

CHIPPEWA COUNTY

COUNTY BOARD

SPECIAL MEETING

MAY 24, 2022

CHIPPEWA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, RM 302

6:00 PM

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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 5 (Chair)	Present	
Ken Schmitt	Chippewa County	District 3 (Vice-Chair)	Present	
James Flater	Chippewa County	District 1	Present	
Harold Steele	Chippewa County	District 2	Present	
David Bischel	Chippewa County	District 4	Present	
Glen Sikorski	Chippewa County	District 6	Present	
Jason Bergeron	Chippewa County	District 7	Present	
James Ericksen	Chippewa County	District 8	Present	
Matthew Peterson	Chippewa County	District 10	Absent	
Roger Calkins	Chippewa County	District 11	Present	
Charles Bomar	Chippewa County	District 12	Present	
Caden Berg	Chippewa County	District 13	Absent	
Robert Teuteberg	Chippewa County	District 14	Present	
David Eisenhuth	Chippewa County	District 15	Present	
Ronald McGill	Chippewa County	District 16	Present	
George Rohmeyer	Chippewa County	District 17	Present	
Annette Hunt	Chippewa County	District 18	Present	
Chuck Hull	Chippewa County	District 19	Present	
Dean Mueller	Chippewa County	District 20	Present	
Kari Ives	Chippewa County	District 21	Present	

others present in room 302 were Randy Scholz, Lori Zwiefelhofer, Michael Ewer, Lynda Schweikert, Brian Kelley, Jim Sullivan, Todd Pauls, Traci Bremness and Jaclyn Sadler

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Flater, District 1
SECONDER:	David Bischel, District 4
AYES:	Gullickson, Schmitt, Flater, Steele, Bischel, Sikorski, Bergeron, Ericksen, Calkins, Bomar, Teuteberg, Eisenhuth, McGill, Rohmeyer, Hunt, Hull, Mueller, Ives
ABSENT:	Peterson, Berg

5. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO BE HEARD

There were no members of the public wishing to be heard

6. REPORTS

A. General Reports

1. Sikich Training - Board Oversight and Implementing Effective Controls - Jim Sullivan
County Administrator, Randy Scholz provided background on Sikich and the forensic audit that Chippewa County had done.

Jim Sullivan from Sikich presented to the Board. See attachment.

B. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) County Board Brainstorming Session

County Administrator, Randy Scholz, explained the American Rescue Plan Act to the board and what the previous board had approved for spending the ARPA funds.

1. Review Draft 2021-2026 ARPA Plan - Randy Scholz
Notes from Brainstorming Session

Steele - against Boardroom expansion. City of Eau Claire let public rank/vote on projects or how funds are spent.

Hull - against Boardroom expansion but there isn't enough room for the Public

Bergeron - likes the idea of public input/voting but concern that population wins projects

Mueller - City of Eau Claire asked for projects

Teuteberg - likes the idea of the public input but keep dollar amounts off and limit it to 3 or 4 projects that benefit the whole county

McGill - it is the County Board's job to make the decision. Each County Board supervisor knows their district

Bomar - money should be spent on roads if there is enough resources to complete the projects

Ericksen - spend the money on roads and broadband

Steele - listening sessions, involve the public

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Ives - vote before on the extra \$ going to highway

Schmitt - would like to keep \$500,000 in LCFM for nitrate issues

Sikorski - meeting with Towns, 95% roads

Gullickson - questions the cost of bathrooms/boardroom

Teuteberg - range decision will be contentious

Bergeron - in favor of bathrooms at the park, no to boardroom expansion, yes to LCFM project

Steele - cost of the bathrooms is accurate. would put money towards public firearms range if open to the public

Bischel - would move funds from boardroom to range

Ericksen - asked when we had 29 members where did they meet. yes, to funding bathrooms at the park

Ives - would like to see funds to replace picnic tables at the parks

Mueller - asked if tourism had money to give to the county for parks

Teuteberg - range should be for public and law enforcement. funds for park bathrooms, park picnic tables and working with other counties on range

Steele - Tourism is part of the Chamber, County gives money to the tourism council

Gullickson - requested Sheriff to feel the range out with other counties

Eisenhuth - park bathrooms, well testing and range. the rest of the funds to contingency

Rohmeyer - funds for well testing and problems

RESULT:	DISCUSSED
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7. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

There were no items for future consideration

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RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Annette Hunt, District 18
SECONDER:	Charles Bomar, District 12
AYES:	Gullickson, Schmitt, Flater, Steele, Bischel, Sikorski, Bergeron, Ericksen, Calkins, Bomar, Teuteberg, Eisenhuth, McGill, Rohmeyer, Hunt, Hull, Mueller, Ives
ABSENT:	Peterson, Berg



BOARD OVERSIGHT AND IMPLEMENTING EFFECTIVE CONTROLS

CHIPPEWA COUNTY
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Meet YOUR Presenters



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Consultant, Forensic and Valuation Services
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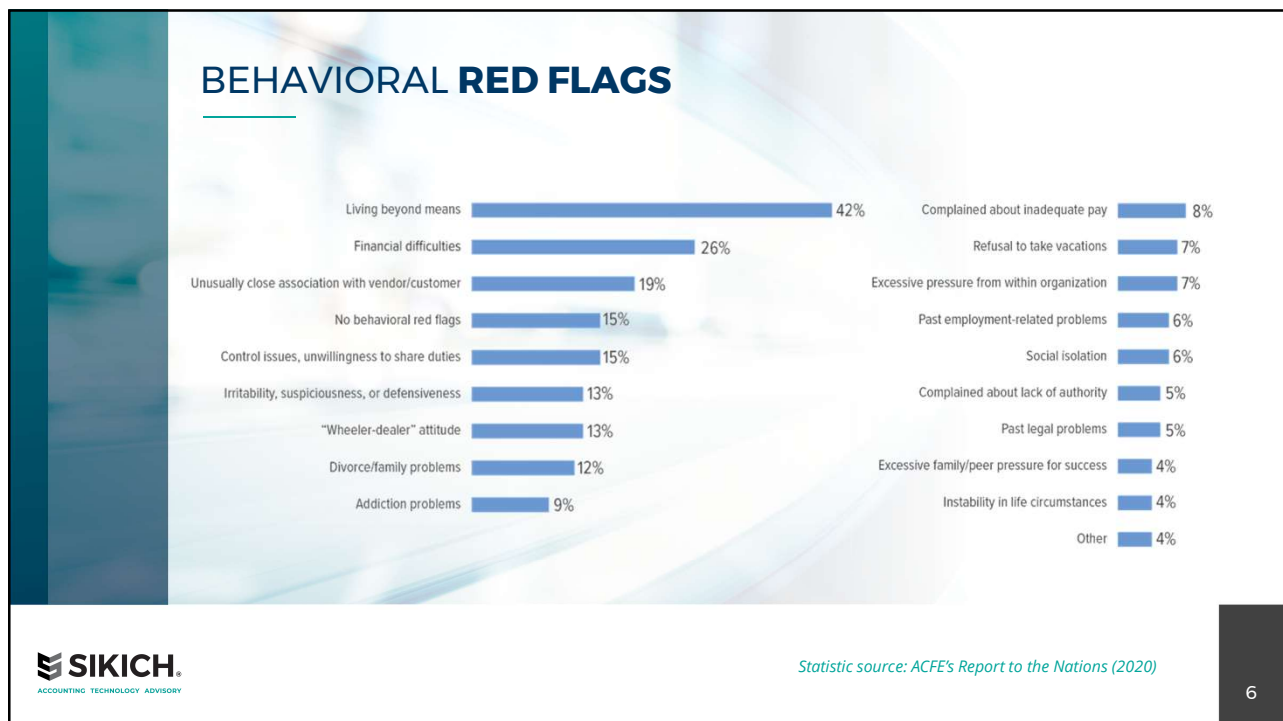
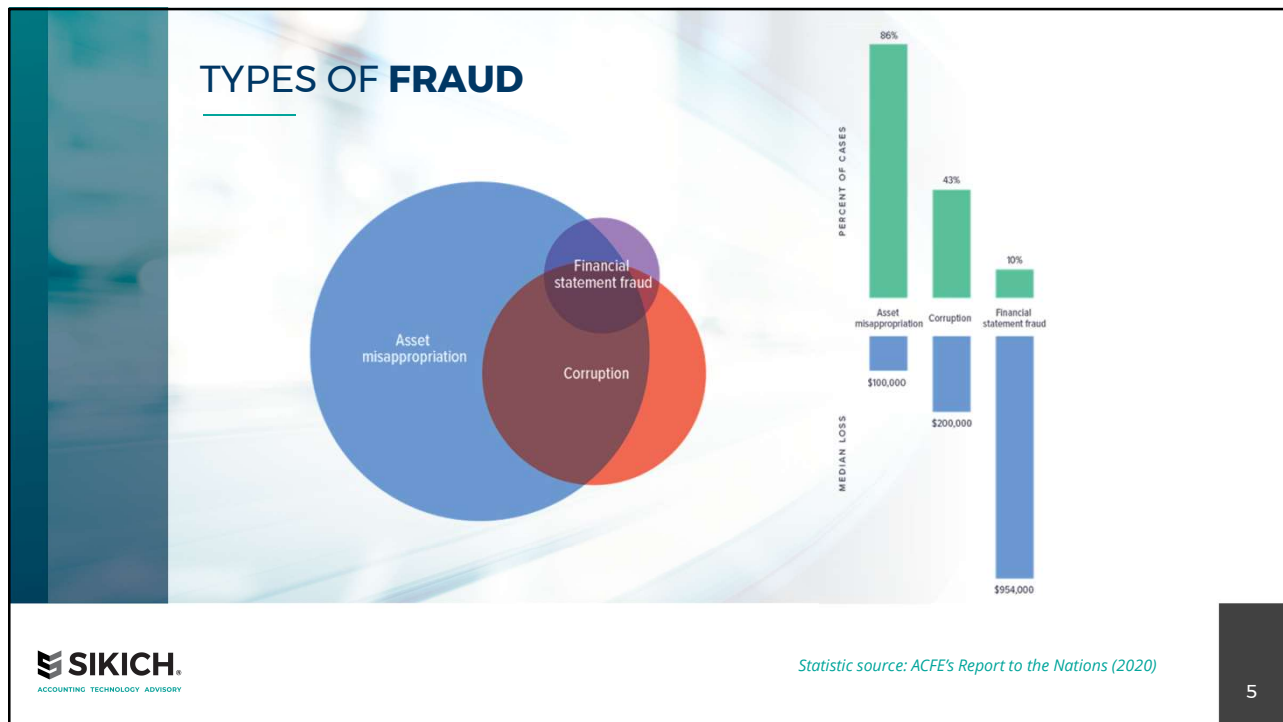


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- Fraud Basics
- Understanding Internal Controls
 - Objectives of Internal Controls
 - Who is Responsible
 - Internal and External Auditors
 - Audit Committee
- Internal control framework (Committee of Sponsoring Organizations – COSO / Association of Certified Fraud Examiners -ACFE)
- Incident response
- Ethics

FRAUD BASICS



WHEN PEOPLE COMMIT FRAUD

- Pressure / Motivation
 - Personal life
 - Job goals or incentives
- Rationalization
 - Justification of fraud as an acceptable act "considering the circumstances"
- Opportunity
 - Using a position of trust with a low risk of getting caught



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UNDERSTANDING INTERNAL CONTROLS

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OBJECTIVES OF INTERNAL CONTROLS

- Operate effectively – achieve purpose
- Operate efficiently – make best use of resources
- Provide reliable information to those who need it
- Compliance
 - Laws
 - Regulations
 - Contractual obligations
- Reasonable Assurance

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR INTERNAL CONTROLS

- It is management's job to ensure that proper controls are in place to prevent fraud, as well as detect it. (ACFE)
- Internal control is a process, effected by an entity's board of directors, management, and other personnel, designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the achievement of objectives relating to operations, reporting, and compliance. (COSO)

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR **INTERNAL CONTROLS***

Governing Body – (County Board) Ultimately responsible for internal control

County Administrator – Primarily responsible for internal control

- Works with Management for implementation of internal control policies

* An Elected Officials Guide, Internal Control – Government Finance Officer's Association (GFOA)



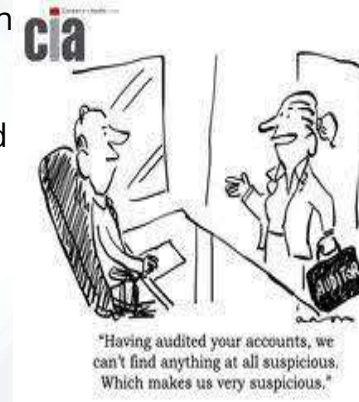
AUDITORS AND **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

- Internal Auditors (Finance Director) – Assist management in meeting its internal control responsibility
- Independent Auditor (external) – relies on internal control to support an opinion on the fair presentation of the financial statements
- Audit Committee (Executive Committee)– Assists the governing body (County Board) in meeting its internal control responsibility



BUT MY AUDITOR GAVE A **CLEAN OPINION**

- An unqualified audit opinion does NOT mean that there is no employee dishonesty or fraud occurring in the organization.
- Employee dishonesty and other acts of fraud can be significant and the books can still balance; often exists even when bank accounts are reconciled.
- SAS 99, professional skepticism and materiality



INTERNAL CONTROL **FRAMEWORK**

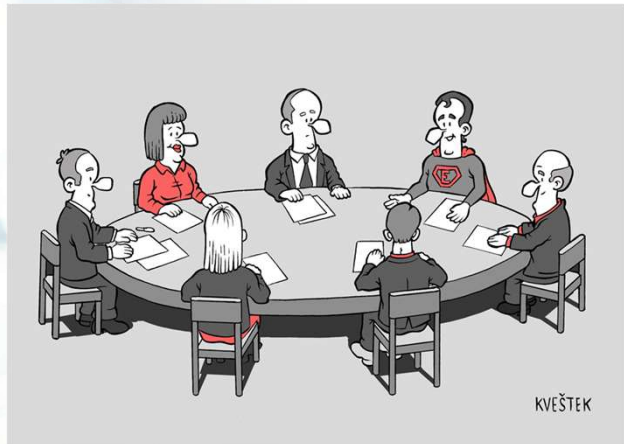
COSO INTEGRATED FRAMEWORK

1. Control environment
2. Risk assessment
3. Control activities
4. Information and communication
5. Monitoring



CONTROL ENVIRONMENT

- Control Environment provides the foundation for the internal control system throughout the entire organization. The control environment is established by the County Board and County Administrator and sets the moral and ethical tone of an organization.



- Personnel at all levels demonstrate a commitment to integrity and ethical values.
- Board adopts internal control policies.
- With County Administrator oversight, management implements the structures, reporting lines, and appropriate authorities and responsibilities.
- Organization demonstrates a commitment to attract, develop, and retain competent individuals in alignment with objectives. (ACFE)



- Risk Assessment involves the identification and assessment of the risks the entity faces in achieving its organizational objectives. This process is dynamic and iterative, and it forms the basis for determining how risks will be managed.



RISK ASSESSMENT

- Principles
 - Clear objectives to enable the identification and assessment of risk.
 - Identify risk to the achievement of objectives.
 - Consider the potential for fraud.
 - Identify and assess changes that could significantly impact the system of control. (ACFE)

CONTROL ACTIVITIES

- Control Activities are the policies and procedures that enforce directives intended to mitigate risk.
- Principles
 - Control activities selected to mitigate risks.
 - General control activities over technology to support the achievement of objectives.
 - Control activities deployed through policies that establish what is expected and procedures that put policies into action. (ACFE)

INFORMATION AND **COMMUNICATION**

- Information and Communication relates to the exchange of information in a way that allows employees to carry out their internal control responsibilities.
- Principles
 - Obtain or generate and use relevant, quality information to support the functioning of internal control.
 - Internally communicate information, including objectives and responsibilities for internal control.
 - Communicate with external parties regarding matters affecting the functioning of internal control. (ACFE)

MONITORING

- Monitoring is the process that assesses the effectiveness of a control system over time. Includes both ongoing, automated evaluations and periodic, separate evaluations.
- Principles
 - Select, develop and perform ongoing and/or separate evaluations to ascertain whether the components of internal control are present and functioning.
 - Evaluate and communicate internal control deficiencies in a timely manner to those parties responsible for taking corrective action. (ACFE)

ESSENTIAL POINTS - INTERNAL CONTROLS

- Combination of people, policies and documented procedures
- Primary responsibility of policy implementation rests with the County Administrator
- County Board body is ultimately responsible
- Finance Director and County Administrator assist management in fulfilling their responsibility
- Reasonable assurance – results from comprehensive framework
- There must be a credible way for those inside and outside government to communicate any information they may have concerning circumvention of controls. (in process)

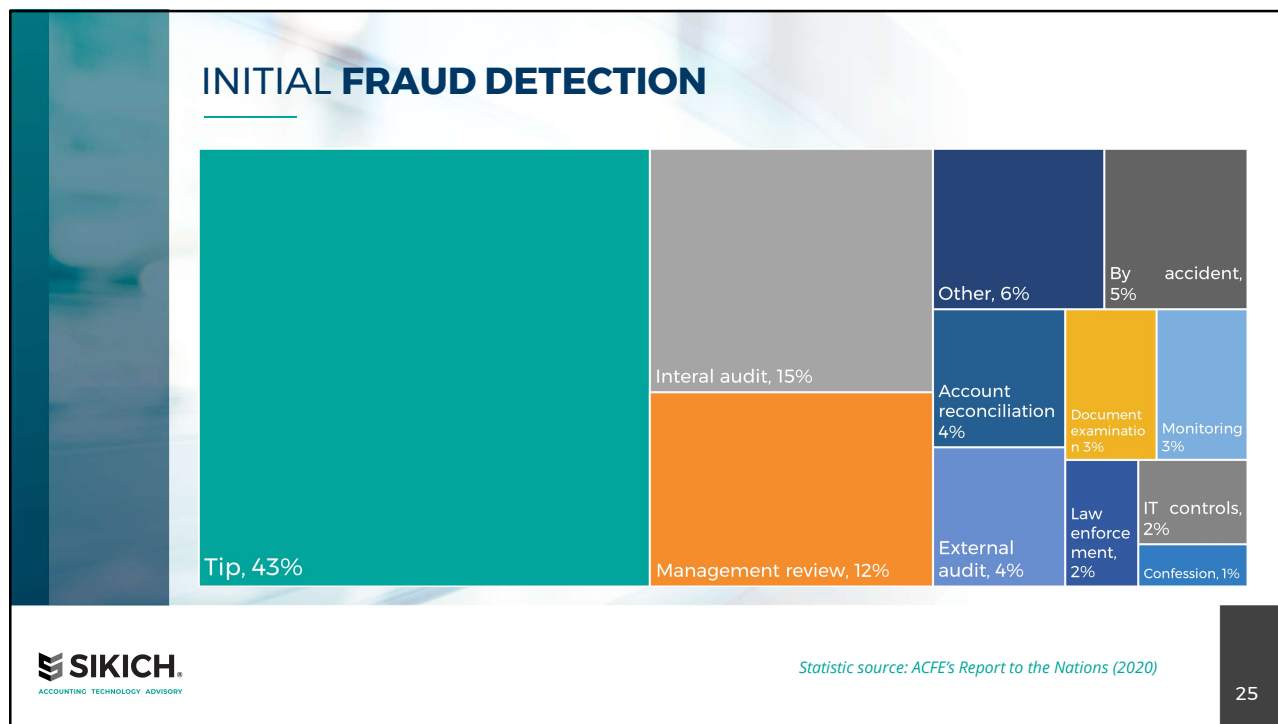


INCIDENT RESPONSE

What to do when things go wrong



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IMPLEMENTING A FRAUD HOTLINE

- Key hotline characteristics
 - Easy to use
 - Easily accessible
 - Anonymous
 - Confidential
 - No threat of reprisal / retaliation
- Code of Conduct to include **duty to report** misconduct
- Test the hotline periodically

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FRAUD HOTLINE STATISTICS

- 64% of victim organizations had hotlines
- Median losses **DOUBLED** at organizations **without hotlines**
 - \$100,000 with hotlines
 - \$198,000 without hotlines
- Duration of fraud scheme
 - With hotline = 12 months
 - Without hotlines = 18 months



Statistic source: ACFE's Report to the Nations (2020)

CHIPPEWA COUNTY'S **ANONYMOUS FEEDBACK LINK ON COUNTY WEBSITE**

- Currently has a link on the County's website for anonymous feedback which is sent directly to the County Administrator who works with Department Head to address concern.
- County Administrator plans to add a quick link on the Finance page of the County's website which will also be sent to the County Administrator as the anonymous feedback link.



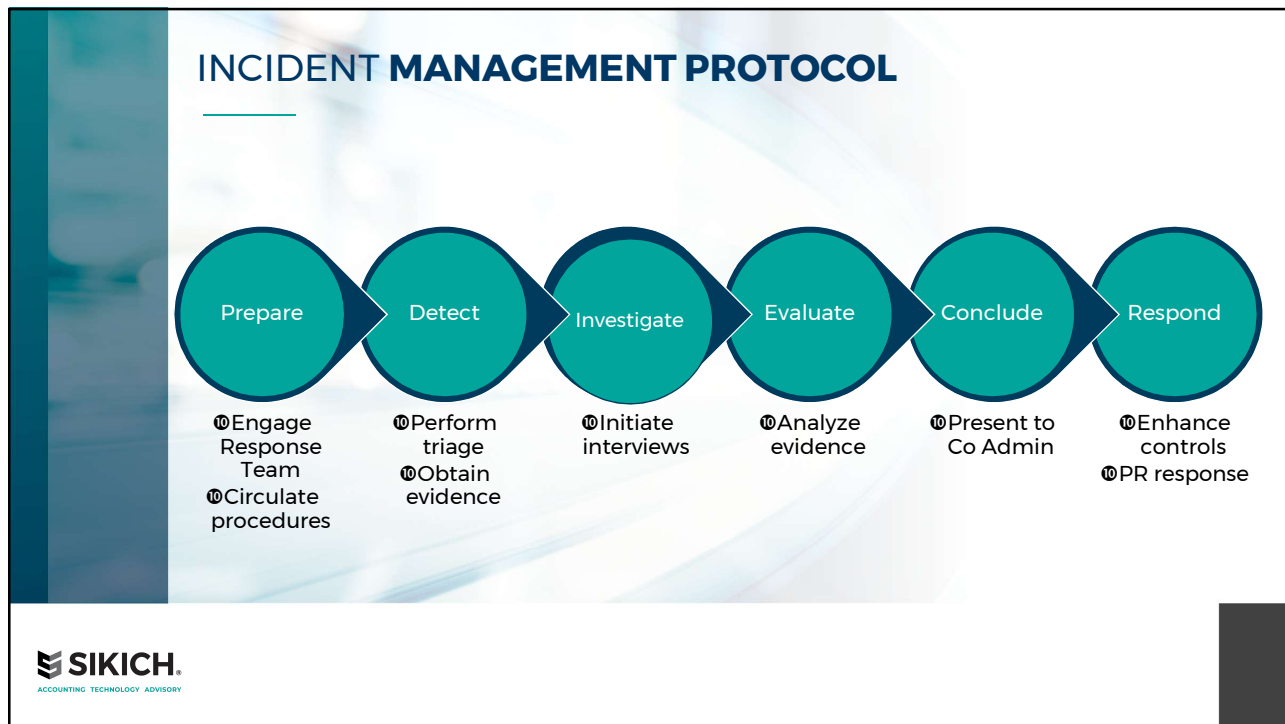
FRAUD INCIDENT **MANAGEMENT PROTOCOL**

- Make sure that your organization thinks through this issue and develops a written plan to address suspicion or actual knowledge of fraud.
- The County Administrator will establish a Response Team to:
 - Receive and evaluate tip
 - Puts process into place
 - Avoids conflicts
 - Confidentiality and Privileged

FRAUD INCIDENT **MANAGEMENT PROTOCOL**

Managed by County Administrator

- Decide who will investigate and how investigation will be conducted (Law enforcement is not always the answer)
- Preserve evidence
- Is immediate action warranted? (Administrative Leave)
- Who will interview witnesses and subjects?
- Evaluate evidence, Present to Board
- Media response



CODE OF ETHICS

Chippewa County Code of Ordinances, Ch. 2, Art. V.
Wisconsin Statutes, Chapter 19, Subchapter III, § 19.59
Wisconsin Statutes, Chapter 946, Subchapter II, §946.13

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Chippewa County **POLICY**

- Public confidence in the integrity of government
- Independent, impartial and responsible to the people
- Decisions made through proper channels of govt. structure
- Office not used for personal gain
- No personal or economic interest in the decisions of govt
- Avoid substantial and material conflicts



DEFINITIONS

- Anything of Value: money, property, favors, service, payment, advance forbearance, loan, promise of future employment
- Financial Interest: direct or indirect monetary or other material benefit
- Immediate Family: spouse, children, step-children, parents or other legal relation who supports or receives more than one-half support
- Person: individual, Corp., Partnership, JV, Assoc., Org



CONFLICTS

- Financial gain – personal or immediate family or associated Org.
- Direct or Indirect solicitation or acceptance of anything of value if reasonably expected to influence official action
- Official action substantially affecting Supervisor or immediate family member or associated Org.
- Misuse of position to produce substantial, direct or indirect, benefit to Sup. or immediate family member.



GIFTS AND FAVORS

- Shall not accept anything of value if it could be reasonably expected to influence official action
- “Wining and Dining”
- “Pay to Play”



WISCONSIN – **CODE OF ETHICS LOCAL GOVT OFFICIALS**

Prohibitions:

- Use position for financial gain – him/herself, family, associated Org.
- Solicit or Accept something of value to influence action
- Pay to Play



WISCONSIN – **CODE OF ETHICS LOCAL GOVT OFFICIALS**

No Public Official May:

- Take official action affecting a matter a member, family member, or associated Org. has a substantial financial interest
- Use position in a way that produces or assists in the production of a substantial benefit for member, family member, or associated Org.



PRIVATE INTEREST IN A PUBLIC CONTRACT

Class 1 Felony:

- As an officer/employee of private company, negotiates, bids for or enters into contract with public entity and participate as officer/employee of the public entity.
- participate in contract in which officer/employee has a pecuniary interest

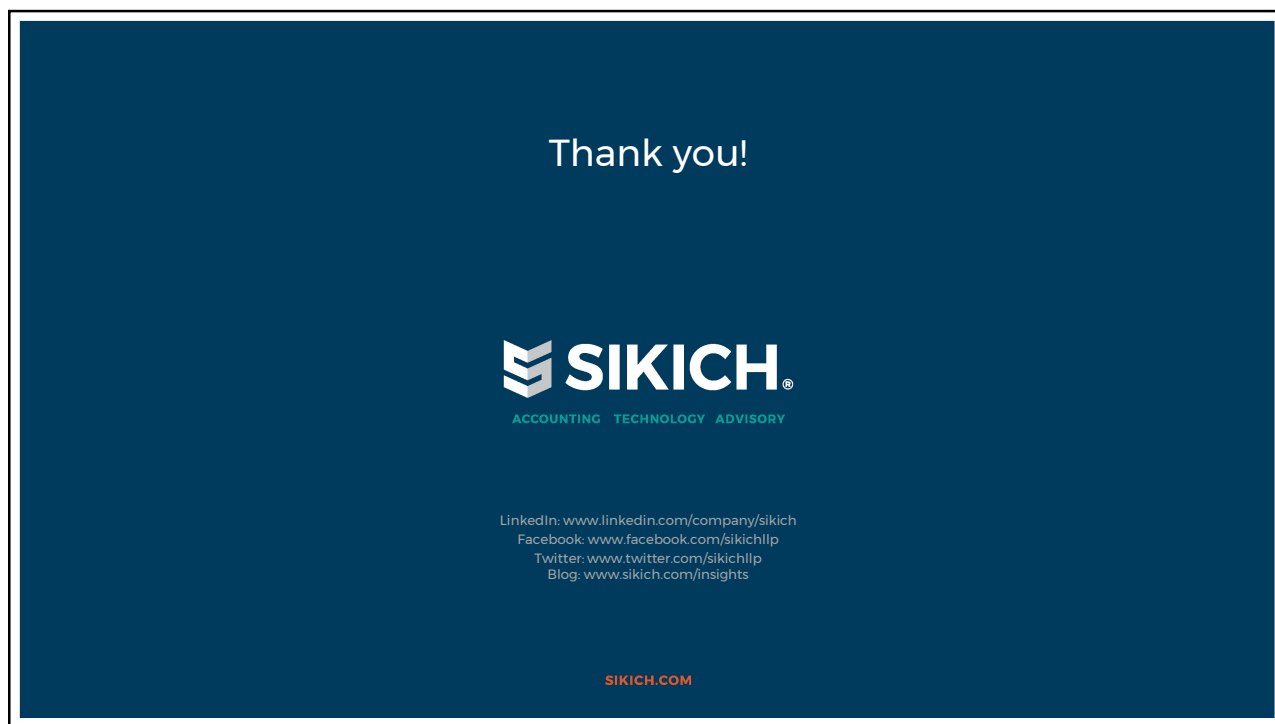
Exceptions (some): (see §946.13)

- Not more than \$15,000 per year
- Not more than 2% of stock
- Member of local committee, workforce development board



QUESTIONS?







Sikich LLC

Fraud and Valuation Services

Randy Scholz, County Administrator
County Board – May 24, 2022

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Introduction

- The County Administrator attended a training in late 2018 and learned of this service.
- As a result of other neighboring counties having fraud issues, the County Administrator decided to have an external source evaluate our processes.
- Sikich LLC (Brookfield, WI) provides service in the following areas:
 - Technology Solutions
 - Accounting, Tax & Audit
 - Advisory
- Chippewa County utilized the Advisory area for the Forensic & Valuation team.

What is a Forensic Review/Internal Controls Review?

- A Forensic/Internal Controls Review is where an independent firm reviews a sample of financial transactions such as accounts payable, PCard transactions and payroll processes.
- During this review, County staff from the departments where the different financial processes occur, are interviewed and their department processes are reviewed to ensure compliance with approved procedures and/or policies and also to determine that proper internal controls are in place.
- **This review is completed in addition to the annual audit that is conducted by independent auditors (usually Clifton Larson Allen) looking for many of the same concerns, but they utilize other methods.**

Forensic/Internal Control Reviews Completed

- In 2019, the first Forensic Review focused on the areas of Central Finance and County Treasurer since the largest amount of financials transactions occur in these offices.
- In 2021, another review was finalized and focused on two departments:
 - Human Services Department
 - Land Conservation and Forest Management

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Services

- Chippewa County is also contracting with Sikich LLC for their assistance in reviewing our administration of ARPA.
 - We are working with them to review our Revenue Loss calculation for ARPA compliance.
 - Sikich will also review the final ARPA Plan for compliance before the County Administrator presents it to the Executive Committee.

Fraud Prevention Training

Chippewa County is working with Sikich to implement some fraud training for the following groups within the next few months:

- County Board
- Department Heads/Managers and Cash Handlers
- All other staff

Fraud Prevention Training (cont)

Sikich suggested training topics include:

- Creating and maintaining appropriate internal controls
- Types of employee dishonesty
- Role of the external auditor and how fraud is most often discovered
- The importance of properly fashioned whistleblower system
- Common methods of fraud
- Characteristics of the fraudster
- Proper handling of fraud incident or suspicion

Questions, Comments and Concerns



Welcome James Sullivan

Please welcome James Sullivan, Consultant with Sikich LLC,
for the County Board Fraud Training.



American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

Randy Scholz, County Administrator
Executive Committee, May 17, 2022
County Board, May 24, 2022

Overview

- Introduction / Background
- Non-Exclusive ARPA List of Eligible Uses provided by Wisconsin Department of Revenue
- County Board Action to Date Regarding ARPA
- ARPA Planning Process to Date
- Broadband Projects Approved by County Board
- Revenue Loss
- Current Draft Plan
- Other Funding Opportunities
- Next Steps
- Questions, Comments and Brainstorming

Introduction / Background

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 is a \$1.9 trillion Economic Stimulus Package that was signed into law by President Biden on March 11, 2021.

The current estimate for Chippewa County to receive is \$12,559,059.

- We received \$6,279,529.50 on May 19, 2021.
- The second installment is expected in May 2022.

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) has four allowable areas of usage:

“(A) to respond to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID–19) or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality;

“(B) to respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID–19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to eligible workers of the metropolitan city, non-entitlement unit of local government, or county that are performing such essential work, or by providing grants to eligible employers that have eligible workers who perform essential work;

“(C) for the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue of such metropolitan city, non-entitlement unit of local government, or county due to the COVID–19 public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year of the metropolitan city, non-entitlement unit of local government, or county prior to the emergency; or

“(D) to make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.

Introduction / Background (cont)

- On May 10, 2021, the U.S. Treasury issued an Interim Final Rule. It is important to note that if the funds are spent on projects that are not considered “allowable expenses” then the funds will need to be repaid back.
- On January 6, 2022 the U.S. Treasury released the Final Rule for ARPA which is effective April 1, 2022.

Chippewa County may use the funds to cover eligible costs that our organization incurred during the period that begins March 3, 2021 and ends on December 31, 2024, as long as the award funds for the obligations incurred by December 31, 2024 are expended by December 31, 2026.

Non-Exclusive ARPA List of Eligible Uses Provided by Wisconsin Department of Revenue

 Non-Exclusive List of Eligible Uses ARPA – Local Fiscal Recovery Funds			
Responding to the Public Health Emergency	Addressing Negative Economic Impacts	Serving the Hardest Hit	Improving Access to Infrastructure
COVID-19 mitigation - Vaccinations - Personal protective equipment (PPE) - Testing - Alternative care facilities	Workers and families - Unemployment and training - Food, housing, financial security assistance - Survivor's benefit	Health disparities - Community health works - Public benefits navigators - Community violence intervention	Water and sewer - Drinking/wastewater infrastructure - Cybersecurity - Remediation of lead pipes - Stormwater/green infrastructure
Behavioral health care - Mental health treatment - Substance abuse treatment - Crisis intervention	Small businesses - Loans - Grants - Counseling programs	Housing and neighborhoods - Homelessness - Affordable housing - Housing vouchers - Residential counseling	Broadband - Currently unserved or underserved - Modern technologies
Public health resources Payroll for public health and similar employees	Impacted industries - Tourism - Travel - Hospitality - Non-profits	Educational disparities - Early learning services - School district resources - Educational services	<i>Note: These are examples pending final guidance from the U.S. Dept of Treasury (Treasury).</i> <i>Review Treasury documents for details:</i> FAQs Interim final rule
Essential workers - Premium pay - Retroactive premium pay	Public sector - Rehire public sector employees to pre-pandemic levels - Replace lost revenue	Healthy environments - Childcare - Enhanced child welfare services	

County Board Action to Date Regarding ARPA

- July 20, 2021 – County Board Meeting – [View Agenda Packet](#)**
 - Approved Res. 19-21 to Approve Chippewa County American Rescue Plan Act Guidelines and Procedures for Allocating ARPA Funds
 - Approved Res. 20-21 to Support the Grant Application of 24/7 Telcom, Inc. to Help Qualify for Broadband Expansion Funding from the State of WI
 - Approved Res. 21-21 to Support the Grant Application of Ntera, LLC to Help Qualify for Broadband Expansion Funding from the State of WI
 - Approved Res. 22-21 to Support the Grant Application of Bloomer Telephone Company to Help Qualify for Broadband Expansion Funding from the State of WI
- February 8, 2022 – County Board Meeting – [View Agenda Packet](#)**
 - Approved Res. 04-22 to Amend the Guidelines & Procedures for Allocating American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) Funds
 - By March, 2024, any ARPA funds allocated to a project with an expectation the project may not be completed within the allotted timeframe, those funds may be redirected to other projects. The County Administrator will prepare a resolution to be forwarded to the Executive Committee and County Board for approval before re-allocating any funds.

County Board Action to Date Regarding ARPA (cont.)

- **February 15, 2022 – County Board Meeting** – [View Minutes Packet](#)
 - County Board Brainstorming Session
- **February 24, 2022 – County Board Meeting** – [View Minutes Packet](#)
 - County Board Brainstorming Session
- **March 8, 2022 – County Board Meeting** – [View Minutes Packet](#)
 - Approved Res. 06-22 to Support the Grant Application of Bloomer Telephone Company to Help Quality for Broadband Expansion Funding from the State of WI
 - Approved Res. 07-22 to Support the Grant Application of Ntera, LLC to Help Qualify for Broadband Expansion Funding from the State of WI

ARPA Planning Process to Date

ARPA Planning Process to Date	
01/14/2022	Department Heads submitted draft ideas to the County Administrator for initial review • 26 projects were submitted by Department Heads
01/27/2022	County Administrator held a listening session with municipalities • Great turnout – 25 municipality reps and 5 County Board Supervisors attended • Many questions about the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) for requirements and timelines
02/15/2022	County Board Brainstorming Session
02/24/2022	County Board Brainstorming Session • Approval for an additional \$500,000 for Broadband expansion • Allocate a total of \$7.5 million to Highway Department for road and bridge construction for the ARPA Plan
05/17/2022	County Administrator presents draft plan to Executive Committee as a report for review

Broadband Projects Approved by County Board

- Broadband projects qualify for the "Improve Infrastructure" category
 - \$2,209,956 total Chippewa County ARPA funds (17.6%) allocated for Broadband projects
 - \$339,549 – 24/7 Telcom, Inc.
 - \$702,839 – Ntera, LLC
 - \$1,167,568 – Bloomer Telephone Company
 - An agreement has been signed with 24/7 Telecom.
 - Staff is still working with the remaining telcos to finalize agreements.

Revenue Loss

- We expect that Chippewa County will be able to capture the remaining ARPA funds of \$10,349,103 with Revenue Loss projects.
 - (\$12,559,059 less \$2,209,956 allocated to Broadband in July 2021 & March 2022 = \$10,349,103)
- FY 2019 is considered the base year based on qualified revenues as explained in Interim Final Rule and Final Rule.
- Maximum allowable annual increase of 5.2% is calculated from the 2019 base year and compounds each year. (The 5.2% is the percentage based on the Final Rule. The Interim Final Rule had a 4.1% for revenue replacement and previously presented in calculation.)

2020 Revenue Loss Calculation:

2019 Qualified Revenues = \$48,287,945

2020 Expected Qualified Revenues $\$48,287,945 \times 5.2\% = \$50,798,919$

2020 Actual Qualified Revenues = \$44,514,520

2020 Loss Revenue Calculation $\$50,798,919 - \$44,514,520 = \$6,284,399$

DRAFT* 2021 - 2026 ARPA Project Plan *DRAFT
County Administrator's Draft Plan - Projects Qualify



Note: \$12,559,059.00 Chippewa County Total ARPA Allocation
 \$6,279,529.50 1st half of ARPA funds deposited into our account 05-19-2021
 \$6,279,529.50 2nd half of ARPA funds to be deposited into our account 05-22-2022

Revised: 05/02/2022

Year	Project Requester / Department	Project Title	Total Project Cost	Date Committee Reviewed	Source of Funding					Category for Eligible Use
					Chippewa County ARPA Funding	Project Requester / Department Funding	Other Municipality Funding	Grants / Other	Levy	
2021 Rev 20-21	24/7 Telecom Inc	Broadband Expansion - Towns Wheaton & Howard	\$3,902,530	07/20/21	\$339,549	\$1,272,167	\$339,549	\$1,951,265	\$0	improve infrastructure
2021 Rev 21-21	Ntera LLC	Broadband Expansion - Towns of Goetz, Delmar, Edson & Sigel	\$3,607,500	07/20/21	\$531,657	\$1,227,093	\$45,000	\$1,803,750	\$0	improve infrastructure
2021 Rev 22-21	Bloomer Telephone Company	Broadband Expansion - Town of Eagle Point & Tilden	\$3,753,849	07/20/21	\$838,750	\$457,500	\$425,000	\$2,032,599	\$0	improve infrastructure
2022 Rev 06-22	Bloomer Telephone Company	Broadband Expansion - Town of Tilden & Eagle Point Phase 2 - Towns of Hallie/Seymour and Lafayette	\$9,786,634	2/24/22 CB	\$328,818	\$1,597,500	\$94,000	\$7,116,316	\$0	improve infrastructure
2022 Rev 07-22	Ntera LLC	Broadband Expansion - Town of Anson, Arthur, Cleveland, Eagle Point, Estella, Goetz, Ruby	\$2,196,803	2/24/22 CB	\$171,182	\$442,861	\$45,000	\$1,537,760	\$0	improve infrastructure
2021 TOTAL			\$23,247,316		\$2,209,956	\$4,997,121	\$948,549	\$14,441,690	\$0	
2022 - 2024	Highway	Road Improvements - 3 year plan 2022 = \$1 million; 2023 = 3.5 million; 2024 = 3 million	\$7,500,000	1/26/2022	\$7,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	Revenue Loss
2022 - 2026	Human Services	Foster Parent Support Services	\$2,172,153	2/17/2022	\$2,172,153	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	Revenue Loss
2022 - 2024	LCFM	Well testing & contaminate mitigation in residential wells	\$500,000	2/16/2022	\$500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	Revenue Loss
		ARPA Funds Remaining - Contingency / S&B Contracted Services	\$176,950		\$176,950					
2022-2026 TOTAL			\$10,349,103		\$10,349,103	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
2021-2026 Grand Total for All Projects			\$33,596,419		\$12,559,059	\$4,997,121	\$948,549	\$14,441,690	\$0	

Per Res. 04-22 Guidelines & Procedure for Allocating Chippewa County ARPA Funds – by March 2024, any ARPA funds allocated to a project with an expectation the project may not be completed within the allotted timeframe, those funds may be redirected to other projects. The County Administrator will prepare a resolution to be forwarded to the Executive Committee and County Board for approval before re-allocating any funds.

Other Funding Opportunities

- 5 Year Capital Improvement Plan – Projects over \$50,000
 - Allows funding to carry over to next year if project is not finished on time
- Bonding – Plan to bond in 2022 for 2023
 - Long-Term Financing Plan – Bond every two years for transportation projects – goal to maintain \$1.8M annual debt payments
- Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) / Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)
 - Funding for Roads and Bridges - \$1.29 Billion over 5 years (table below)
 - Final legislative approvals (and final Federal funding tables) are still pending, and likely will be pending until Late Spring/Early Summer 2022
 - Most projects: 80/20 cost share – Some local bridges may be eligible for 100%

	Amount \$	SFY-22	SFY-23	SFY-24	SFY-25	SFY-26
Road & Bridge	\$1,064,000,000	\$173,000,000	\$193,000,000	\$213,000,000	\$232,000,000	\$253,000,000
Bridge Only	\$225,000,000	\$45,000,000	\$45,000,000	\$45,000,000	\$45,000,000	\$45,000,000
Total	\$1,289,000,000	\$218,000,000	\$238,000,000	\$258,000,000	\$277,000,000	\$298,000,000

Next Steps

05/17/2022	CA presents draft plan to Executive Committee as a report for review
05/24/2022	Special CB meeting – listening session to receive feedback from the public and to review the draft plan and provide feedback
05/25/2022	CA sends plan to auditing firm for compliance review before finalizing plan
07/05/2022	County Administrator presents the final plan and supporting resolutions to the <u>Executive Committee</u> for recommendation to the County Board
07/12/2022	County Administrator presents the final plan and supporting resolutions to <u>County Board</u> for approval
07/15/2022	A copy of the ARPA Plan is posted on the employee portal and county website
11/03/2022	Approved 2023 ARPA projects will be included with the 2023 Budget

Questions, Comments and Brainstorming



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The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 is a \$1.9 trillion economic stimulus package signed into law by President Biden on March 11, 2021. The current estimate for Chippewa County to receive is \$12.5 million. The funds must be obligated by December 31, 2024 and spent by December 31, 2026

ARPA Project Plan

2021 - 2026

Presented by Randy Scholz, County Administrator

Draft plan presented to Executive Committee 03/15/2022

Final plan presented to Executive Committee 07/05/2022

Final plan presented to County Board 07/12/2022

This chart identifies the categories of eligible uses as determined by the US Treasury

 Non-Exclusive List of Eligible Uses ARPA – Local Fiscal Recovery Funds			
Responding to the Public Health Emergency	Addressing Negative Economic Impacts	Serving the Hardest Hit	Improving Access to Infrastructure
COVID-19 mitigation • Vaccinations • Personal protective equipment (PPE) • Testing • Alternative care facilities	Workers and families • Unemployment and training • Food, housing, financial security assistance • Survivor's benefit	Health disparities • Community health works • Public benefits navigators • Community violence intervention	Water and sewer • Drinking/wastewater infrastructure • Cybersecurity • Remediation of lead pipes • Stormwater/green Infrastructure
Behavioral health care • Mental health treatment • Substance abuse treatment • Crisis intervention	Small businesses • Loans • Grants • Counseling programs	Housing and neighborhoods • Homelessness • Affordable housing • Housing vouchers • Residential counseling	Broadband • Currently unserved or underserved • Modern technologies
Public health resources • Payroll for public health and similar employees	Impacted industries • Tourism • Travel • Hospitality • Non-profits	Educational disparities • Early learning services • School district resources • Educational services	<i>Note: These are examples pending final guidance from the U.S. Dept of Treasury (Treasury).</i> <i>Review Treasury documents for details:</i> • FAQs • Interim final rule
Essential workers • Premium pay • Retroactive premium pay	Public sector • Rehire public sector employees to pre-pandemic levels • Replace lost revenue	Healthy environments • Childcare • Enhanced child welfare services	

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County Administrator's Draft Plan - Projects Qualify



Revised: 05/02/2022

Note: **\$12,559,059.00** Chippewa County Total ARPA Allocation
 \$6,279,529.50 1st half of ARPA funds deposited into our account 05-19-2021
 \$6,279,529.50 2nd half of ARPA funds to be deposited into our account 05-22-2022

Year	Project Requester / Department	Project Title	Total Project Cost	Date Committee Reviewed	Source of Funding					Category for Eligible Use
					Chippewa County ARPA Funding	Project Requester / Department Funding	Other Municipality Funding	Grants / Other	Levy	
2021 <i>Res 20-21</i>	24/7 Telecom Inc	Broadband Expansion - Towns Wheaton & Howard	\$3,902,530	07/20/21	\$339,549	\$1,272,167	\$339,549	\$1,951,265	\$0	Improve infrastructure
2021 <i>Res 21-21</i>	Ntera LLC	Broadband Expansion - Towns of Goetz, Delmar, Edson & Sigel	\$3,607,500	07/20/21	\$531,657	\$1,227,093	\$45,000	\$1,803,750	\$0	Improve infrastructure
2021 <i>Res 22-21</i>	Bloomer Telephone Company	Broadband Expansion - Town of Eagle Point & Tilden	\$3,753,849	07/20/21	\$838,750	\$457,500	\$425,000	\$2,032,599	\$0	Improve infrastructure
2022 <i>Res 06-22</i>	Bloomer Telephone Company	Broadband Expansion - Town of Tilden & Eagle Point Phase 2 - Towns of Hallie/Seymour and Lafayette	\$9,786,634	2/24/22 CB	\$328,818	\$1,597,500	\$94,000	\$7,116,316	\$0	Improve infrastructure
2022 <i>Res 07-22</i>	Ntera LLC	Broadband Expansion - Town of Anson, Arthur, Cleveland, Eagle Point, Estella, Goetz, Ruby	\$2,196,803	2/24/22 CB	\$171,182	\$442,861	\$45,000	\$1,537,760	\$0	Improve infrastructure
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2022 - 2026	Human Services	Foster Parent Support Services	\$2,172,153	2/17/2022	\$2,172,153	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	Revenue Loss
2022 - 2024	LCFM	Well testing & contaminate mitigation in residential wells	\$500,000	2/16/2022	\$500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	Revenue Loss
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Timeline: 03/15/22 Present to current Executive Committee as report for review
 05/17/22 Present to new Executive Committee as report for review
 05/24/22 Special CB Meeting - Listening sessions to get feedback from public and to review the draft plan with the new CB
 07/05/22 CA presents final plan and resolutions to Executive Committee
 07/12/22 CA presents final plan and resolutions to CB for approval

Attachment: ARPA Project Plan 2021-2026 DRAFT (7005 : Review Draft 2021-2026 ARPA Plan - Randy

2021 - 2026 ARPA Plan Justification Forms



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Chippewa County
2021 - 2026 ARPA Project Justification Form

Budget Year	Project Requester / Department	Project Name	Total Project Cost	Source of Funding				
				Chippewa County ARPA Funding	Project Requester / Department Funding	Other Municipality Funding	Grants / Other	Levy
2021	24/7 Telecom Inc	Broadband Expansion - Town of Wheaton & Howard	\$3,902,530	\$339,549	\$1,272,167	\$339,549	\$1,951,265	\$0
Category for Eligible Use Based on US Treasury Guidelines								
Improve infrastructure								
Project Description and Justification								
24/7 Telcom, Inc. is going to provide service to 478 locations in the Town of Wheaton and 131 locations in the Town of Howard.								
How Does This Project Benefit the Citizens of Chippewa County?								
This project will improve citizens ability to work from home, accesses education from home, and allow business to open/operate in rural areas.								
Department Head Recommended Ranking				Committee Approved Ranking				
1				1				
Additional Action and/or Comments from Committee								
Approved by the County Board via Resolution 20-21 on July 20, 2021								

Submitted by: Randy ScholzDate: 7/20/2021

Chippewa County
2021 - 2026 ARPA Project Justification Form

Budget Year	Project Requester / Department	Project Name	Total Project Cost	Source of Funding				
				Chippewa County ARPA Funding	Project Requester / Department Funding	Other Municipality Funding	Grants / Other	Levy
2021	Ntera LLC	Broadband Expansion - Towns of Goetz, Delmar, Edson & Sigel	\$3,607,500	\$531,657	\$1,227,093	\$45,000	\$1,803,750	\$0
Category for Eligible Use Based on US Treasury Guidelines								
Improve infrastructure								
Project Description and Justification								
Ntera LLC, is going to provide service to 74 locations in the Town of Goetz, 35 locations in the Town of Delmar, 35 locations in the Town of Edson, and 140 locations in the Town of Sigel.								
How Does This Project Benefit the Citizens of Chippewa County?								
This project will improve citizens ability to work from home, accesses education from home, and allow business to open/operate in rural areas.								
Department Head Recommended Ranking				Committee Approved Ranking				
1				1				
Additional Action and/or Comments from Committee								
Approved by the County Board via Resolution 21-21 on July 20, 2021								

Submitted by: Randy ScholzDate: 7/20/2021

Chippewa County
2021 - 2026 ARPA Project Justification Form

Budget Year	Project Requester / Department	Project Name	Total Project Cost	Source of Funding				
				Chippewa County ARPA Funding	Project Requester / Department Funding	Other Municipality Funding	Grants / Other	Levy
2021	Bloomer Telephone Company	Broadband Expansion - Town of Eagle Point & Tilden	\$3,753,849	\$838,750	\$457,500	\$425,000	\$2,032,599	\$0
Category for Eligible Use Based on US Treasury Guidelines								
Improve infrastructure								
Project Description and Justification								
Bloomer Telephone Company, is going to provide service to 205 locations in the Town of Eagle Point and 100 locations in the Town of Tilden.								
How Does This Project Benefit the Citizens of Chippewa County?								
This project will improve citizens ability to work from home, accesses education from home, and allow business to open/operate in rural areas.								
Department Head Recommended Ranking				Committee Approved Ranking				
1				1				
Additional Action and/or Comments from Committee								
Approved by the County Board via Resolution 22-21 on July 20, 2021								

Submitted by: Randy ScholzDate: 7/20/2021

Chippewa County
2021 - 2026 ARPA Project Justification Form

Budget Year	Project Requester / Department	Project Name	Total Project Cost	Source of Funding				
				Chippewa County ARPA Funding	Project Requester / Department Funding	Other Municipality Funding	Grants / Other	Levy
2022	Bloomer Telephone Company	Broadband Expansion - Town of Tilden & Eagle Point Phase 2 - Towns of Hallie/Seymour and Lafayette	\$9,786,634	\$328,818	\$1,597,500	\$94,000	\$7,116,316	\$0
Category for Eligible Use Based on US Treasury Guidelines								
Improve infrastructure								
Project Description and Justification								
At the February 24, 2022 County Board brainstorming session, the County Board agreed to allocate additional ARPA funds for broadband expansion. These additional funds will allow Bloomer Telephone Company to provide service to the following locations: Town of Tilden – Phase 2 of Project – 56 locations Town of Eagle Point – Phase 2 of Project – 66 locations Town of Hallie – 62 locations Town of Seymour – Eau Claire County – 458 locations Town of Lafayette – 423 locations The Town of Seymour is not located in Chippewa County. \$650,000 is included in the Total Project Cost but not included in the Source of Funding columns.								
How Does This Project Benefit the Citizens of Chippewa County?								
This project will improve citizens ability to work from home, accesses education from home, and allow business to open/operate in rural areas.								
Department Head Recommended Ranking				Committee Approved Ranking				
1				1				
Additional Action and/or Comments from Committee								
Approved by the County Board via Resolution 06-22 on March 8, 2022								

Submitted by: Randy ScholzDate: 3/1/2022

Chippewa County
2021 - 2026 ARPA Project Justification Form

Budget Year	Project Requester / Department	Project Name	Total Project Cost	Source of Funding				
				Chippewa County ARPA Funding	Project Requester / Department Funding	Other Municipality Funding	Grants / Other	Levy
2022	Ntera LLC	Broadband Expansion - Town of Anson, Arthur, Cleveland, Eagle Point, Estella, Goetz, Ruby	\$2,196,803	\$171,182	\$442,861	\$45,000	\$1,537,760	\$0
Category for Eligible Use Based on US Treasury Guidelines								
Improve infrastructure								
Project Description and Justification								
At the February 24, 2022 County Board brainstorming session, the County Board agreed to allocate additional ARPA funds for broadband expansion. These additional funds will allow Ntera, LLC to provide service to the following locations: Town of Anson – 27 locations Town of Arthur – 32 locations Town of Cleveland – 20 locations Town of Eagle Point – 143 locations Town of Estella – 18 locations Town of Goetz – 21 locations Town of Ruby – 55 locations								
How Does This Project Benefit the Citizens of Chippewa County?								
This project will improve citizens ability to work from home, accesses education from home, and allow business to open/operate in rural areas.								
Department Head Recommended Ranking				Committee Approved Ranking				
1				1				
Additional Action and/or Comments from Committee								
Approved by the County Board via Resolution 07-22 on March 8, 2022								

Submitted by: Randy ScholzDate: 3/1/2022

Chippewa County
2021 - 2026 ARPA Project Justification Form

Budget Year	Project Requester / Department	Project Name	Total Project Cost	Source of Funding										
				Chippewa County ARPA Funding	Project Requester / Department Funding	Other Municipality Funding	Grants / Other	Levy						
2022 - 2024	Highway	Road Improvements - 3 Year Plan	\$7,500,000	\$7,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0						
Category for Eligible Use Based on US Treasury Guidelines														
Revenue Loss														
Project Description and Justification														
This project addresses a serious need for road improvements to some of our worst conditioned low volume county highways. These road projects will recondition severely deteriorated roads so that they are in new condition when complete. This option is a plan to use \$1 million in 2022 and \$3.5 million in 2023 and \$3 million in 2024. Any remaining balance of funds will be used to repair or replace culverts as needed and also add additional mileage to our chip seal maintenance program. The next page contains a detailed list of the anticipated projects.														
How Does This Project Benefit the Citizens of Chippewa County?														
Improved county highways provide a safer transportation system and maintenance costs savings to citizens of Chippewa County.														
Department Head Recommended Ranking			Committee Approved Ranking											
1			1											
Additional Action and/or Comments from Committee														
Reviewed by the Highway Committee on January 26, 2022														

Submitted by: Brian KelleyDate: 1/27/2022

**Chippewa County
Highway Department
ARPA Projects Summary**

County Highway	Project Limits	Project Type	Estimated Cost	Project Length	Miscellaneous Funding			County Funding				Project Available
					WisDOT/ Federal	Description	Other	Levy	Sales Tax	Bonding	Machinery & Buildings	
2022												
CTH D	County Line - CTH V South	Recondition	\$1,000,000	4.5 Miles		ARPA	\$1,000,000					\$1,000,000
CTH S	CTH Q - STH 124	Recondition	\$214,000	0.8 Miles		ARPA	\$214,000					\$214,000
	Various Locations (D, S, W, AA)	Culverts for ARPA Projects	\$367,000			ARPA	\$367,000					\$367,000
	Various Locations (ZZ, C, O)	Culverts for '22 BIL Projects	\$240,000			ARPA	\$240,000					\$240,000
	Various Locations	Chip Seal	\$79,000			ARPA	\$79,000					\$79,000
2022 Sub Total				5.3 Miles								\$1,900,000
2023												
CTH S	STH 27 - CTH EE	Recondition	\$580,000	2.5 Miles		ARPA	\$580,000					\$580,000
CTH W	STH 27 - CTH G	Recondition	\$1,410,000	7.0 Miles		ARPA	\$1,410,000					\$1,410,000
CTH AA	CTH F - STH 40	Recondition	\$430,000	2.0 Miles		ARPA	\$430,000					\$430,000
	Various Locations (A, EE, DD, Q)	ARPA Culverts	\$368,000			ARPA	\$368,000					\$368,000
	Various Locations	Chip-Seal	\$62,000			ARPA	\$62,000					\$62,000
2023 Sub Total				11.5 Miles								\$2,850,000
2024												
CTH A	Dunn Co. Line - 170th Ave	Recondition	\$910,000	3.7 Miles		ARPA	\$910,000					\$910,000
CTH EE	CTH S - 170th Avenue	Recondition	\$740,000	3.0 Miles		ARPA	\$740,000					\$740,000
CTH DD	CTH A - 186th Avenue	Recondition	\$410,000	1.9 Miles		ARPA	\$410,000					\$410,000
CTH Q/AA	CTH SS - 83rd St.	Recondition	\$640,000	2.7 Miles		ARPA	\$640,000					\$640,000
	Various Locations	Chip-Seal	\$50,000			ARPA	\$50,000					\$50,000
2024 Sub Total				11.3 Miles								\$2,750,000
ARPA Grand Total			\$7,500,000	28.1 Miles			\$7,500,000					\$7,500,000

Chippewa County
2021 - 2026 ARPA Project Justification Form

Budget Year	Project Requester / Department	Project Name	Total Project Cost	Source of Funding										
				Chippewa County ARPA Funding	Project Requester / Department Funding	Other Municipality Funding	Grants / Other	Levy						
2022-2026	Department of Human Services	Foster Parent Support Services	\$2,172,153	\$2,172,153	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0						
Category for Eligible Use Based on US Treasury Guidelines														
Revenue loss														
Project Description and Justification														
Proposed Intervention: Comprehensive Foster Care Support Services Foster parents, relative and non-relative, need training and support that assists them in providing trauma-informed strategies for addressing the emotional needs of the youth in their home. Children who have experienced significant trauma such as abuse and neglect do not respond to traditional parenting strategies. Comprehensive Foster Care Support Services (CFCSS) would include the following strategies to provide caregivers with the tools they need to successfully address the complex needs of the children in their care: • Child specific training to foster care providers. • Monthly Training and Support groups designed to address the complex emotional needs of children placed in out-of-home care. • Caregiver Coaches provide additional parent coaching when requested to provide placement stabilization. • Ongoing coaching services, which includes a minimum of 2 sessions per month to focus specifically on the families' needs as well as phone support between sessions and after hours. In situations where reunification is the goal, the child's family may be invited to participate in coaching sessions to develop shared parenting skills and reunification planning. NOTE: Anything that can be billed through existing funding sources (e.g. CCS) will be billed through the existing funding source first. NOTE: After presentation of the final ARPA plan and County Board approval of the initial resolution supporting the ARPA project, the Human Services Director will prepare a Request for Proposal (RFP). Any agency responding to the RFP will be required to present their proposal to the Health & Human Services Board. The Human Services Director will provide a recommendation to the Health & Human Services Board. The Health & Human Services Board will vote on the agency to receive the contract. After the RFP is awarded the County Administrator and Human Services Director will provide a report to the full County Board announcing the agency name, cost of project, etc.														
How Does This Project Benefit the Citizens of Chippewa County?														
This program benefits the citizens of Chippewa County by improving outcomes for children in care and reducing the need for deep end services. Specifically, it aims to reduce placement disruptions and keep the child in the lowest level of care possible which is typically kinship or county foster care. The children we are serving present with trauma, mental illness and attachment issues which challenges all but the most skilled and supported caregivers. At the present time, many of these children are having placement disruptions at the lower levels of care which can lead to placement in the costly deep end services such as treatment foster care, group home, residential care centers or out of state placements. This program will provide foster parents with the training and support they need to better care for all children entrusted to their care.														
Department Head Recommended Ranking			Committee Approved Ranking											
1			1											
Additional Action and/or Comments from Committee														
Reviewed by the Health and Human Services Board on February 17, 2022														

Submitted by: Tim EaskerDate: 2/18/2022

Chippewa County
2021 - 2026 ARPA Project Justification Form

Budget Year	Project Requester / Department	Project Name	Total Project Cost	Source of Funding				
				Chippewa County ARPA Funding	Project Requester / Department Funding	Other Municipality Funding	Grants / Other	Levy
2022 - 2026	Land Conservation & Forest Management	Well Testing and Contaminate Mitigation in Residential Wells	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Category for Eligible Use Based on US Treasury Guidelines								
Revenue Loss								
Project Description and Justification								
The project would consist of testing wells that are already part of Chippewa Counties well testing program. The additional cost would be to conduct additional testing on the samples that will already be collected. The additional testing would include distinguishing between nitrate and nitrite, PFAS, some pesticides, and nitrate tracing determining if it is from human or livestock. Another phase of the project will be to have the County's Epidemiology analyses current and future data. This will allow the County to see if the contamination is getting worse, spreading, and identifying future trends. Then the County will contract with experts to give the County recommendations on how to best mitigate the contaminations. The final phase is to come up with ways to help prevent and mitigate containments for farmers and residential land owners. The estimate costs: \$210,000 Testing individual wells \$25,000 For outside consultants to give recommendations for mitigating contaminants in wells \$240,000 Setting up test wells utilizing recommendations from consultants to mitigate well contaminants								
How Does This Project Benefit the Citizens of Chippewa County?								
This project will give all citizens a very good idea of the overall condition of drinking water in the County. It will allow individual citizens to know if their well has any contamination. It could provide individual citizens with ways to mitigate contaminants in their wells.								
Department Head Recommended Ranking			Committee Approved Ranking					
1			1					
Additional Action and/or Comments from Committee								
Reviewed by the Land Conservation & Forest Management Committee and County Board on February 24, 2022								

Submitted by Dan MasterpoleDate: 1/14/2022