdf>.

Assembly Bill 369 (AB 369) / Senate Bill 385 (SB 385) would provide counties, cities, villages, and towns with the time necessary to conduct local redistricting. The Bill replicates the local redistricting process in current law, but provides additional time in which to complete the redistricting process so as to account for the delay in release of U.S. Census data.

The practical impact of AB 369/SB 385 is to delay the effective date of the new county supervisory district lines, city aldermanic district lines, and municipal ward lines for purposes of local elections to the elections first following a county's adoption of a final plan. For cities, villages, and towns, this means the first time an individual could run for office under the new plan is the Spring of 2023 and, for counties, the first election under the new plan is the Spring of 2024. The elections in the Spring of 2022 would continue as planned, but candidates will run based upon existing district and ward boundaries.

There has unfortunately been a great deal of misinformation disseminated regarding AB 369/SB 385. Our purpose here is to dispel certain myths we have heard so legislators can make an informed decision regarding AB 369/SB 385, which our associations and members believe is necessary to ensure local redistricting can proceed.

Myth: *AB 369/SB 385 is a partisan effort to delay local redistricting to allow Republicans to draw partisan maps.*

FACT: **The Bill impacts only the local redistricting process, which is and always has been nonpartisan. Section 5.15(4)(a) of the Wisconsin Statutes already requires municipalities to redraw ward lines in the event the legislative redistricting process splits wards (See Secs. (1)(b)2. and 3. of the Bill). While we would appreciate a statutory requirement forcing the legislative plan to comply with the local plan,**

such a requirement would deviate from current law and we cannot reasonably expect such a change to occur in nonstatutory language such as that contemplated in the Bill.

Myth: *If the U.S. Census data is received by the end of August, there is still plenty of time for counties and municipalities to complete redistricting.*

FACT: This particular myth reveals a complete lack of understanding surrounding the county and municipal redistricting process. GIS and technology professionals are capable of drawing district and ward lines in a short amount of time. But those professionals are not responsible for adopting the maps nor does the public have access to that professional process in order to provide input surrounding the new boundaries. The law requires at least two (2) public hearings on the new maps – one for the tentative county plan (before new municipal ward lines are drawn) and one after. Each of the public hearings must be preceded by, in most cases, three (3) weeks’ notice of the hearing. Most counties create redistricting committees to evaluate the data, maps, and information received from the professionals and prepare the proposed maps for presentation at the public hearing. All of a committee’s work is, of course, open to the public. In other words, the redistricting process is a deliberate and transparent process. Our associations and members do not want our history and tradition of deliberate and transparent local redistricting to give way to haste in having maps quickly re-drawn and adopted.

While some of our members believe the process could be completed in the severely compressed timeframe, the overwhelming majority of our members favor delay. In fact, many of our members indicated it would be impossible to complete redistricting in the compressed timeframe starting with the release of U.S. Census data in August of 2021.

Myth: *Delaying the effective date of the local maps would mean current incumbents stay in office for an extra year or two.*

FACT: The election process and cycle are not affected by AB 369/SB 385. Municipal and county supervisor elections would still occur in the Spring of 2022. However, the elections would be held based upon existing district and ward maps. Incumbents do NOT automatically carry-over for an additional term in office.

Myth: *County and municipal clerks would face double or perhaps triple the work in implementing the new maps under AB 369/SB 385.*

FACT: Under AB 369/SB 385, the new maps are complete by July of 2022. At that point, the clerks can complete all of their work for the Fall election cycle in 2022 and every election thereafter. We have consulted with numerous clerks regarding the technical aspects surrounding implementation of AB 369/SB 385 and it is our understanding the Bill will not produce any more work for clerks than is normally required in the redistricting process.

Myth: It would be easier to simply delay the Spring of 2022 elections to a date later in 2022 to allow the new maps to take effect.

FACT: We have reviewed this option and determined a delay in the election process would be more disruptive, and cause greater confusion, than having candidates run for office in the Spring of 2022 based upon existing maps. First, all terms of office for individuals elected to office on the delayed election date would need to be changed – the terms are established at two years by statute. Next, from a county perspective, the organizational meeting occurring on the third Tuesday of April in each even-numbered year pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 59.11(1)(c), at which time leadership is elected, committees are appointed and the two-year calendar is set, would need to be adjourned. Finally, depending upon timing, the election may occur in the middle of the local budgeting process – a time when continuity and stability is critical to establishing a workable budget.

Although delaying the Spring of 2022 election, and modifying all of the statutes impacted by such a delay, is an option, it is far less pragmatic than the solution in AB 369/SB 385 and creates unnecessary issues and uncertainties.

Our associations have been aware of the potential for delay in the release of U.S. Census data and have been reviewing options for resolving the issues caused by the delay for many months. Neither counties, municipalities, nor towns created this problem. The federal government did. On behalf of our members, we respectfully ask for your support of AB 369/SB 385 in implementing a one-time, nonstatutory fix to the problem.



Chippewa County Board

Dean Gullickson, County Board Chair
dgullickson@co.chippewa.wi.us

June 24, 2021

TO: County Board of Supervisors

FR: Dean Gullickson, County Board Chair

RE: **Additional State Funding for the CDBG-CV Microenterprise Grant Program**

Dear Fellow County Board Supervisors:

On June 9, 2021, you received a letter from me regarding the additional state grant funds that are available for the CDBG-CV Microenterprise Grant Program. This letter is to provide you with an update since that time.

On April 20, 2021, the County Board unanimously approved Resolution 15-21 to authorize the acceptance of a Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) award to establish a Microenterprise Grant Program to provide \$5,000 grants to small, economically disadvantaged businesses in the west central Wisconsin region, which represents the counties of Barron, Chippewa, Clark, Dunn, Eau Claire, excluding the City of Eau Claire, Polk, and St. Croix. As part of that program, Chippewa County, as lead county for the Region, will contract with the West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (WCWRPC) to implement all aspects of the Microenterprise Grant Program.

Since the passage of Resolution 15-21, a copy of which is attached for your reference, the WCWRPC actively solicited applications from local businesses in the Region. The response was overwhelming. The original grant funding would have allowed us to provide 102 grants. The application period closed on June 15, 2021 and there were a total of 215 applications submitted. The WCWRPC is currently in the process of screening those applications to ensure they meet the qualifications.

The WCWRPC reached out to the State of Wisconsin Department of Administration – Division of Housing, Energy and Community Resources to determine if any additional funding might be available for the CDBG-CV Microenterprise Grant Program. The WCWRPC was informed that additional funds are indeed available beyond the \$576,300 that was previously authorized by the State for the Region.

To access this funding, Chippewa County, as lead county for the Region, is required to submit a letter to the State of Wisconsin Department of Administration – Division of Housing, Energy and Community Resources stating our intent to accept the additional funding to be used as part of the CDBG-CV Microenterprise Grant Program. At this time, it is still unclear how much additional funding will be available. The WCWRPC will provide us with a status report when they are finished screening the applications.

This letter is to inform you that I intend to sign the letter to the State accepting the additional funds.

As stated, a resolution is not necessary according to the State since Resolution 15-21 already authorized the Microenterprise Grant Program. In addition, Resolution 15-21 was approved unanimously and did authorize the County Board Chair and the County Clerk *“to sign all other documents necessary to secure the CDBG-CV Grant of \$576,300, including signing the Grant Agreement with the State of Wisconsin Department of Administration and Chippewa County, as well as any other documents necessary to implement the Microenterprise Grant Program.”* I will have the County Clerk co-sign the letter to be consistent with the Resolution.

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Note that there is no fiscal impact to Chippewa County by accepting the additional CDBG-CV funding as WCWRPC will be administering the grant funds. The County, however will need to amend the agreement that we have with the WCWRPC to increase the amount paid from the grant to them for their services. Under the current agreement, the County is paying the WCWRPC \$66,300 to administer the \$576,300 of CDBG-CV funding.

Sincerely,



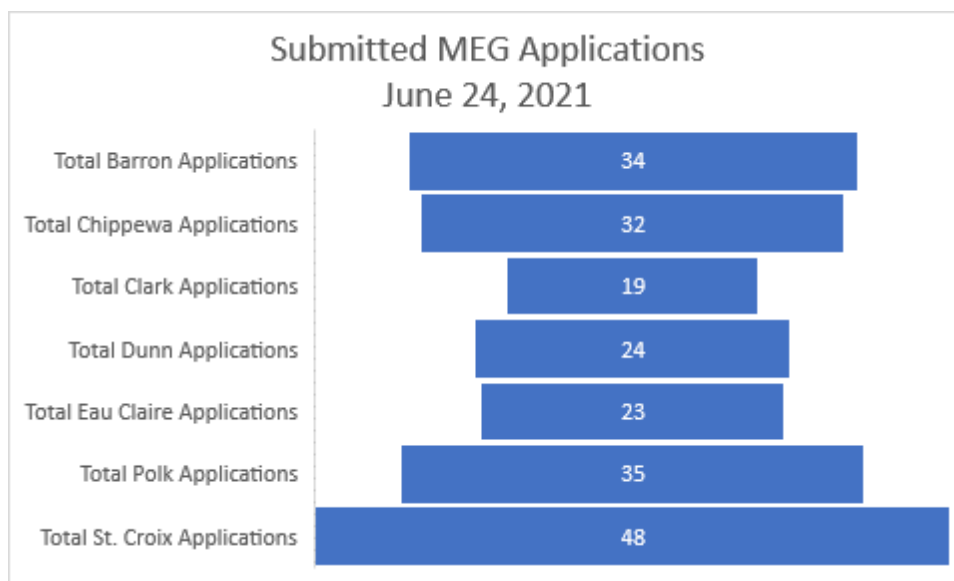
Dean Gullickson
Chippewa County Board Chair

Attachments

Attachment: CB Chair Ltr to CB RE Additional Funds for CDBG-CV Grant Program 06-23-2021 (6430 : Update on Additional Funds for CDBG-CV

DATE: June 24, 2021
 TO: Chippewa County
 FROM: Susan Badtke, Senior Planner
 RE: Update on West Central Wisconsin Microenterprise Grant Program

This memo is provided as an update on the status of the West Central Wisconsin Microenterprise Grant program. To date WCWRPC has received a total of 215 applications. A breakdown of applications by county within the 7-county region is as follows:



WCWRPC staff is reviewing and processing the submitted applications and anticipate having all reviews completed by Tuesday, June 29, 2021. The WCWRPC Executive Committee is scheduled to meet on July 8, 2021 to confirm the eligible applications. Following this meeting, WCWRPC staff will prepare the reimbursement request to the Wisconsin Department of Administration (DOA) for review and final approval. Staff anticipates having all grant awards and disbursements made by mid-to-late August.

Feel free to reach out to our office if you have any questions on the program. We appreciate Chippewa County's assistance in this effort and look forward to getting disbursements made to grant recipients later this summer.



STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION

Resolution No. 15 - 21

Approved by the
County Board
04-20-2021

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**RES. 15-21: RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF THE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AWARD FOR GRANT
FUNDING TO ESTABLISH A MICROENTERPRISE BUSINESS GRANT
PROGRAM AND TO AUTHORIZE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE WEST
CENTRAL WISCONSIN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION TO
ADMINISTER THE MICROENTERPRISE GRANT PROGRAM ON BEHALF OF
CHIPPEWA COUNTY - RANDY SCHOLZ**

1 Approval of this resolution will formally accept the grant Award from the
2 Microenterprise Grant Application that was approved by the County Board on February 9, 2021,
3 pursuant to Resolution No. 08-21. That resolution approved the filing of an application by the
4 West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (WCWRPC) on behalf of Chippewa
5 County as the lead county of the region, defined as the counties of Barron, Clark, Chippewa,
6 Dunn Eau Claire (excluding the City of Eau Claire), Polk and St. Croix, for a CDBG-CV (Community
7 Development Block Grant Coronavirus) Program grant award, for the development of a
8 Microenterprise Grant Program for Chippewa County to administer. This economic
9 development project will establish a Microenterprise Grant Program to provide \$5,000 grants
10 to small, economically disadvantaged businesses in West Central Wisconsin (the counties of
11 Barron, Chippewa, Clark, Dunn, Eau Claire, excluding the City of Eau Claire, Polk, and St. Croix).
12 The Microenterprise Grant Program is designed to provide a response to the COVID-19
13 pandemic by providing direct financial relief to businesses to assist in retaining their operations
14 in the region.

15 A CDBG-CV grant has tentatively been awarded to Chippewa County in the amount of up
16 to \$576,300, provided that the Award is accepted timely and that other pre-agreement items
17 are completed. Once the Award is accepted and the funding provided, Chippewa County will be
18 acting as the lead county on behalf of the counties in the region to administer these grants.

19 Since the parties in the Region are involved in a regional business loan fund program
20 originally capitalized with CDBG funds and now staffed by the WCWRPC, Chippewa County will
21 contract with the WCWRPC to implement all aspects of the Microenterprise Grant Program.
22 There will be no cost to Chippewa County as all administrative costs would be covered by the
23 grant. Passage of this resolution will also authorize approval of the attached Administrative
24 Services Agreement between Chippewa County and the WCWRPC to administer the
25 Microenterprise Grant Program on behalf of Chippewa County.
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Attachment: Res 15-21 to Accept Grant for CDBG-CV Microenterprise Program APPROVED 04-20-2021 (6430 : Update on Additional Funds for

Resolution No. 15 - 21

**RES. 15-21: RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT AWARD FOR GRANT FUNDING TO ESTABLISH A MICROENTERPRISE BUSINESS
GRANT PROGRAM AND TO AUTHORIZE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE WEST CENTRAL
WISCONSIN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER THE MICROENTERPRISE
GRANT PROGRAM ON BEHALF OF CHIPPEWA COUNTY - RANDY SCHOLZ**

WHEREAS, on February 9, 2021, the County Board approved Resolution No. 08-21 to authorize the West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (WCWRPC), on behalf of Chippewa County, the Lead County in the West Central Housing Region, to apply for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), for the development of a Microenterprise Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the grant funding is to establish a Microenterprise Grant Program to provide \$5,000 grants to small, economically disadvantaged businesses in the west central Wisconsin region, which represents the counties of Barron, Chippewa, Clark, Dunn, Eau Claire, excluding the City of Eau Claire, Polk, and St. Croix; and

WHEREAS, the Microenterprise Grant Program is designed to provide a response to the COVID-19 pandemic by providing direct financial relief to businesses to assist in retaining their operations in the Region; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2021, the State of Wisconsin Department of Administration notified County Board Chair Dean Gullickson that Chippewa County, as lead county for the aforementioned Region, had been awarded a CDBG grant of up to \$574,750 for the Microenterprise Grant Program, provided that the Award is formally accepted and that other pre-agreement items are met; and

WHEREAS, the Award was subsequently increased to \$576,300 (\$510,000 program funds + \$66,300 administrative costs) by the State of Wisconsin Department of Administration at the request of the WCWRPC for program implementation reasons; and

WHEREAS, the Award must be formally accepted within 45 days of the notice of the award and all other pre-agreement items and details are spelled out in the attached Letter from the State of Wisconsin Department of Administration to County Board Chair Gullickson; and

WHEREAS, once all pre-agreement documents listed in the Letter to Chair Gullickson are received by the Department of Administration Division of Energy, Housing and Community Resources (Division), then a Grant Agreement will need to be finalized between the Division and Chippewa County before any grants can be approved; and

WHEREAS, once the Award is accepted, the Grant Agreement is finalized, and the CDBG funding approved, Chippewa County will be acting as the lead county on behalf of the

72 aforementioned region to administer the Microenterprise Grant Program; and

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74 WHEREAS, since the parties in the Region are currently involved in a regional business
75 loan fund program originally capitalized with CDBG funds and now staffed by the WCWRPC,
76 Chippewa County will contract with the WCWRPC to implement and administer all aspects of
77 the Microenterprise Grant Program; and

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79 WHEREAS, there will be no cost to Chippewa County serving as lead county as all
80 administrative costs incurred by the County will be covered by the \$66,300 of administrative
81 costs allowed by the grant; and

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83 WHEREAS, to formalize the arrangement between Chippewa County and the WCWRPC
84 to administer the Microenterprise Grant Program, the WCWRPC is requesting that Chippewa
85 County enter into the attached Administrative Services Agreement;

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87 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Board does hereby authorize the
88 County Board Chair and the County Clerk to sign the "Acceptance of the Award" on behalf of
89 Chippewa County to accept the CDBG-CV Award of \$576,300 to be used to develop a
90 Microenterprise Grant Program for businesses in the west central Wisconsin region inclusive of
91 Barron, Chippewa, Clark, Dunn, Eau Claire (but not the City of Eau Claire), Polk and St. Croix
92 counties; and

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94 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the attached Administrative Services Agreement
95 between Chippewa County as lead county of the Region and the West Central Wisconsin
96 Regional Planning Commission is hereby approved and the County Board Chair and the County
97 Clerk are authorized to sign said Agreement on behalf of Chippewa County; and

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99 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Board Chair and the County Clerk are
100 authorized to sign all other documents necessary to secure the CDBG-CV Grant of \$576,300,
101 including signing the Grant Agreement with the State of Wisconsin Department of
102 Administration and Chippewa County, as well as any other documents necessary to implement
103 the Microenterprise Grant Program.

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105 Forwarded to the County Board by the Economic Development Committee.

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107 **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

108 There is no fiscal impact to Chippewa County by passage of this resolution.

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04/20/2021 County Board
RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Lee McMenamin, District 4
SECONDER: Tom Thornton, District 5
AYES: Gullickson, Sikorski, Steele, Schmitt, McMenamin, Thornton, Hauser, Mickelson,
 Shipman, Kervina, Eisenhuth, Ives, Hunt, McGill
ABSENT: Chuck Hull

History:

04/14/21 Economic Development Committee FORWARD TO COUNTY BOARD

Approved as to Form:

Todd A. Pauls

Todd A. Pauls, Corporation Counsel

4/7/2021

Lori Zwiefelhofer

Lori Zwiefelhofer, Finance Director

4/7/2021

Randy B. Scholz

Randy B. Scholz, County Administrator

4/7/2021

Chippewa County Board

Dean Gullickson, County Board Chair
dgullickson@co.chippewa.wi.us



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July 6, 2021

Amanda Knack
Wisconsin Department of Administration
Division of Energy, Housing and Community Resources
P.O. Box 7970
Madison, WI 53707-7970

RE: Acceptance of Additional CDBG-CV Funding for the Microenterprise Grant Program

Dear Ms. Knack:

As per conversations with Wisconsin Department of Administration Bureau Director Dave Pawlisch, I am writing to request a Grant Amendment to Chippewa County's Community Development Block Grant award (CDBG-CV-21-11) for its Microenterprise Grant Program. Specifically, I am writing to request an increased dollar amount for the total award.

The current Grant Agreement contemplates a grant total of \$576,300, which consists of \$510,000 to be disbursed in approximately 102 grants to eligible Low-or-Moderate Income (LMI) businesses in a 7-county region, along with \$66,300 in administrative expenses. According to the Microenterprise Grant Program's guidelines, each grant will be up to \$5,000.

Due to greater than expected demand, the Program has received a total of 179 eligible grant requests. In order to meet this demand, and thereby to help Chippewa County respond to the needs of LMI businesses throughout the region and boost local economies that have been heavily impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, Chippewa County respectfully requests an increase in the grant amount from \$576,300 to \$1,001,442.07. This amount will allow the Program to fund all 179 eligible requests at the amount requested, up to \$5,000 each, as well as cover increased administrative expenses due to the additional workload. Please see the budget tables below that reflect the budget per the Executed Grant Agreement vs. the revised budget per this Grant Amendment request.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration of this request. If you have any questions or need further assistance, please contact Craig Johnson, our grant administrator at the West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission at 715-836-2918 ext. 21 or cjohnson@wcrpc.org.

Yours sincerely,


Dean Gullickson
County Board Chair


Jackie Sadler
County Clerk

cc: Dave Pawlisch and Mark Staff, Wisconsin Department of Administration
Lynn Nelson and Tobi LeMahieu, West Central Regional Planning Commission
Randy Scholz, Chippewa County Administrator
Lori Zwiefelhofer, Chippewa County Finance Director

Attachment: Project Budget and Matching Funds Form

Microenterprise Grant Program
Budget Table per Executed Grant Agreement:

Activity	Award Amount	Match Amount	Total
Microenterprise Assistance	\$510,000.00	\$0.00	\$510,000.00
Administration	\$66,300.00	\$0.00	\$66,300.00
Total	\$576,300.00	\$0.00	\$576,300.00

Microenterprise Grant Program
Budget Table per Grant Amendment Request:

Activity	Award Amount	Match Amount	Total
Microenterprise Assistance	\$886,231.92	\$0.00	\$886,231.92
Administration	\$115,210.15	\$0.00	\$115,210.15
Total	\$1,001,442.07	\$0.00	\$1,001,442.07

Division of Energy, Housing and Community Resources (DEHCR)
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program

PROJECT BUDGET & MATCHING FUNDS

CONTRACT #: CDBG-CV 21-11
(enter only after award)

GRANTEE: Chippewa County

DATE: 7 / 6 / 2021

ACTIVITY	CDBG FUNDS	MATCH FUNDS (if applicable)	TOTAL COSTS (by Activity)
Acquisition - Land	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Acquisition - Building(s)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Building Improvements	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Center/Facility Construction	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Clearance - Site	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Homeless/Transitional Housing	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Rental/Mortgage Assistance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Microenterprise Assistance	\$ 886,231.92	\$ -	\$ 886,231.92
Job Creation/Retention Business	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Food Pantry Service	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Employment Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Health Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Increased Staff Wages & Benefits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Maintaining Facility for Public Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other (specify)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other (specify)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Fixtures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Furnishings		\$ -	\$ -
Engineering/Architecture	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Administration	\$ 115,210.15	\$ -	\$ 115,210.15
Sub-Total(s):	\$ 1,001,442.07	\$ -	\$ 1,001,442.07

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Attachment: CB Chair Ltr to State DOA RE Acceptance of Additional CDBG-CV Funds FINAL 07-06-2021 (6430 : Update on Additional Funds for

Division of Energy, Housing and Community Resources (DEHCR)
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program

CONTRACT #: CDBG-CV 21-11
(Enter only after Award)

GRANTEE: Chippewa County

DATE: 7/ 6 / 2021

Summarize the Match Funding sources and amounts for this CDBG project:

Source:	N/A	Amount:	\$ 0.00	Status:	☐ Pending	☐ Committed	☐ Other
					☐ Applied	☐ Secured/Awarded	
Source:	N/A	Amount:	\$ 0.00	Status:	☐ Pending	☐ Committed	☐ Other
					☐ Applied	☐ Secured/Awarded	
Source:	N/A	Amount:	\$ 0.00	Status:	☐ Pending	☐ Committed	☐ Other
					☐ Applied	☐ Secured/Awarded	
Source:	N/A	Amount:	\$ 0.00	Status:	☐ Pending	☐ Committed	☐ Other
					☐ Applied	☐ Secured/Awarded	
Source:	N/A	Amount:	\$ 0.00	Status:	☐ Pending	☐ Committed	☐ Other
					☐ Applied	☐ Secured/Awarded	

For any source with a status of "Other" provide a brief explanation (no more than a one-sentence narrative per source).

N/A

Documentation to verify that all matching funds have been secured must be submitted to DEHCR prior to the Grant Agreement being executed, upon award and acceptance of award.

Does the UGLG anticipate using CDBG funds to pay for Grant Administration or any other professional services associated with this project?

☒ Yes

If yes, the services must be competitively procured in accordance with state and federal CDBG requirements set forth in Chapter 3 of the CDBG Implementation Handbook, and meet the UGLG's local procurement policy

☐ No

If no, the services must be secured using a process that is in compliance with the UGLG's local procurement policy.

**FIRST AMENDMENT TO ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN CHIPPEWA
COUNTY AND THE WEST CENTRAL WISCONSIN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE
MICROENTERPRISE GRANT PROGRAM**

The undersigned entered into a certain Administrative Services Agreement Between Chippewa County and the West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission for the Microenterprise Grant Program dated April 20, 2021 (the "Agreement"), a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

Pursuant to Sections V.A. and VII.B. of the Agreement, the undersigned mutually agree to the following amendment to the Agreement (the "First Amendment"):

1. Section V.A. of the Agreement is hereby deleted and replaced with the following:

V. Financial Payments

A. It is expressly agreed by and between the parties to this Agreement that, contingent on the award to Chippewa County of CDBG-CV grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$1,001,442.07, the aforementioned services will be provided at a cost not to exceed \$115,210.15 unless mutually agreed upon by both parties. This fee is covered in full by the CDBG-CV grant to Chippewa County.

All other parts of said Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Chippewa County and West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission execute this First Amendment.

CHIPPEWA COUNTY:

By: Dean A. Gullickson Date: 7/06/21
Dean Gullickson, County Board Chair

By: Jaelyn J. Sadler Date: 7/6/2021
Jaelyn J. Sadler, County Clerk

WEST CENTRAL WISCONSIN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

By: _____ Date: _____
John L. Frank, Chair

By: _____ Date: _____
Joe Waichulis, Jr., Secretary Treasurer

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Chippewa County/West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission
First Amendment to Administrative Services Agreement Between Chippewa County and the West Central Regional
Planning Commission for the Microenterprise Grant Program (Cont.)

History & Status of the Chippewa Falls Urban Area Storm Water Management Program

Chippewa County Board of Supervisors
July 13, 2021



Introduction



CHIPPEWA FALLS URBAN AREA STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN



Chippewa County & municipalities in the Chippewa Falls Urban Area are each required to comply with a State storm water permit and to have a storm water program.

The public policy question is:

- Who should do what?
- Who should pay?

Introduction



Purpose

- Update Co. Board on Storm Water Program status:
 - Where we are at & why

Introduction



Structure of Report

- Background & history
- Overview of program elements & joint program agreement
- Overview of 2020-2021 program & fiscal analysis

Background & History



Background & History

- Purpose of storm water management
- Federal & state permit requirements
- Chippewa Falls Urban Area physical setting & storm water infrastructure

Background & History



CHIPPEWA FALLS URBAN AREA STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN



Plan adopted
in 2007

**STORMWATER
MANAGEMENT
AREA (MS4)**

Background & History



2007 Storm Water Plan Objectives

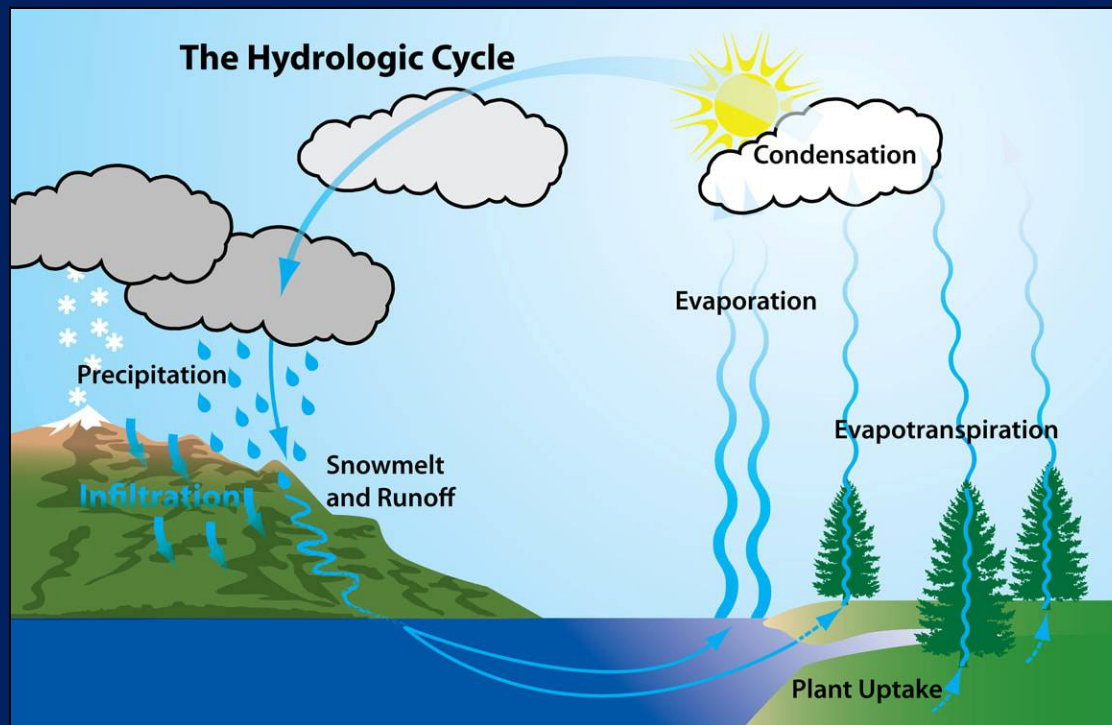
- Implement a joint storm water program using a watershed based approach to comply with NR 216 & WPDES permit requirements
- Collaborate to:
 - Achieve efficiency & avoid duplication of effort
 - Control public costs (\$)
 - Assure consistency (I/E; Regulatory)

Background & History



Purpose of Storm Water Management

- Reduce runoff & control flooding
- Reduce pollutant loads to surface & groundwater



Background & History



So, what goes in here....



....flows out here



Background & History



Physical Setting & Infrastructure

- Glacial outwash & bench terrace of Chippewa River
 - Flat landscape, closed depressions
 - Sandy soils, high infiltration
 - Limited runoff
- Limited curb & gutter, or piped infrastructure
 - Storm water conveyance via vegetative ditch lines & swales
- Storm water facilities are privately owned & maintained
 - Not municipal infrastructure

Background & History



History

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| 2002 | DNR provides notice to Co. & municipalities of storm water permit obligation |
| 2003 | Co. applies for Storm Water Planning Grant |
| 2007 | Co. & municipalities complete Chippewa Falls Urban Area Storm Water Plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Defines roles/responsibilities-\$ cost distribution |
| 2007 | Co. & municipalities approve Ch. 66.03 Intermunicipal Agreement to implement program |

Background & History



- 2009 Co. Brd. adopts 2009-2014 Chippewa Co. Land & Water Resource Mngt. Plan; recognizes program commitment
- 2011 2007 Ch. 66.03 Intermunicipal Agreement expires; program continues
- 2014 LCFM Committee & LWCB Brd. adopts 2015-2019 Chippewa County Land & Water Resource Mngt Plan extension; restates program commitment

Background & History



- 2017 Co. adopts Construction Site & Storm Water Ordinance; municipalities sign on
- 2017 DNR adopts new EPA electronic reporting
- 2019 DNR conducts voluntary program audit
- DNR issues new general municipal WPDES permit
- 2020 DNR requires additional “benchmark narrative reporting” & electronic submittal by Co. & all municipalities subject to WPDES permit

Background History



STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

GENERAL PERMIT TO DISCHARGE UNDER THE WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM WPDES PERMIT NO. WI-S050075-3

In compliance with the provisions of ch. 283 Wis. Stats., and chs. NR 151 and 216, Wis. Adm. Code, owners and operators of municipal separate storm sewer systems are permitted to discharge storm water from all portions of the

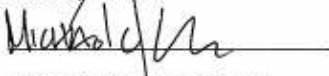
MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM

owned or operated by the municipality to waters of the state in accordance with the conditions set forth in this permit.

With written authorization by the Department, this permit will be used to cover a municipal separate storm sewer system initially covered under a previous version of a municipal separate storm sewer system general permit. The **Start Date** of coverage under this permit is the date of the Department letter sent to the municipality authorizing coverage under this permit. The Department is required to charge an annual permit fee to owners and operators authorized to discharge under this permit in accordance with s. 283.33(9), Wis. Stats., and s. NR 216.08, Wis. Adm. Code.

State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
For the Secretary

By


Michael C. Thompson, Director
Bureau of Watershed Management
External Services Division

5/1/19

Date Permit Signed

PERMIT EFFECTIVE DATE: May 1, 2019

EXPIRATION DATE: April 30, 2024

General Municipal WPDES Permit

-Sets standard program requirements for all cities, villages, urban towns, & counties that meet State population thresholds & permit criteria

Background & History



Storm Water Program Elements

- Public education & outreach
- Public participation
- Illicit discharge detection & elimination
- Construction Site & Storm Water Ordinance
- Water quality modeling
- Storm Sewer System Map
- Permit reporting & administration

Overview of Program Elements & Agreement



Roles & Responsibilities, as Established in 2007 Plan

PROGRAM AREA AND ACTIVITY	COUNTY			MUNICIPALITIES		
	Zoning	LCC	Highway	Lake Hallie	L. Hallie/Eagle Point	Lafayette
Public Education and Outreach						
Public Information/Outreach		X				
Targeted Education		X				
Chippewa Valley Stormwater Forum		X		X	X	X
Public Participation						
Public Meetings		X				
Stormwater Coordinating Committee	X	X	X	X	X	X
Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination						
Annual Training			X	X	X	X
Annual Ditchline Inspection			X	X	X	X
Annual Outfall Inspection		X				
Regulatory Response/Enforcement	X					
Construction Site/Stormwater Ordinance						
Permit Administration	X					
Plan Review		X				
Construction Inspection		X				
Regulatory Enforcement	X					
Pollution Prevention/Water Quality Model						
Annual BMP Inspection		X				
Storm Sewer System Map						
Collect/Maintain Data (BMP'S)		X				
Update/Maintain Drainage System Map/GIS		X				
Permit Reporting and Administration						
WPDES Permit Admin/Reporting		X		X	X	X

Overview of Program Elements & Agreement



Current Program Status

1/1/21 – 3/15/21	Village & Town Board meetings to review new permit & updated 66.03 agreement
3/3/21	LCFM meeting “Motion to continue with the joint storm water plan with municipalities.” -Motion failed. -?’s on program costs & distribution
3/19/21	Village & Towns informed of Committee action
3/22/21 – 3/31/21	LCFM prepares independent 2021 Co. storm water work plan & activity schedule

Overview of Program Elements & Agreement



Current Program Status (Continued)

3/31/21

LCFM & each municipality file annual reports

- Co. assists municipalities to file
- Municipalities convey interest to cooperate

5/17/21

DNR notifies municipalities of permit non-compliance

- (no agreement; no well defined program)

CHIPPEWA COUNTY
Land Conservation & Forest Management

Draft 4/5/202

2021 ANNUAL WORK PLAN: CHIPPEWA FALLS URBAN AREA STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

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Program & Fiscal Analysis



Purpose of Fiscal Analysis

- Using 2020 benchmark reporting & time tracking, determine:
 - Who is doing what
 - What the storm water program is costing the County now
 - The portion of total program costs that are specific to the County and to the municipalities
 - What the storm water program is expected to cost the County in the future, using time tracking

Program & Fiscal Analysis



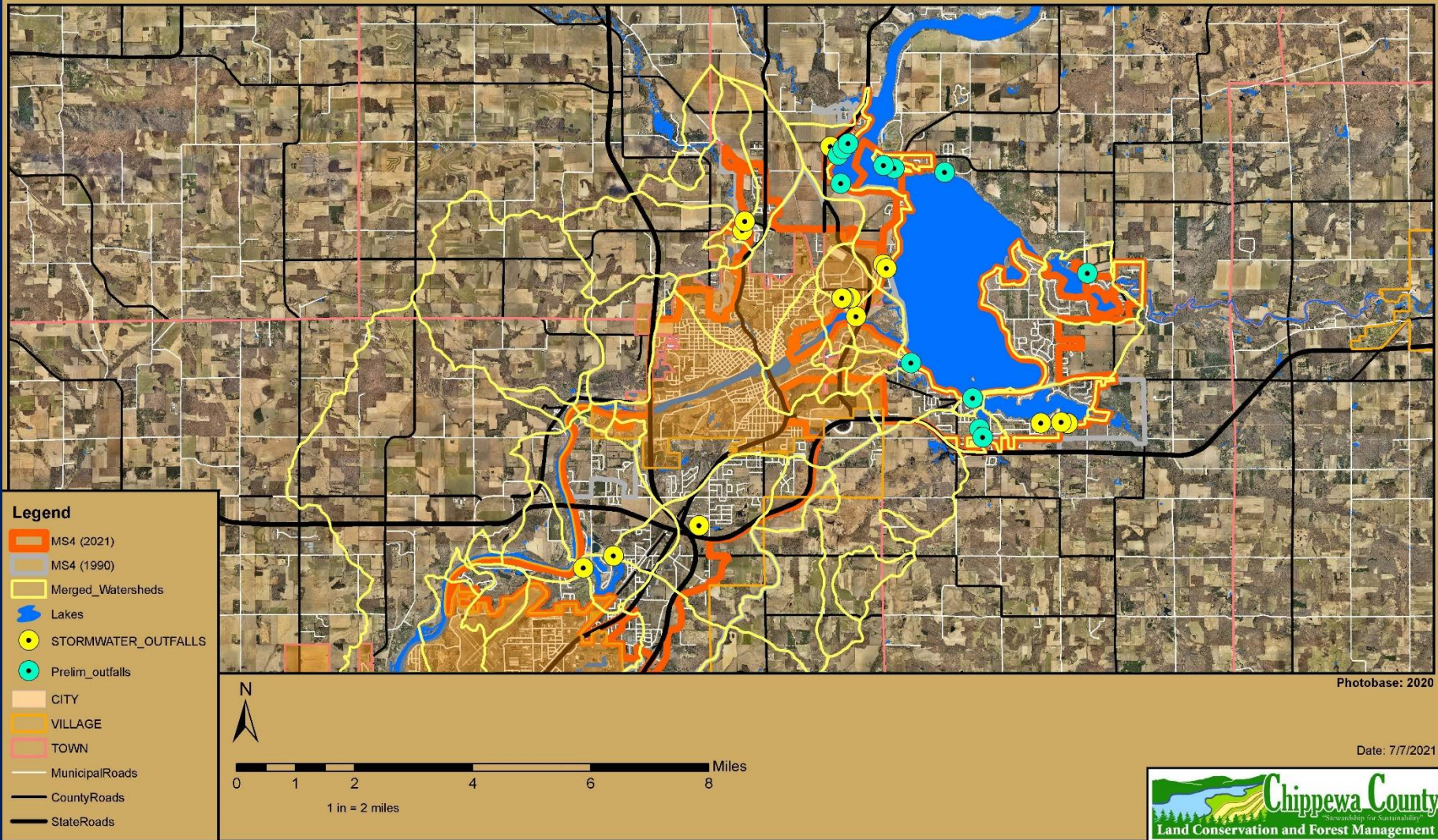
Methods

- Compiled record of 2020 services rendered by LCFM to estimate time & costs by program component
- Established new time tracking procedure to document LCFM's core costs & additional service costs
- Implemented 2021 storm water work plan to meet Co. WPDES permit:
 - Storm sewer map management
 - Storm water outfall & ditch swale monitoring
 - Storm water plan reviews & construction inspections
 - Storm water facility inspections (pre-certification)
- Compiled time/cost data to make 2021 & 2022 budget estimates

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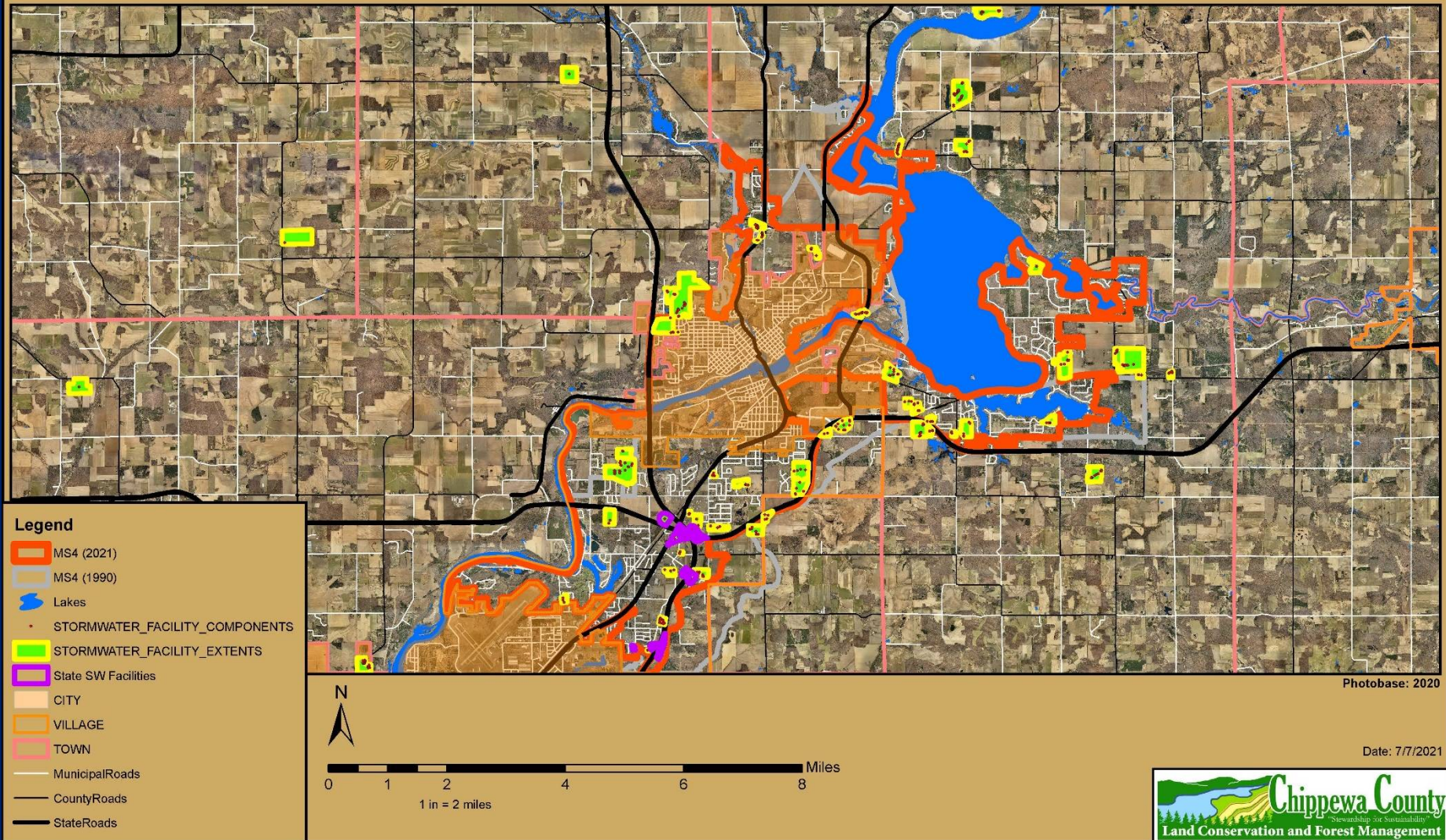
Updated MS4, Municipal Boundaries, Sub-Watershed Boundaries, Stormwater Outfalls and Roads



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Updated MS4, Municipal Boundaries, Stormwater Systems, and Roads



Findings of Policy Analysis



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- Roles & responsibilities are being implemented as planned in 2007 (a few expectations):
 - Intermunicipal coordination
 - Recordkeeping
- Program no longer aligns with 2007 plan or (new) state permit requirements:
 - No intermunicipal agreement for defined services
 - No expanded outreach/info. & ed.
 - No expanded recordkeeping & reporting

Findings of Fiscal Analysis



Findings of Fiscal Analysis

- Current staffing allocation via “program budgeting” does not allow the County to account for:
 - Core county WPDES permit & program costs
 - Service fees charged to municipalities & developers
- Service fees are not adequate to fully cover additional service costs required under (new) WPDES permit for:
 - Storm water plan review & private storm water facility construction inspection
 - Co. permit reporting & administration
 - Other municipal program support

Policy & Fiscal Analysis



LCFM 7/7/21

WORKING DRAFT CHIPPEWA COUNTY STORMWATER PROGRAM BUDGET SUMMARY (5)

	LCFM			
	2007	2020	2021	2022
Public Education and Outreach				
-Public Information/Outreach	\$250	\$5,000	\$5,000	
-Targeted Education***	\$500			
-Chippewa Valley Stormwater Forum	\$100	\$1,000	\$1,000	
Public Participation				
-Public Meetings		\$500	\$500	
-Stormwater Coordinating Committee	\$800	\$0	\$0	
Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination				
-Annual Training	\$100	\$0	\$1,000	
-Annual Ditchline Inspection		\$0	\$1,000	
-Annual Outfall Inspection*** (Outfalls)	\$1,500	\$2,500	\$5,000	
-Regulatory Response/Enforcement (Outfalls)(1)		\$500	\$1,000	
Construction Site/Stormwater Ordinance				
-Permit Administration*		\$500	\$2,500	
-Plan Review*	\$5,000	\$13,000	\$20,000	
-Construction Inspection*	\$3,000	\$6,500	\$8,000	
-Regulatory Response/Enforcement (Facilities)(2)	\$500	\$0	\$3,500	
Pollution Prevention/Water Quality Model				
-Remodeling of Pollutant Loads				
Storm Sewer System Map				
-Annual BMP Inspection*** (3)	\$1,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	
-Update/Maintain Drainage System Map/GIS***	\$1,500	\$7,500	\$7,500	
Permit Reporting and Administration				
-VWPDES Permit Fee	\$250	\$500	\$500	
-Admin/Reporting***	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENT	\$16,000	\$45,000	\$60,000	
REVENUE				
Public Education and Outreach				
-Public Information/Outreach				
-Targeted Education***	\$1,250		\$0	
-Chippewa Valley Stormwater Forum				
Public Participation				
-Public Meetings				
-Stormwater Coordinating Committee				
Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination				
-Annual Training			\$1,000	
-Annual Ditchline Inspection (Support)			\$1,000	
-Annual Outfall Inspection***			\$5,000	
-Regulatory Response/Enforcement				
Construction Site/Stormwater Ordinance				
-Permit Administration*		\$900	\$900	
-Plan Review*	\$5,000	\$17,000	\$17,000	
-Construction Inspection*	\$3,000	\$6,100	\$6,100	
-Regulatory Response/Enforcement		\$0	\$3,500	
Pollution Prevention/Water Quality Model				
-Remodeling of Pollutant Loads				
Storm Sewer System Map				
-Annual BMP Inspection***	\$1,500	\$10,260	\$2,500	
-Update/Maintain Drainage System Map/GIS***	\$1,500		\$3,750	
Permit Reporting and Administration				
-VWPDES Permit Fee	\$250		\$0	
-Admin/Reporting***	\$1,000		\$1,000	
TOTAL REVENUE BY DEPARTMENT	\$13,500	\$34,260	\$41,750	
Difference of Expenditures and Revenue (4)			\$18,250	

Estimated expenses
& revenue by
program component

Results of Policy Analysis



Results of Fiscal Analysis

2021 Estimated total intermunicipal program costs (without ordinance)	\$26,000
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Expenses

County core program expenses	\$ 7,750
Municipal program expenses	\$18,250

2021 Revenue

Municipal service fees	\$ 5,850
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County in-kind contribution to municipalities in 2021	\$12,400
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Program & Fiscal Analysis



Conclusion

- WPDES storm water permit and program(s) are an unfunded mandate
- New storm water permit has greater requirements & higher expectations
- Public costs of the program have increased through time
 - As a result of new permit requirements
 - As development in the Chippewa Falls Storm Water service area has occurred
- Chippewa County is subject to WPDES permit requirements and must now make a policy decision(s) on how to move forward, using the existing program framework or a revised framework

Dept. of Land Conservation & Forest Management



We would be pleased to address any questions.



**STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION
DISCUSSION AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ON OPTIONS TO ASSIST
MUNICIPALITIES WITH THEIR STORM WATER MANAGEMENT
PROGRAMS**

Discussion and take possible action on options to assist Municipalities with their Storm Water Management Programs



STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION

Resolution No. 18 - 21

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1. Identify the steps and process the committee will use to address this issue.
2. Identify areas of poor groundwater quality and potential causes.
3. Identify the current groundwater regulatory framework.
4. Identify steps for landowners to take if they discover that their well is contaminated, including who to contact and what options are available for treatment or abatement.
5. Identify recommendations to improve groundwater quality and public education on well sampling.
6. Identify a timeline to complete the objectives, to report back to the County Board with updates on the work of the Committee, and to bring the final report and recommendations to the County Board.

This resolution also allocates \$50,000 of Contingency Funds to be used by the Committee to cover the costs of the per diems and mileage and to fulfill its objectives, such as consulting with outside legal counsel and groundwater experts, as needed. A 2/3 vote of the full membership of the Board, or at least 10 supervisors voting to approve the resolution is required to allocate that funding. The funding would be used as approved by the County Administrator. Any funds remaining after the committee is finished will go back to the Contingency Fund.

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WHEREAS, it is believed that the Ad Hoc Committee on Chippewa County Groundwater Quality should have representation from the Planning and Zoning Committee, the Land Conservation and Forest Management Committee, the Health and Human Services Board, and one at large member; and

WHEREAS, if this proposed ad hoc committee is created, the County Board Chair would appoint the members of the Ad Hoc Committee on Chippewa County Groundwater Quality, subject to County Board approval; and

WHEREAS, the County Board Chair is recommending the appointment of the following supervisors and citizen members to serve on the Ad Hoc Committee on Chippewa County

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WHEREAS, the Department of Natural Resources has indicated that they would have a staff member available to advise the committee and could serve as a non-voting member; and

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Forwarded to the County Board by the Executive Committee.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

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07/13/2021 County Board

RESULT: DEFEATED [7 TO 8]

MOVER: Harold Steele, District 1

SECONDER: Lee McMenamin, District 4

AYES: Gullickson, Sikorski, Steele, Schmitt, McMenamin, Kervina, Hull

NAYS: Thornton, Hauser, Mickelson, Shipman, Eisenhuth, Ives, Hunt, McGill

History:

04/06/21 Executive Committee FORWARD TO COUNTY BOARD

04/20/21 County Board REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

06/01/21 Executive Committee FORWARD TO COUNTY BOARD

Approved as to Form:



Todd A. Pauls, Corporation Counsel

3/17/2021



Lori Zwiefelhofer, Finance Director

3/17/2021



Randy B. Scholz, County Administrator

3/17/2021



Chippewa County Board

Dean Gullickson, County Board Chair
dgullickson@co.chippewa.wi.us

May 28, 2021

TO: Executive Committee

FR: Dean Gullickson

RE: Resolution 18-21 to Create the Ad Hoc Committee on Chippewa County Groundwater Quality

Dear Fellow County Board Supervisors,

On April 20, 2021 the County Board reviewed Resolution 18-21 to Create the Ad Hoc Committee on Chippewa County Groundwater Quality. At that meeting the County Board voted to send the resolution back to the Executive Committee for further review and consideration.

After that meeting I incorporated some proposed revisions and on May 18, 2021 the Executive Committee reviewed the resolution again. The Committee approved my proposed revisions along with two additional amendments that were proposed by the committee.

In the agenda packet you will see a clean copy of Resolution 18-21 that has all of the approved amendments incorporated into it. Also attached is a duplicate copy of the resolution that has all of the amendments highlighted to make it easier for everyone to see what exactly was changed since the last County Board meeting.

The Executive Committee agreed to increase the number of Ad Hoc members so that we could include two citizen members. You will see those changes in the resolution as well, along with the names of the citizen members that I am recommending be appointed. The citizen members are Paul Michels and Randy Woodruff.

At the June 1, 2021 Executive Committee meeting we will review all of the changes again to ensure that everything was incorporated correctly. I will be asking the Executive Committee to make a motion to forward this to the County Board again for consideration and approval. There are several County Board Supervisors that will be absent for the June County Board meeting due to attendance at the Highway Conference and scheduled vacations. Therefore, I would ask that this item be forwarded to the July 13, 2021 County Board meeting when all of the Supervisors can be present.

Sincerely,

Dean Gullickson
County Board Chair



CHANGES APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 5/18/2021

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FINANCIAL IMPACT:

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04/20/2021 County Board

RESULT: REFERRED TO COMMITTEE [UNANIMOUS] Next: 5/18/2021 4:00 PM

MOVER: Tom Thornton, District 5

SECONDER: Mechele Shipman, District 9

AYES: Gullickson, Sikorski, Steele, Schmitt, McMenamin, Thornton, Hauser, Mickelson, Shipman, Kervina, Eisenhuth, Ives, Hunt, McGill

ABSENT: Chuck Hull

History:

04/06/21 Executive Committee FORWARD TO COUNTY BOARD