

CHIPPEWA COUNTY

COUNTY BOARD

SPECIAL MEETING

JUNE 20, 2023

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 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	
Joel Seidlitz	Chippewa County	District 9	Present	
Matthew Peterson	Chippewa County	District 10	Present	
Roger Calkins	Chippewa County	District 11	Present	
Charles Bomar	Chippewa County	District 12	Absent	
Caden Berg	Chippewa County	District 13	Present	
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	Absent	
Dean Mueller	Chippewa County	District 20	Present	
Kari Ives	Chippewa County	District 21	Present	

Also present: Randy Scholz, Traci Bremness, Lori Zwiefelhofer, Travis Hakes, Andy Bauer, Todd Pauls, Judge Gibbs, Judge Isaacson, Judge Lane, Larry Ritzinger, Lisa Merrell, representatives from von Briesen & Roper, S.C. (by telephone).

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Annette Hunt, District 18
SECONDER:	Ronald McGill, District 16
AYES:	Gullickson, Schmitt, Flater, Steele, Bischel, Sikorski, Bergeron, Ericksen, Seidlitz, Peterson, Calkins, Berg, Teuteberg, Eisenhuth, McGill, Rohmeyer, Hunt, Mueller, Ives
ABSENT:	Bomar, Hull

5. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO BE HEARD

Judge Isaacson spoke in regard to security. Isaacson noted that he is not here to advocate for the second floor alone, but for the entire building. Isaacson felt they have an obligation to keep all their employees safe, as well as their business invitees.

Judge Lane spoke, giving a history of the Integrated Security Plan. The planning for the ISP started in 2012, and it was adopted in 2014. Lane gave a synopsis of security issues both in the courthouse and in the State, that have happened just in the last 30 days. With County Board elections coming up early next year, Judge Lane urged the Board to act before they finish their terms.

Judge Gibbs stated the court officer makes a difference in their courthouse. People that are unruly, just by his presence, it gives a calming effect to everybody, but he can't do it alone. They understand levy limits, but it is something that needs to be looked at. Gibbs commended the Chair and Administrator for meeting with the Judges to discuss moving this plan forward, and stressed that it is not the second floor they are trying to protect, it is everyone. This building is a place of conflict that is constantly resolved, and since COVID, mental health issues have gotten worse, and they are seeing it every day in their courtrooms.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

1. The County Board of Supervisors will convene in Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes Sec. 19.85(1)(d) "...considering strategy for crime detection or prevention." (Chippewa County Integrated Security Plan)

Meeting convened in closed session at 6:20 PM.

Present in closed session: All County Board members, Randy Scholz, Traci Bremness, Lisa Merrell, Todd Pauls, Larry Ritzinger, Travis Hakes, Andy Bauer and Lori Zwiefelhofer.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jason Bergeron, District 7
SECONDER:	James Flater, District 1
AYES:	Gullickson, Schmitt, Flater, Steele, Bischel, Sikorski, Bergeron, Ericksen, Seidlitz, Peterson, Calkins, Berg, Teuteberg, Eisenhuth, McGill, Rohmeyer, Hunt, Mueller, Ives
ABSENT:	Bomar, Hull

2. Reconvene to Open Session

Meeting reconvened to open session at 7:40 PM.

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RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Ericksen, District 8
SECONDER:	Joel Seidlitz, District 9
AYES:	Gullickson, Schmitt, Flater, Steele, Bischel, Sikorski, Bergeron, Ericksen, Seidlitz, Peterson, Calkins, Berg, Teuteberg, Eisenhuth, McGill, Rohmeyer, Hunt, Mueller, Ives
ABSENT:	Bomar, Hull

3. The County Board of Supervisors will convene in Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes Sec. 19.85(1)(f) "Considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons...which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations." (Regarding workplace concerns raised by a specific County employee pursuant to Chapter 7, Section 69, of the Chippewa County Human Resources Policy Manual, concerns of the conduct of a specific County official, and direction for administration)
Meeting convened in closed session at 7:48 PM.

Present in the closed session: All County Board members, Randy Scholz, Todd Pauls, and representatives from von Briesen and Roper, S.C.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jason Bergeron, District 7
SECONDER:	Matthew Peterson, District 10
AYES:	Gullickson, Schmitt, Flater, Steele, Bischel, Sikorski, Bergeron, Ericksen, Seidlitz, Peterson, Calkins, Berg, Teuteberg, Eisenhuth, McGill, Rohmeyer, Hunt, Mueller, Ives
ABSENT:	Bomar, Hull

4. Reconvene to Open Session
Meeting reconvened to open session at 8:18 PM.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Flater, District 1
SECONDER:	David Bischel, District 4
AYES:	Gullickson, Schmitt, Flater, Steele, Bischel, Sikorski, Bergeron, Ericksen, Seidlitz, Peterson, Calkins, Berg, Teuteberg, Eisenhuth, McGill, Rohmeyer, Hunt, Mueller, Ives
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7. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

8. ADJOURN

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Meeting adjourned at 8:19 PM.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Harold Steele, District 2
SECONDER:	Ken Schmitt, District 3 (Vice-Chair)
AYES:	Gullickson, Schmitt, Flater, Steele, Bischel, Sikorski, Bergeron, Ericksen, Seidlitz, Peterson, Calkins, Berg, Teuteberg, Eisenhuth, McGill, Rohmeyer, Hunt, Mueller, Ives
ABSENT:	Bomar, Hull