

CHIPPEWA COUNTY

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 21, 2025

CHIPPEWA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, RM 302

4:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Chuck Hull	Chippewa County	District 19, Chair	Present	
Dean Mueller	Chippewa County	District 20, Vice-Chair	Present	
Peter Gehring	Chippewa County	District 4	Present	
Jason Bergeron	Chippewa County	District 7	Present	
Joel Seidlitz	Chippewa County	District 9	Present	

Others Present: Randy Scholz, Toni Hohlfelder, Lori Zwiefelhofer, Andy Bauer, Kelly Shipley, Brian Kelley, Lynda Schweikert, Todd Pauls, and Lisa Merrell.

3. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO BE HEARD

4. CONSENT AGENDA

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Peter Gehring, District 4
SECONDER: Joel Seidlitz, District 9
AYES: Hull, Mueller, Gehring, Bergeron, Seidlitz

1. Approve the Agenda

2. Approve the Minutes

Executive Committee - Regular Meeting - Jan 7, 2025 4:00 PM

3. Schedule Next Meeting Date - February 4, 2025

5. REPORTS

- Update on County Administrator Recruitment - Toni Hohlfelder
Hohlfelder reported as of today there are 19 applications. Recruitment closes on January 27th. The location of the meet and greet will be Lake Wissota Events and Golf Course. Charlie Walker will do tours with the applicants on February 19th.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

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6. UPDATES, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND CORRESPONDENCE

A. County Board Chair Report

B. County Administrator Operation Report

1. Final ARPA Funding Project Review - Randy Scholz

Scholz and Zwiefelhofer gave an update on all of the projects that were funded with the ARPA dollars.

RESULT:	REVIEWED	Next: 2/11/2025 6:00 PM
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2. CIP Project Update 2023-2025 - Randy Scholz/Lori Zwiefelhofer

Zwiefelhofer gave an update on the 2023-2025 CIP projects. The departments are currently in the process of preparing their project requests for the next CIP plan.

RESULT:	REVIEWED	Next: 2/11/2025 6:00 PM
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7. BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Resolution to Formally Support Brightspeed Grant Application for Broadband Infrastructure Funding from the Wisconsin Public Service Commission's Broadband Equity, Access, & Development Program – Kelly Shipley

Shipley gave an update on Brightspeed and explained the project area they plan to address if awarded BEAD grant funding.

RESULT:	FORWARD TO COUNTY BOARD [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 2/11/2025 6:00 PM
MOVER:	Joel Seidlitz, District 9	
SECONDER:	Jason Bergeron, District 7	
AYES:	Hull, Mueller, Gehring, Bergeron, Seidlitz	

2. Information Technology Division 2026-2030 CIP Projects – Andy Bauer

Motion (Bergeron/Mueller) to approve the capital improvement project request as presented with a rank of 1. Passed without negative vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jason Bergeron, District 7
SECONDER:	Dean Mueller, District 20, Vice-Chair
AYES:	Hull, Mueller, Gehring, Bergeron, Seidlitz

8. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

9. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 4:46 PM.

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RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
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Joel Seidlitz	Chippewa County	District 9	Present	

Others Present: Randy Scholz, Traci Bremness, Brian Kelley, Deb Blevins, Andy Bauer, Lori Zwiefelhofer, WEAU, Toni Hohlfelder, Ken Schmitt

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RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Joel Seidlitz, District 9
SECONDER: Dean Mueller, District 20, Vice-Chair
AYES: Hull, Mueller, Gehring, Bergeron, Seidlitz

1. Approve the Agenda

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Executive Committee - Regular Meeting - Dec 17, 2024 4:00 PM

3. Schedule Next Meeting Date - January 21, 2025

5. REPORTS

1. County Highway T Corridor & County Highway M Bridge Funding – Brian Kelley

Kelly gave an update on the County Highway T Corridor project and the County Highway M bridge funding. He gave this report to the Highway Committee last month and the plan was to share this with the County Board next week. However, he just received new cost information this week for County Highway T and that will need to be reviewed with the Highway Committee again before this goes to the full County Board. Kelly explained that Eau Claire County is applying for the grants because they are taking lead on this project. They apply on our behalf.

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Kelley explained the County Hwy M bridge is Wisconsin's 5th longest County bridge and was built in 1950. There are no discussions or plan yet to close the bridge so far. The concern is some gusset plates are buckling due to heavy loading. The hope is to keep the heavy loads off the bridge so we can keep the bridge open until it is replaced. When it's time for construction the bridge will likely be closed for about two seasons (11-14 months).

Chippewa County's share for the bridge will be about \$5 million assuming we can secure a minimum of \$10 million of state/Federal funds. Goal is to finish design in 2026-2027 and construction in 2028-2029. Scholz referenced the funding plan and explained that each future County Board would need to approve those expenditures through the budget process.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Resolution to Disallow Claim of Acuity Insurance on Behalf of Michael Nyseth – Deb Blevins
Blevins gave an update on the claim and explained it is the recommendation of WMMIC, our liability insurance carrier, that we disallow the claim.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Jason Bergeron, District 7
SECONDER: Dean Mueller, District 20, Vice-Chair
AYES: Hull, Mueller, Gehring, Bergeron, Seidlitz

2. Resolution to Disallow Claim of Charles Siekert – Deb Blevins
Blevins gave an update on the claim and explained it is the recommendation of WMMIC, our liability insurance carrier, that we disallow the claim.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Peter Gehring, District 4
SECONDER: Jason Bergeron, District 7
AYES: Hull, Mueller, Gehring, Bergeron, Seidlitz

3. Resolution to Authorize Compensation and Mileage Reimbursement for Up to 100 Days of Committee Meetings in 2025 – Randy Scholz
Scholz explained this is the same resolution we have to bring back every year for approval. If the County Board doesn't approve this and a member goes over the number of meetings then they won't get paid.

RESULT: FORWARD TO COUNTY BOARD [UNANIMOUS] **Next: 1/14/2025 6:00 PM**
MOVER: Joel Seidlitz, District 9
SECONDER: Jason Bergeron, District 7
AYES: Hull, Mueller, Gehring, Bergeron, Seidlitz

4. Resolution to Pledge Funding for Expansion of County Highway T Corridor – Randy Scholz/Brian Kelley

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Hull stated with the new information that Kelley recently received the request is to send this back to the Highway Committee for further review.

RESULT:	REFERRED TO COMMITTEE [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 1/22/2025 10:00 AM
MOVER:	Joel Seidlitz, District 9	
SECONDER:	Jason Bergeron, District 7	
AYES:	Hull, Mueller, Gehring, Bergeron, Seidlitz	

7. UPDATES, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND CORRESPONDENCE

- A. County Board Chair Report
- B. County Administrator Operation Report

8. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

9. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 4:39 p.m.

RESULT:	APPROVED [4 TO 0]
MOVER:	Jason Bergeron, District 7
SECONDER:	Joel Seidlitz, District 9
AYES:	Mueller, Gehring, Bergeron, Seidlitz
RECUSED:	Hull

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Department of Administration

January 21, 2025

TO: Executive Committee

RE: County Administrator Recruitment

The Human Resources Director will give an update on the County Administrator recruitment. Applications are being accepted until Monday, January 27, 2025. The timeline is included below for reference.

Process	Timeline	Estimated Date	Notes
PAA advertise and perform on-going applicant screening	Week 4-6	12/18/24 - 1/27/25	
PAA firm select 7-10 semi-finalists and:	Week 7-9	Finalize by 01/31/25	
Semi-finalists complete zoom interview with PAA, EI assessment, essay questions and background check	Week 7-9	"	
PAA meet with Executive Committee to review semi-finalists and select finalists for in person interviews	Week 10	02/04/2025	4pm Exec Committee Regular Mtg/Closed Session
Finalist interviews at County Day 1: Day – Interviews with DH & Elected Official panels & tour of Courthouse/County Evening - Meet and greet with the County Board	Week 12	02/18/2025	Cancel Reg Exec Mtg & have CB Meet/Greet in evening
Finalist interviews at County Day 2: Day – Interviews with the Executive Committee	Week 12	02/19/2025	Exec Committee *Special Mtg/Closed Session
Make offer and contract negotiations	Week 12	2/20/25 – 2/23/25	
Executive Committee meets to finalize contract and resolution to appoint a new CA	Week 13	03/04/2025	* Exec Committee Regular Mtg/Closed Session
County Board meeting to approve contract and resolution to appoint a new CA	Week 13	03/11/2025	* County Board 6:00 pm Regular Mtg/Open Session
New CA tentative start	Week 18/20	4/14, 4/28, 5/12	

HOW TO APPLY

Anyone interested in applying should review the [Recruitment Profile](#) online and submit their information to Jon Hochkammer, Public Administration Associates, LLC at jonhochkammer@gmail.com by Monday, January 27, 2025. Include Chippewa County, WI Administrator Search in the subject line. Questions regarding the position can be directed to Mr. Hochkammer at (608) 225-3024.



ARPA Funding Projects Review

Randy Scholz, County Administrator

Executive Committee – January 21, 2025

County Board – February 11, 2025

Introduction

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 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.*

Utilized ARPA Allowable Areas

In staying in compliance with ARPA allowable areas, Chippewa County utilized:

- *“(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*
 - \$10,349,102.94 for multiple projects (Road improvements, parks improvements, Firearms Range Lead & EP Remediation, Contaminate mitigation in residential wells, Sheriff radios, etc.)
- *(D) to make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.*
 - \$2,209,956.06 for Broadband to 24/7 Telecom, Bloomer Telephone Company & Ntera
- *Interest Earnings*
 - \$798,644.96 for multiple projects (Longevity bonuses, Sheriff radios and road improvements)

History

- **7/20/2021** – Chippewa County Board approved Res 19-21, which identifies the guidelines and procedures for allocating ARPA funds ([Agenda Link](#))
- **1/24/2022-2/24/2022** – Department Heads met with policy committees to review their initial ARPA project funds requested.
- **1/27/2022** – Listening Session with Town, City & Village Leaders of Chippewa County
- **2/8/2022** – Chippewa County Board approved Res 04-22 revising the guidelines and procedures for allocating ARPA funds ([Agenda Link](#))
- **7/12/2022** – County Administrator presented the initial ARPA plan with supporting resolutions to County Board for approval ([Agenda Link](#))
- **3/12/2024** – Chippewa County Board approved multiple resolutions to finalize the utilization of these ARPA funds and the final revised ARPA plan ([Agenda Link](#))

Total ARPA Funding & Interest Earnings

Total Funding Available	
\$ 6,279,529.50	Funds received from US Treasury May 19, 2021
6,279,529.50	Funds received from US Treasury June 9, 2022
\$12,559,059.00	Total ARPA Funding Received from US Treasury
798,644.96	Interest Revenues with invested funds
\$13,357,703.96	Total ARPA Funding and Interest Earnings Utilized for Projects

Broadband Expansion

Res #	Company	Township	CB Approved Funding	Funding Utilized	Miles of Fiber Deployed	Number of Locations Served
20-21	24/7 Telecom Inc	Wheaton & Howard	\$ 339,549.00	\$339,549.00	99	275
21-21	Ntera LLC	Goetz, Delmar, Edson & Sigel	531,657.06	531,657.06	92	248
22-21	Bloomer Telephone Co	Eagle Point & Tilden	838,750.00	838,750.00	86	305
06-22	Bloomer Telephone Co	Hallie	33,586.00	33,586.00	9	63
04-23	Bloomer Telephone Co	Tilden, Eagle Point & Lafayette	295,232.00	295,232.00	14	112
05-23	Ntera LLC	Cleveland & Ruby	171,182.00	171,182.00	33	121
Totals			\$2,209,956.06	\$2,209,956.06	333	1,124

Employee Longevity Bonuses

Funding from ARPA interest earnings was used to provide longevity reward payments to employees with tenure who didn't receive prior longevity bonuses/payments for their years of service with the implementation of the Longevity Bonus policy approved on September 13, 2022 within the HR Policy. These bonuses were for General Municipal and Wisconsin Professional Policy Association employees.

After funding these additional bonuses, all employees with 5 & 10 years of service now match the Longevity Bonus Policy. These employees received \$500 for the missed 5 year anniversary and \$1,000 for the remaining missed 5 year anniversary milestones.

Res #	CB Approved Funding	Funding Utilized	Amount Transferred to Hwy with Res 12-24
50-22, 62-22 & 11-24	\$419,056.00	\$386,565.75	\$32,490.25

CVIC (Chippewa Valley Innovation Center) Remodeled Conference Room for ADA Compliance

The funding was used to equip a new main floor conference room with audio and visual capabilities, wheelchair accessibility and ADA compliance.

The contractor that did the remodel was Miron Construction Company which was completed by November 7, 2023

Res #	CB Approved Funding	Funding Utilized	Amount Transferred to Hwy with Res 12-24
49-22	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00



Contracted Services with Sikich LLP

Chippewa County used Sikich LLP to help provide guidance on the regulations with the ARPA funding by the US Treasury. Initially we had Sikich review all of our projects for guidance that they met the ARPA regulations as indicated in the 437 page document for the Federal Register.

Funding Utilized

\$7,842.50



Mobile & Portable Radios Replacement for Sheriff's Department



This project allowed for the purchase of updated portable radios for the jail. Originally the project was for the purchase of mobile and portable radios for the Sheriff's Office to upgrade from analog to digital frequencies in both patrol and jail. However, we received a grant for \$100,000 from Senator Van Orden's office to help with the purchase of portable digital radios so more radios are updated.



\$95,000.00 ARPA Interest Earnings utilized for funding.

Res #	CB Approved Funding	Funding Utilized	Amount Transferred to Hwy with Res 12-24
10-24	\$190,000.00	\$190,000.00	\$0.00

Contaminate Mitigation in Residential Wells

In response to high nitrate levels exceeding the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources' health standard of 10 ppm in Chippewa County's groundwater, the ARPA funding concentrated in two main areas:

- 1. Conservation Practices:** LCFM implemented a cover crop program to reduce nitrogen runoff and improve soil health. Cover crops help scavenge excess nitrogen, while research into nitrogen application practices aims to further decrease nitrogen usage in the future.
- 2. Safe Drinking Water:** To address the lack of safe drinking water, water refill stations were established in the nitrate-affected areas, focusing on municipal wells that meet drinking water safety standards.

As a result, over 1,000 acres were contracted for cover crops for a minimum of four years, and four water refill stations were set up in Wheaton, Anson, Lafayette, and Auburn.

Res #	CB Approved Funding	Funding Utilized	Amount Transferred to Hwy with Res 12-24
34-22	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$0.00
6-23	\$250,000.00	\$151,444.30	\$98,555.70

Contaminate Mitigation in Residential Wells (Cont.)

Water Refill Stations



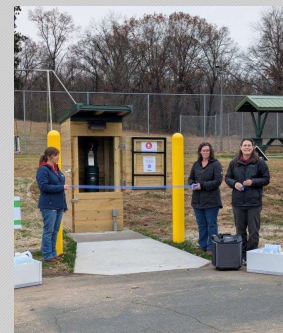
Anson



Auburn



Lafayette



Wheaton

Road Improvements with Initial ARPA Funding (Cont.)

Resolution 33-22

Res #	CB Approved Funding	Funding Utilized
33-22	\$8,000,000.00	\$8,000,000.00

County Highway	Project Limits	Project Type	Original ARPA Mileage	Final ARPA Mileage	Original ARPA Available	Carryover ARPA Available	ACTUAL Project Cost	ACTUAL (Overrun) / Underrun
2022								
CTH D	County Line - CTH V South	Recondition	4.5 Miles	4.5 Miles	\$1,049,000		\$898,757	\$150,243
	Various Locations (D, S, W, AA)	Culverts for ARPA Projects			\$367,000		\$330,589	\$36,411
CTH C	STH 40 - CTH F	Culverts for '22 BIL Project			\$60,000		\$72,721	(\$12,721)
	Various Locations	Chip-Seal			\$79,000		\$0	\$79,000
	2022 Material Cost Adjustment	Various			\$345,000		\$0	\$345,000
2022 Sub Total			4.5 Miles	4.5 Miles	\$1,900,000		\$1,302,067	\$597,933
2023								
CTH S	STH 27 - CTH EE	Recondition	2.5 Miles	2.5 Miles	\$580,000		\$484,403	\$95,597
CTH W	STH 27 - CTH G	Recondition	7.0 Miles	7.0 Miles	\$1,410,000		\$1,210,810	\$199,190
CTH AA	CTH F - STH 40	Recondition	2.0 Miles	2.0 Miles	\$430,000		\$356,308	\$73,692
	Various Locations (A, EE, DD, Q)	ARPA Culverts			\$368,000		\$312,362	\$55,638
CTH Q	Blosser - STH 64	Chip-Seal			\$62,000	\$79,000	\$133,328	\$7,672
	2023 Material Cost Adjustment	Various			\$500,000		\$0	\$500,000
CTH X	Broadway St. to Clark Co. Line	Resurface (C. of Stanley)		0.7 Miles				
CTH H	8th St to 1764' North	Resurface (C. of Stanley)		0.3 Miles			\$195,206	(\$195,206)
CTH H	Broadway St. (at bank)	Resurface (C. of Stanley)		Spot				
CTH H	Broadway St. (N of bridge)	Resurface (C. of Stanley)		Spot				
CTH D	STH 29 to 1400' North	Resurface (V. of Boyd)		0.3 Miles			\$42,260	(\$42,260)
CTH TT	Cobban to STH 27	Recondition		2.7 Miles		\$518,933	\$676,623	(\$157,690)
CTH TT	Cobban to STH 27	ARPA Culverts						
2023 Sub Total			11.5 Miles	15.5 Miles	\$3,350,000	\$597,933	\$3,411,300	\$536,633
2024								
CTH A	Dunn Co. Line - 170th Ave	Recondition	3.7 Miles	4.7 Miles	\$910,000		\$934,949	(\$24,949)
CTH EE	CTH S - 170th Ave	Recondition	3.0 Miles	3.0 Miles	\$740,000		\$550,947	\$189,053
CTH DD	CTH A - 186th Ave	Recondition	1.9 Miles	1.9 Miles	\$410,000		\$352,750	\$57,250
CTH Q/AA	CTH SS - 83rd St.	Recondition	2.7 Miles	2.7 Miles	\$640,000		\$456,218	\$183,782
CTH F	90th St. to County Line	Recondition		4.0 Miles		\$528,961	\$717,538	(\$188,577)
	Various Locations	Chip-Seal			\$50,000	\$7,672	\$274,230	(\$216,558)
2024 Sub Total			11.3 Miles	16.3 Miles	\$2,750,000	\$536,633	\$3,286,632	(\$50)
ARPA Original Grand Total			27.3 Miles	36.3 Miles	\$8,000,000		\$8,000,000	

Road Improvements with Initial ARPA Funding (Cont.)

Resolution 33-22



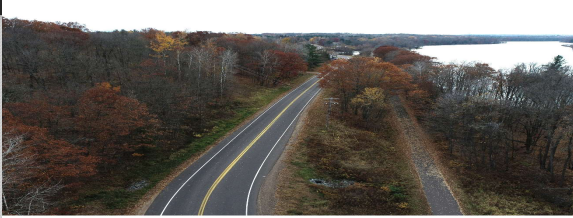
2022 – CTH W Culverts



2023 – CTH Q Chip Seal

Road Improvements with Initial ARPA Funding (Cont.)

Resolution 33-22



2023 – CTH TT Paving



2023 – CTH X in Stanley Paving

Road Improvements with Initial ARPA Funding (Cont.)

Resolution 33-22



2024 – CTH AA Paving



2024 – CTH DD Paving

Road Improvements with Initial ARPA Funding (Cont.)

Resolution 33-22



2024 – CTH F Paving

Road Improvements with Addl ARPA Funding

Resolution 12-24

County Highway	Project Limits	Project Type	Original ARPA Mileage	Final ARPA Mileage	Original ARPA Available	Carryover ARPA Available	ACTUAL Project Cost	ACTUAL (Overrun) / Underrun
2024	Additional ARPA							
CTH OO	172nd St - CTH K	Recondition		3.7 Miles			\$1,007,710	
CTH HH	CTH N - CTH S	Recondition		1.0 Miles			\$83,450	
	Various Locations	Chip-Seal					\$108,078	
Additional ARPA Sub Total				4.7 Miles		\$1,199,238	\$1,199,238	

Res #	Remaining Funding Utilized
12-24	\$1,199,238.27

Road Improvements with Addl ARPA Funding (Cont)

Resolution 12-24



2024 – CTH HH Paving



2024 – CTH OO Paving

Public Firearms Range & Training Facility

- On June 28, 2022, the County Board approved Resolution 30-22 to permanently close the Public Firearms Range & Training Facility effective July 1, 2022 and to approve a settlement offer between Chippewa County and Rooney Farms, LLC and Steven Jake Rooney.
- In order to permanently close the facility, EPA/WI-DNR regulations and the settlement agreement required us to complete a lead remediation, remove the old buildings, bullet catchers and level the berms. The only building that remains is the Training Building.
- As part of the settlement agreement we received \$75,000 from Rooney Farms, LLC to help offset costs of this project. The total project costs were \$380,706.03 less the \$75,000 for net ARPA funding of \$305,706.03.

Res #	CB Approved Funding	Funding Utilized	Amount Transferred to Hwy with Res 12-24
31-22	\$1,000,000.00	\$305,706.03	\$694,293.97

Public Firearms Range & Training Facility (Cont.)



Before



After

New Bathroom/Showers – Otter Lake Park

The bathroom at Otter Lake Park/Campground, previously equipped with pit toilets, has been replaced with a new facility in the same location. The updated bathroom features two showers and multiple flushing toilets. Additionally, a new septic system and drain field were installed to accommodate these upgrades.

Res #	CB Approved Funding	Funding Utilized	Amount Transferred to Hwy with Res 12-24
32-22	\$325,000.00	\$325,000.00	\$0.00
26-23	\$52,000.00	\$44,194.68	\$7,805.32

New Bathroom/Showers – Otter Lake Park (Cont.)



New Bathroom/Well – Pine Point Park

The old north bathroom with pit toilets at Pine Point Park/Campground was demolished. In its place, a new "pre-fab" bathroom was installed, featuring low-volume water flush toilets and a holding tank. Additionally, a new well was drilled at the site.

Res #	CB Approved Funding	Funding Utilized	Amount Transferred to Hwy with Res 12-24
32-22	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$0.00
26-23	\$39,300.00	\$38,181.00	\$1,119.00

New Bathroom/Well – Pine Point Park (Cont.)



Replaced Picnic Tables at Parks

A variety of picnic tables and benches were purchased and installed across the parks:

- 53 lightweight folding campsite picnic tables with powder-coated steel frames and high-density polyethylene tops and benches.
- 13 heavy-duty picnic tables, mainly for pavilions and beaches, featuring powder-coated steel frames with a thermal plastic coating.
- 2 covered picnic tables with powder-coated steel frames and polyester-coated aluminum tops and benches, installed at the Otter Lake boat landing and Round Lake Beach.
- 6 powder-coated steel benches from Excel Steel Fab, featuring the County's logo created using plasma and water-jet technology.

Res #	CB Approved Funding	Funding Utilized	Amount Transferred to Hwy with Res 12-24
32-22	\$50,000.00	\$49,575.37	\$424.63

Replaced Picnic Tables at Parks (Cont.)



Covered Picnic Table



Heavy Duty Beach & Pavilion Picnic Table



Light Weight Campsite Picnic Table



Coated Steel Benches with County Logo

Automatic Firewood Dispensers Pine Point, Otter Lake & Morris Erickson

Firewood dispensers were installed at all three parks/campgrounds, allowing patrons to purchase firewood at any time.

- At Otter Lake, a "cash only" dispenser was set up due to the park's remote location and lack of cellular signal.
- In contrast, Pine Point and Morris Erickson Parks, with reliable cell signals, have dispensers that accept credit card payments.

Res #	CB Approved Funding	Funding Utilized	Amount Transferred to Hwy with Res 12-24
32-22	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$0.00

Automatic Firewood Dispensers, (Cont.)

Pine Point, Otter Lake & Morris Erickson



Otter Lake Firewood Dispenser
(Cash Only)



Morris-Erickson Park & Pine Point Park
Firewood Dispense (Credit Card)

Questions, Comments, or Concerns





2023-2025 CIP PROJECT UPDATE

Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

Presentation for Executive Committee on January 21, 2025

Presentation for County Board on February 11, 2025

History

Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Policy

- Adopted by County Board in June 2012
 - Last Amended in December 2013
- Goal was to give structure and uniformity to the process.
 - Also allows the CB to see the big items needed in the future and allows for prioritization of major projects.
- A 5-year plan is prepared by the CA and presented to the Executive Committee and CB annually.
 - CB only “approves” projects for the next year’s budget cycle. Projects in years 2-5 are placeholders.
 - Each project is approved via a resolution.
 - Having a 5-year plan also helps with maintaining our Aa¹ bond rating.

Capital Project Criteria

- Capital assets or project costs of \$50,000 or more per County Ordinance 2-361(a)(3)b.1-4 (Sales and Use Tax).
- Capital or project assets that have a useful life of more than 3 years or extend the life of existing asset.
- Required by Ordinance 2-361(a)(3), the CIP must be updated during the annual budget process.

Overview

- This annual report provides the County Board with an update on the status of approved CIP projects 2023-2025 as of 12/27/2024
- Last three approved budgets utilizing sales tax funding and bond funding for Capital Improvements.

Year	Sales Tax Funding	Bonding Funding
2023	\$3,335,000	\$3,000,000
2024	\$4,866,000	\$-0-
2025	\$4,410,000	\$1,750,000

Hints

Below is an example of the annual review of an approved project:

- Total Budgeted Amount equals all of the funding sources for the project.
- The next three columns (Fund Balance/Grants, Sales Tax, Borrowing) are the fund sources.
- The Expenditure column is the amount we have paid for the project to that date.
- The Project (Over/Under) column is taking the Total Budgeted Amount less the Expenditure column on completed projects only.
 - **Over** means that the expenditures **exceed** the total budgeted amount.
 - **Under** means that the expenditures **are less** than the total budgeted amount.

Year	Project Title	Total Budgeted Amount	Fund Balance/ Grants	Sales Tax	Borrowing	Expenditure (12-29-23)	Project (Over/Under)	Status	Comments
2023	Replace 43 Campsite Docks	\$129,000	\$129,000					In Progress	

2012-2024 Radio Tower Project (Budgeted thru 2019)									
Year	Project Title	Total Budgeted Amount	Fund Balance/ Grants	Sales Tax	Borrowing	Expenditure (12-27-24)	Project (Over/Under)	Status	Comments
Multiple	Radio System Replacement/Fiber Installation	\$4,395,887	\$1,450,000	\$1,300,000	\$1,645,887	\$4,131,660	\$264,227	Complete	Per Res 45-23, remaining funds were transferred to the radio towers operation account.
Total Budgeted Amount is based on changes with Res. 39-20 and Res. 34-23.									

2021 Projects (Still "In Progress" as of February 2024 CIP Update)									
Year	Project Title	Total Budgeted Amount	Fund Balance/ Grants	Sales Tax	Borrowing	Expenditure (12-27-24)	Project (Over/Under)	Status	Comments
2021	Generator System updates for Courthouse/Sheriff's	\$50,000	\$50,000			\$468	\$49,532	No Project	Total Budget was \$100,000 which includes \$50,000 from 2013. This project has been decided to be dropped and may need to be done at a later date if needed. Additional funding would be needed for the project to be completed.

Attachment: CIP Update 2023-2025 (8773 : CIP Project Update 2023-2025 - Randy Scholz/Lori Zwiefelhofer)

2022 Projects

(Still "In Progress" as of February 2023 CIP Update)

Year	Project Title	Total Budgeted Amount	Fund Balance/ Grants	Sales Tax	Borrowing	Expenditure (12-27-24)	Project (Over/Under)	Status	Comments
2022	Replacement of Jail Windows	\$150,000		\$150,000		\$168,605	(\$18,605)	Completed	Overage due some unforeseen challenges with old window removal. For the overage, funds from the facilities operation account transferred to project.
2022	Dump Truck Replacement	\$120,000	\$120,000			\$147,153	(\$27,153)	Completed	We waited for 2 years for the truck delivery and the cost increased.

Project Over/Under Review of Completed Projects in 2024:

\$ 0 Returned to the Sales Tax Fund
(\$45,758) Maintained within account or not requested by grant

2023 Projects

Year	Project Title	Total Budgeted Amount	Fund Balance/ Grants	Sales Tax	Borrowing	Expenditure (12-27-24)	Project (Over/Under)	Status	Comments
2023	Replace 43 Campsite Docks	\$129,000	\$129,000			\$128,510	\$490	Completed	Remaining funds stay in non-lapsing account
2023	Replace Playground Equip at 3 Parks	\$260,000	\$260,000			\$227,203	\$32,797	Completed	Remaining funds stay in non-lapsing account
2023	LCFM Department Remodel	\$475,000		\$475,000		\$429,515		In Progress	Almost complete waiting for final invoices.
2023	Roof Replacements	\$175,000		\$175,000		\$118,685	\$56,315	Completed	Remaining funds back to sales tax fund
2023	LED Lighting Upgrade – Phase I	\$150,000	\$15,000	\$135,000		\$81,758	\$68,242	Completed	Available funds from this project transferred to Phase II for LED Lighting Upgrade
2023	Highways and Bridges	\$13,467,300	\$8,867,300	\$1,600,000	\$3,000,000	\$9,707,925	\$3,759,375	Completed	Some grant funding wasn't approved so projects didn't occur
2023	Machinery Purchases	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000			\$827,993	\$272,007	Completed	Remaining funds will stay in Hwy Machinery Fund balance

2023 Projects (Cont.)

Year	Project Title	Total Budgeted Amount	Fund Balance/ Grants	Sales Tax	Borrowing	Expenditure (12-27-24)	Project (Over/Under)	Status	Comments
2023	Building Improvements at Highway Department	\$100,000	\$100,000			\$197,445	(\$97,445)	Complete	Overage using Hwy Machinery Fund balance
2023	Non-Highway Vehicle Fleet	\$250,000		\$250,000		\$365,648	(\$115,648)	Complete	Overage using Non-Highway Fleet Fund balance
2023	Replacement End User Devices & Data Center Equip	\$225,000		\$225,000		\$174,136	\$50,864	Complete	Remaining funds will stay in non-lapsing account
2023	Courtroom Audio/Video Control System	\$75,000		\$75,000				In Progress	Delay in getting equipment
2023	Hickory Ridge Trailhead Expansion	\$500,000	\$500,000			\$129,888	\$370,112	Complete	This project was all funded with state grant and donations from Friends of Hickory Ridge
2023	911 Phone System Replacement	\$350,000		\$350,000		\$303,031	\$46,969	Complete	Received a grant from state for 80% with 20% county share. We anticipate about \$289,394 will be returned to sales tax fund.
Project Over/Under Review of Completed Projects in 2024: \$ 345,709 Returned to the Sales Tax Fund \$ 4,340,794 Maintained within account or not requested by grant									

2024 Projects

Year	Project Title	Total Budgeted Amount	Fund Balance/ Grants	Sales Tax	Borrowing	Expenditure (12-27-24)	Project (Over/Under)	Status	Comments
2024	LED Lighting Upgrade – Phase 2	\$50,000	\$5,000	\$45,000		\$71,501	(\$21,501)	Complete	This overage was funded by Phase I of the LED Lighting. The remaining \$49,790 between the two phases returned to sales tax
2024	Parking Lot Maintenance	\$50,000		\$50,000		\$33,905	\$16,095	Complete	Available funds returned to sales tax
2024	Register in Probate/Juvenile Intake Office Suite Remodel	\$280,000		\$280,000		\$244,667		In Progress	Almost complete waiting for final invoices.
2024	DHS Dept & CB Rm 302 Remodel-Phase I Planning	\$600,000		\$600,000		\$0.00		On hold	
2024	Highways and Bridges	\$11,759,913	\$8,659,913	\$3,100,000		\$5,801,674		In Progress	
2024	Machinery Purchases	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000			\$795,651		In Progress	
2024	Highway Building Improvements	\$100,000	\$100,000			\$142,028		In Progress	

2024 Projects (Cont.)									
Year	Project Title	Total Budgeted Amount	Fund Balance/ Grants	Sales Tax	Borrowing	Expenditure (12-27-24)	Project (Over/Under)	Status	Comments
2024	Non-Highway Vehicle Fleet Replacement	\$300,000		\$300,000		\$337,142		In Progress	
2024	Replacement end user devices & data center equipment	\$275,000		\$275,000		\$224,969		In Progress	
2024	County Stewardship Fund	\$100,000	\$50,000	\$50,000		\$50,000	\$50,000	Complete	Funds will stay in this account for future years.
2024	County Forest Land Acquisitions	\$300,000	\$300,000			\$0.00	\$300,000	Complete	No project
2024	Snowmobile Bridge	\$120,000	\$120,000			\$47,750	\$72,250	Complete	All grant funded
2024	Sheriff Dept Radio Replacements – Phase I	\$67,000		\$67,000		\$34,901		In Progress	Waiting until the equipment purchased with grant funds are received before considering completed.

2024 Projects (Cont.)									
Year	Project Title	Total Budgeted Amount	Fund Balance/G rants	Sales Tax	Borrowing	Expenditure (12-27-24)	Project (Over/Under)	Status	Comments
2024	Sheriff Equipment (Radar Units, Ballistic Shields, AED, High Gear Suits, etc)	\$99,000		\$99,000		\$96,328	\$2,671	Complete	These remaining funds will be returned to the sales tax fund.
	Totals 2024 Projects	\$15,200,913	\$10,334,913	\$4,866,000	\$0				

Project Over/Under Review of Completed Projects in 2024:

\$ 68,556 Returned to the Sales Tax Fund

\$ 422,250 Maintained within account or not requested by grant

2025 Projects

Year	Project Title	Total Budgeted Amount	Fund Balance/ Grants	Sales Tax	Borrowing	Expenditure (12-27-24)	Project (Over/Under)	Status	Comments
2025	County Morgue	\$750,000		\$750,000				In Progress	
2025	Uninterruptible Power Supply	\$100,000	\$100,000					In Progress	
2025	Building Automation System Replacement	\$500,000		\$500,000				In Progress	
2025	Courthouse Security – Single Point Entry & DOA Suite	\$750,000	\$750,000					In Progress	
2025	Parking Lot “A” Replacement – Phase I	\$400,000		\$400,000				In Progress	
2025	Sheriff’s Department Hallways – Painting/Flooring	\$175,000	\$175,000					In Progress	
2025	Government Center Water Heater Replacement	\$90,000	\$90,000					In Progress	

2025 Projects (Cont.)

Year	Project Title	Total Budgeted Amount	Fund Balance/ Grants	Sales Tax	Borrowing	Expenditure (12-29-23)	Project (Over/Under)	Status	Comments
2025	Highways & Bridges	\$10,280,070	\$6,730,070	\$1,800,000	\$1,750,000			In Progress	
2025	Machinery Purchases	\$1,523,000	\$1,523,000					In Progress	
2025	Hwy Building Improvements	\$100,000	\$100,000					In Progress	
2025	Non-Highway Fleet Vehicle Replacement	\$300,000		\$300,000				In Progress	
2025	Replacement end user devices & data center	\$225,000	\$125,000	\$100,000				In Progress	
2025	County Stewardship Fund	\$100,000	\$100,000					In Progress	

2025 Projects (Cont.)

Year	Project Title	Total Budgeted Amount	Fund Balance/ Grants	Sales Tax	Borrowing	Expenditure (12-27-24)	Project (Over/Under)	Status	Comments
2025	County Forest Land Acquisitions	300,000	\$300,000					In Progress	
2025	Snowmobile Bridge	\$120,000	\$120,000					In Progress	
2025	Backup 911 Center	\$500,000		\$500,000				In Progress	
2025	Sheriff's Office Equipment	\$60,000		\$60,000				In Progress	
	Totals 2025 Projects	\$16,273,070	\$10,113,070	\$4,410,000	\$1,750,000				

Summary

- Acceptable progress has been made on funded CIP projects
 - Highway & Bridge projects will take several years to close due to matching funds/grant timing
- CIP project status update are provided to Executive Committee and County Board annually (at a minimum)
- The next step...
 - Department Heads received 2025-2029 CIP guidelines and forms in November of 2024
 - CA presents recommended plan to Executive Committee in June for consideration then to the County Board for action

Questions, Comments, or Concerns



STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION

Resolution No. 04 - 25

**RES. 04-25: RESOLUTION TO FORMALLY SUPPORT BRIGHTSPEED
GRANT APPLICATION FOR BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING
FROM THE WISCONSIN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION'S BROADBAND
EQUITY, ACCESS, & DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM - KELLY SHIPLEY**

1 Passage of this resolution will formally express Chippewa County's support for Connect
2 Holding II, LLC d/b/a Brightspeed's (Brightspeed) application for grant funding from the
3 Wisconsin Public Service Commission's Internet for All: Broadband Equity, Access, and
4 Deployment (BEAD) program for broadband infrastructure for the underserved and unserved
5 households and businesses within Chippewa County. Brightspeed reached out to the County to
6 request the County's support in the application process, which will assist Brightspeed with
7 qualifying for the grant funding. If the grant application is approved by the Public Service
8 Commission (PSC), Brightspeed would then use that grant funding to provide broadband
9 infrastructure access to the Chippewa County areas in Cadott, Eagle Point, Cornell and Stanley
10 deemed unserved and underserved by the PSC's Broadband Map.

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WHEREAS, Connect Holding II, LLC d/b/a Brightspeed (Brightspeed) has requested the County's support in Brightspeed's application for grant funding from the Wisconsin Public Service Commission's Internet for All: Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) program for broadband infrastructure for the underserved and unserved households and businesses within Chippewa County; and

WHEREAS, Brightspeed has represented to the Chippewa County Board of Supervisors that Brightspeed and the companies it operates in Wisconsin is headquartered in Charlotte, North Carolina and proposes to support technology needs by expanding broadband fiber capability to reach unserved and underserved residents and businesses within Chippewa County where such service is currently unavailable or prohibitively expensive; and

WHEREAS, Brightspeed has represented to the Chippewa County Board of Supervisors that on October 3, 2022, Brightspeed announced the official start of operations as a new company following the completion of the acquisition of incumbent local exchange carrier assets and associated operations from Lumen Technologies (d/b/a CenturyLink).

WHEREAS, Brightspeed purchased these assets and is a new company with new leadership that is excited to invest in Wisconsin and many of its legacy areas such as Cadott, Eagle Point, Cornell and Stanley to name a few; and

WHEREAS, Brightspeed is working on a plan to deploy leading-edge broadband fiber internet network in the markets it already serves in Wisconsin and in Chippewa County; and

WHEREAS, Brightspeed's new fiber network will be capable of delivering reliable, high-speed connections with up to 10 Gbps download and upload capabilities; and

WHEREAS, Brightspeed has identified 1,254 Broadband Serviceable Locations (BSL's) for a grant opportunity; and

WHEREAS, the Chippewa County Board of Supervisors has not investigated or confirmed the representations made by Brightspeed, but supports its efforts to bring enhanced connectivity and broadband services to the area; and

WHEREAS, it is the Chippewa County Board of Supervisors' understanding Brightspeed is seeking a formal endorsement to assist in the BEAD program deeming Brightspeed as a Chippewa County collaborator in broadband construction and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, it is the Chippewa County Board of Supervisors' understanding that the PSC BEAD grant requests a Letter of Endorsement to support Brightspeed's application to provide broadband infrastructure access to the Chippewa County areas of Cadott, Eagle Point, Cornell and Stanley deemed unserved and underserved by the PSC's Broadband Map; and

WHEREAS, it is the Chippewa County Board of Supervisors' understanding that fiber broadband connectivity and reliability is critical infrastructure for the health, safety, and quality of life for community residents, including access to telemedicine, expansive economic development and growth, and distance learning education opportunities for all; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution has been supported by Chippewa County Economic Development President/CEO Charlie Walker;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chippewa County Board of Supervisors, by the passage of this Resolution, does hereby endorse and support Connect Holding II, LLC d/b/a Brightspeed as a BEAD program applicant and Chippewa County broadband provider and supports the construction of unserved and underserved communities in Chippewa County highlighted within the Wisconsin Public Service Commission Broadband Map as part of the BEAD program, as administered by the Wisconsin Public Service Commission, to make Chippewa County fully covered with broadband access as stated.

Forwarded to the County Board by the Executive Committee.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

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

01/21/2025	Executive Committee	
RESULT:	FORWARD TO COUNTY BOARD [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 2/11/2025 6:00 PM
MOVER:	Joel Seidlitz, District 9	
SECONDER:	Jason Bergeron, District 7	
AYES:	Hull, Mueller, Gehring, Bergeron, Seidlitz	

Approved as to Form:


Todd A. Pauls, Corporation Counsel

1/9/2025


Lori Zwiefelhofer, Finance Director

1/9/2025

Randy B. Scholz
Randy B. Scholz County Administrator 1/9/2025



Chippewa County, WI BEAD Overview

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January 11, 2025



We believe in building a future where more communities benefit from a more connected life. That's why we're building our smart, fiber optics-based network in cities and towns where options for quality, high-speed internet connectivity are limited — providing residents and businesses with the fast, reliable connection they need to work, learn, play, and thrive.

\$ Investment

Brightspeed	\$2 billion
Broadband grant program awards	\$100 million+

📶 Network



Fiber passings planned	3,000,000+
Location capacity	6,500,000+
Customers	1,200,000+
States serviced (Midwest, Southeast, parts of NJ and PA)	20

📄 Our company

Established in October 2022
Headquartered in Charlotte, North Carolina
Fifth largest Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC) in U.S.
Chief Executive Officer, Tom Maguire
More than 4,000 employees

⚙️ Our technology

Next generation fiber
Next generation fiber-to-the-premises (FTTP) network engineered specifically for internet access

XGS-PON
XGS-PON with capability to deliver multi-gig connections

Wi-Fi 6 technology
In-home/office network delivering faster speeds and lower latency than previous generations of Wi-Fi

Speed
Symmetrical upload and download speeds with low latency and consistent response

💬 Our service

Simple and efficient
Product choices without confusing bundles, plans or bills

Reliable
Transforming the customer experience with 24/7 support

Helpful
Delivering connectivity to communities lacking quality options



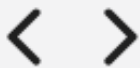
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Limited availability in select areas. Check availability below to confirm Brightspeed Fiber Internet is available at your address.

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\$300 PREPAID CARD*

Brightspeed Fiber Internet 2 Gig

Our fastest plan yet. Experience effortless streaming, gaming, video calling, uploading and downloading. All at once.

- Equal 2 Gig upload and download speeds
- Work and learn from home without interruptions
- Supports ultra HD streaming, gaming, and complete home security systems
- Includes equipment with next generation WiFi 6E technology for maximum home coverage
- Best for anyone looking for bandwidth that can easily handle dozens of devices at once
- Premium modem with secure wifi, no annual contracts, and no termination fees

\$200 PREPAID CARD*

Brightspeed Fiber Internet 1 Gig

Our most popular plan for multiple high-bandwidth users.

- Ultrafast 940 Mbps upload and download speeds
- Work and learn from home without interruptions
- 4K streaming and advanced gaming
- Supports extensive smart home capabilities
- Best for households that need ultrafast speeds for working, playing and home security
- Premium modem with secure wifi, no annual contracts, and no termination fees

UP TO \$100 PREPAID CARD*

Brightspeed Fiber Internet 500 Mbps

More speed made for HD streaming and competitive gaming.

- Superfast 500 Mbps upload and download speeds
- Work and learn from home without interruptions
- Ultra HD streaming and improved latency for gaming
- Ample bandwidth to support more users
- Best for anyone seeking a boost or larger households with a need for speed
- Premium modem with secure wifi, no annual contracts, and no termination fees

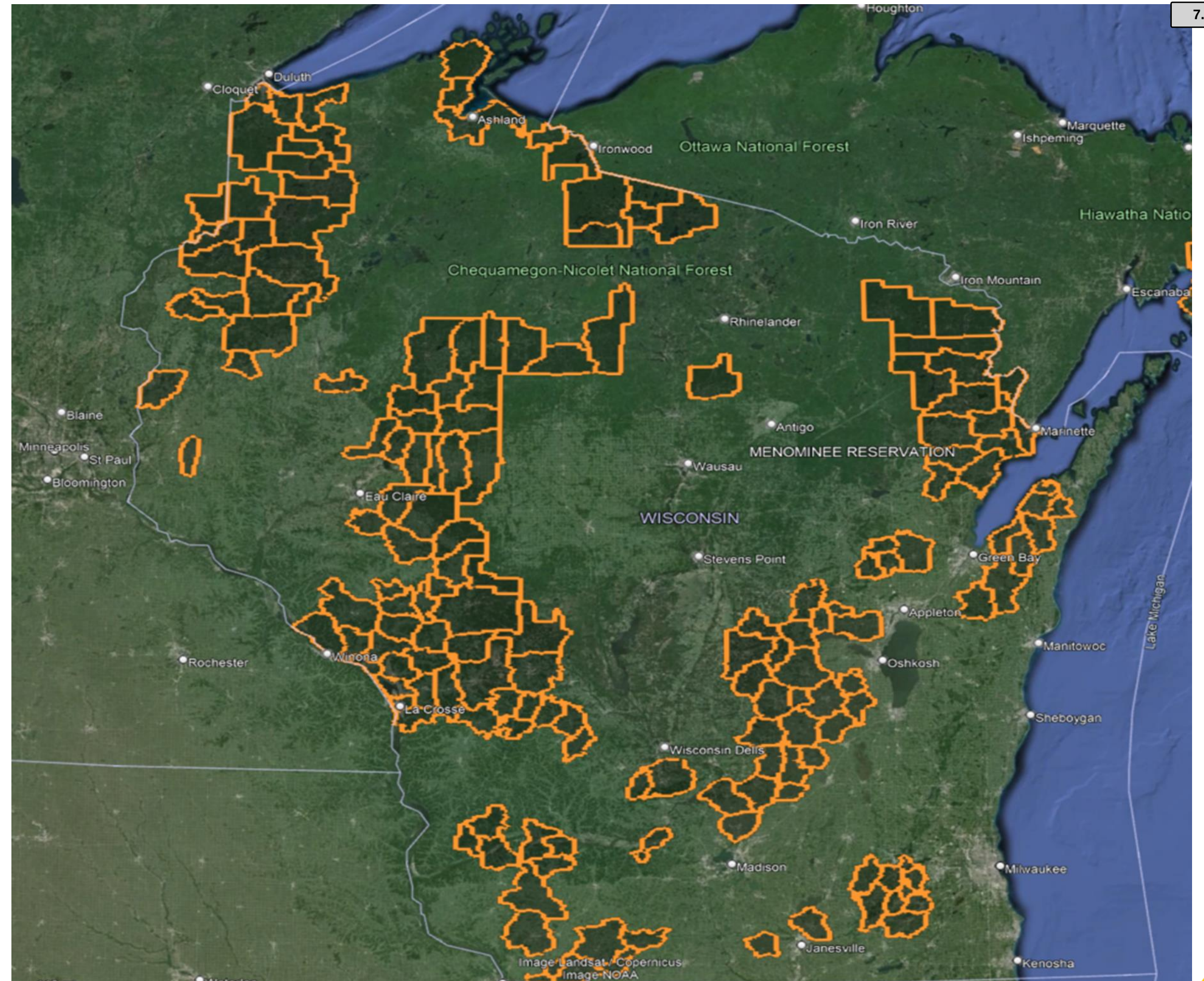
Brightspeed Fiber Internet 200 Mbps

Fast and reliable connection at an affordable cost.

- Equal 200 Mbps upload and download speeds
- Perfect for everyday streaming, gaming, and surfing
- Best for small households looking for great speed at great value
- Premium modem with secure wifi, no annual contracts, and no termination fees

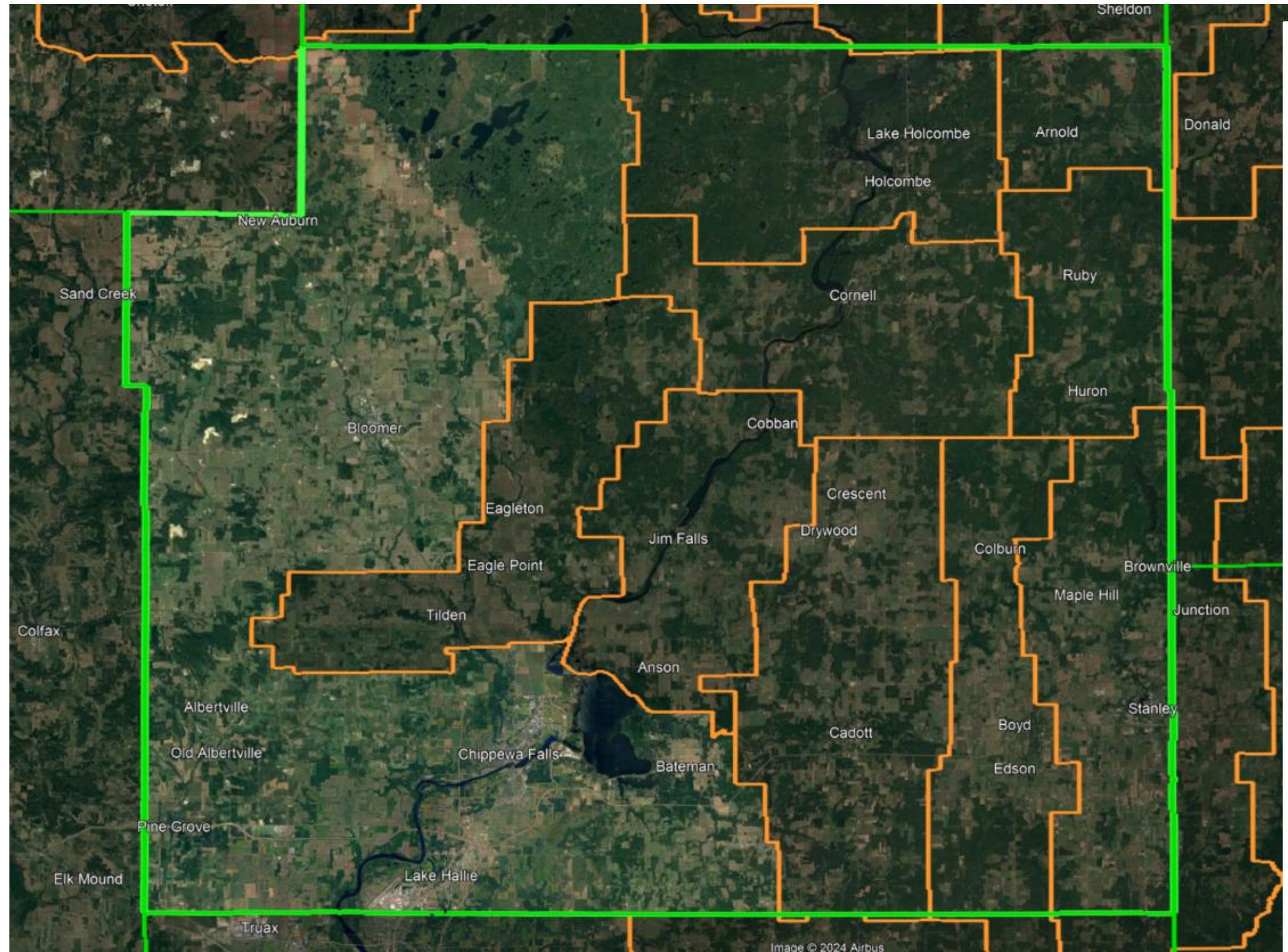


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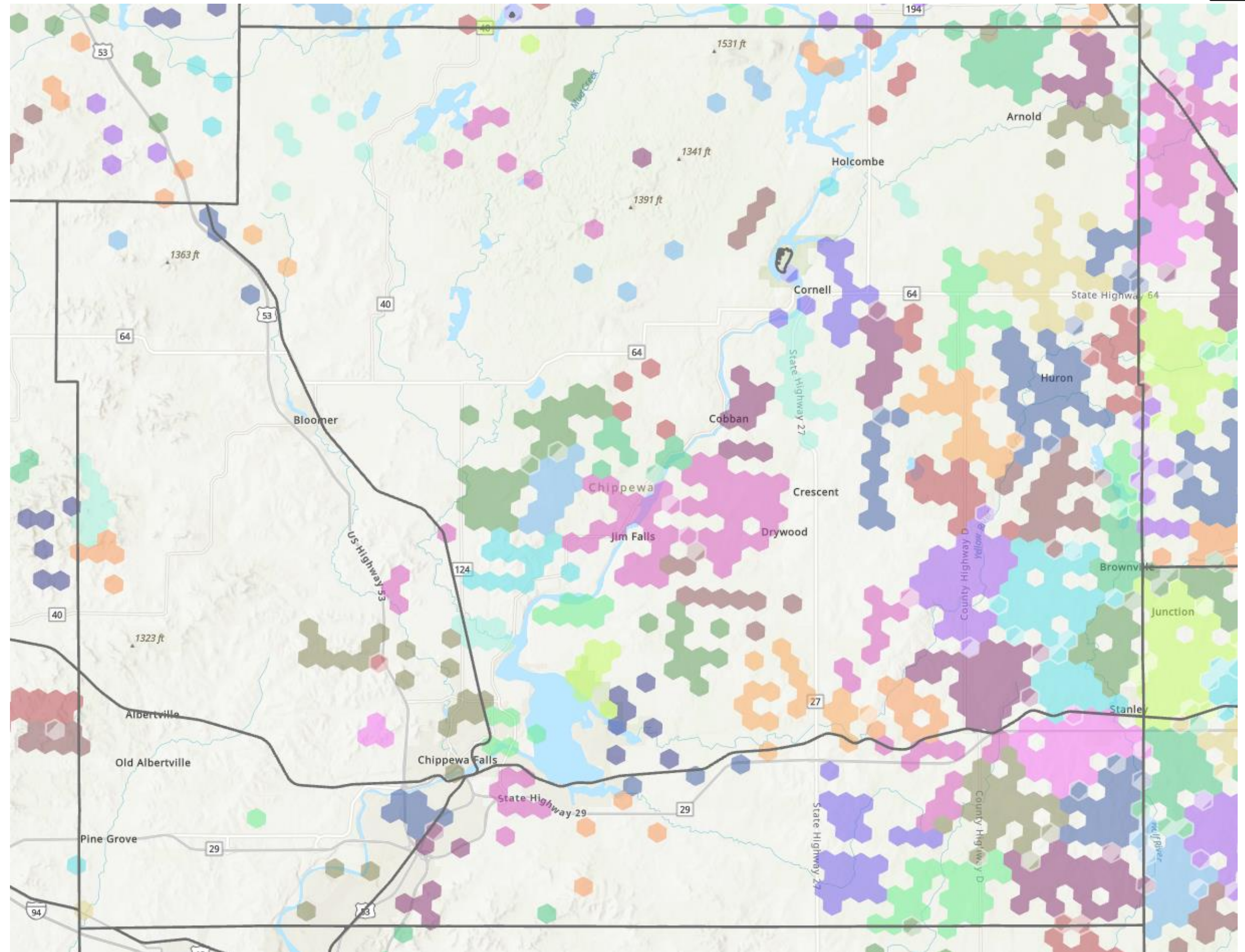


Chippewa County

- Strategic Fiber Build Locations 2025:
 - Cadott
 - Cornell
 - Stanley
- Total PSC BEAD locations:
 - 1,762
- Potential Brightspeed BEAD locations – 1,254 BSL's in 28 Project Units



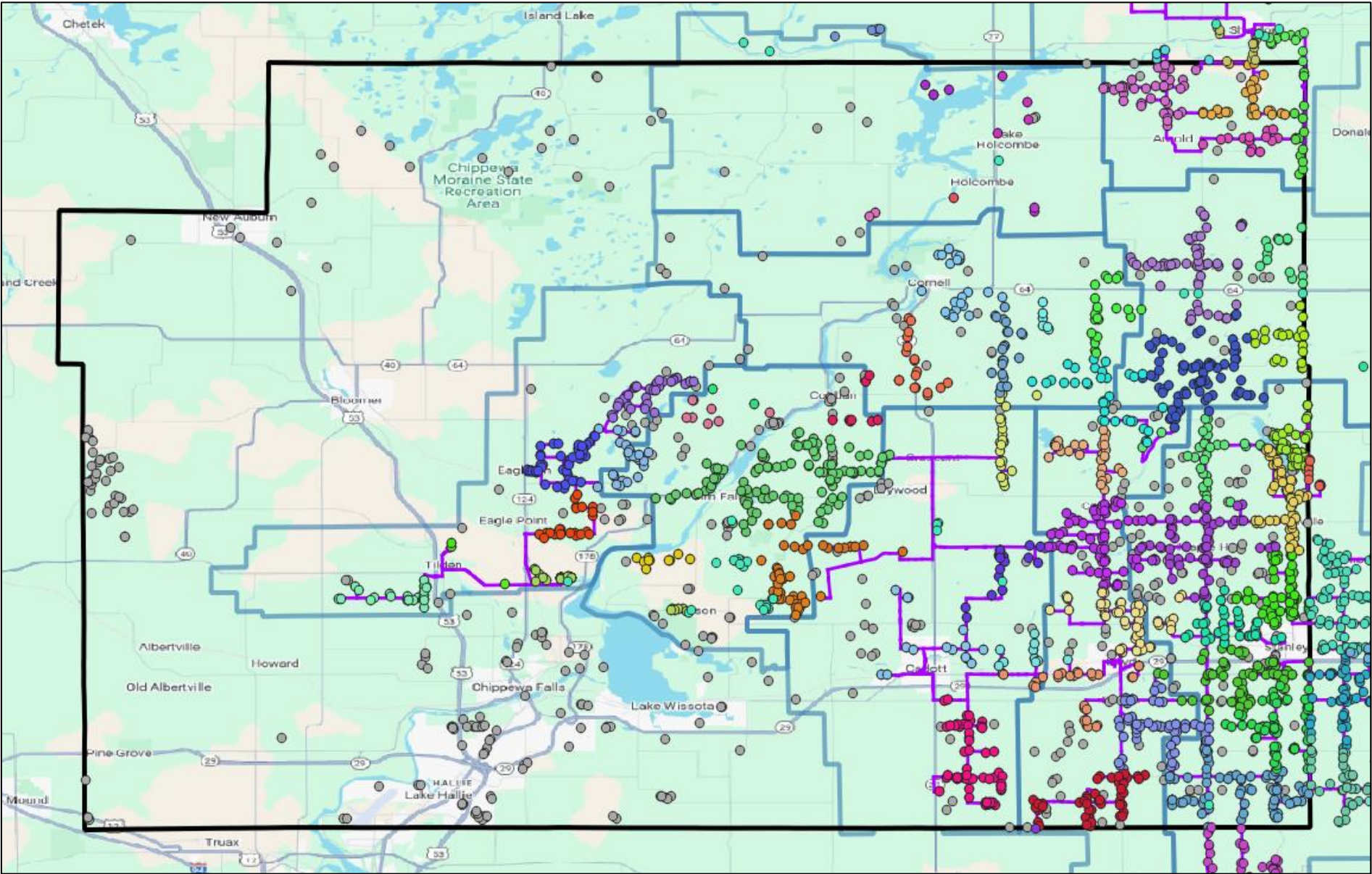
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In Chippewa County, we can reach ≈1,254 premises

Planned investment dependent on finalized project units and locations and is subject to change

Chippewa County Project Proposal



Key Project Metrics

Total Grant-Eligible Premises Served	1,254
Number of Project Units	28
Number of Wire Centers	9
State Contribution %	63%
Brightspeed Contribution %	57%

- Project Location
- Colors represent distinct project units
- Excl. Eligible Locs
- Project Fiber
- County Boundary
- Wire Center Boundary
- Strategic Fiber

Note: Financials are preliminary; Sources: Altman Solon Research & Analysis
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Appendix DOA-304-

Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Justification

Budget Year	Department Name	Project Name			
2026	Information Technology	Replacement end user devices & data center equipment			
Priority	Total Expenditure	Source of Funding			
		Fund Balance / Non-Lapsing	Sales Tax	Borrowing	Grants
Necessary	\$245,000		\$245,000		
Projects should be ranked for the next fiscal year only. Projects for years 2-5 are placeholders.					
Department Head Recommended Ranking		Committee Approved Ranking			
1 of 1					
Project Description and Justification					
This funding will be used for: • Equipment in the data center to replace VMWare servers, security cameras, switches, wireless access points and UPS units • End user devices for employees consisting of personal computers, laptops, tablet, LCD panels, projectors and conference room equipment The above funding will ensure that Chippewa County continues to sustain technology needed by refreshing equipment on a regular basis using industry replacement standards to insure that proper resources/tools are provided for the employees to accomplish their daily tasks. Replacing data center equipment provides secure, high availability and redundant countywide systems. Replacement is based on useful life of equipment. \$145,000 Data Center equipment consists of: VMWare Server Cluster server Security Cameras Switches Access Points UPS units \$100,000 End User devices consist of: Personal computers, laptops, tablets, projectors and conference room equipment - replaced on a 5 year plan LCD panels & accessories replaced as needed					
Additional Action and/or Comments from Committee					
Submitted by: <u>Andrew Bauer</u> Date: <u>1/9/2025</u>					

Attachment: IT 2026-2030 CIP Forms (8771 : IT Division 2026-2030 CIP Projects)

Completed forms should be reviewed with the policy committees and then submitted to the County Administrator's office.



Appendix DOA-304-A

Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Justification For

Budget Year	Department Name	Project Name			
2027	Information Technology	Replacement end user devices & data center equipment			
Priority	Total Expenditure	Source of Funding			
		Fund Balance / Non-Lapsing	Sales Tax	Borrowing	Grants
Necessary	\$245,000		\$245,000		
Projects should be ranked for the next fiscal year only. Projects for years 2-5 are placeholders.					
Department Head Recommended Ranking		Committee Approved Ranking			
Project Description and Justification					
This funding will be used for: • Equipment in the data center to replace Storage area network (SAN) Switches and camera servers • End user devices for employees consisting of personal computers, laptops, tablet, LCD panels, projectors and conference room equipment The above funding will ensure that Chippewa County continues to sustain technology needed by refreshing equipment on a regular basis using industry replacement standards to insure that proper resources/tools are provided for the employees to accomplish their daily tasks. Replacing data center equipment provides secure, high availability and redundant countywide systems. Replacement is based on useful life of equipment. \$145,000 Data Center equipment consists of: Camera servers Storage area network Switches \$100,000 End User devices consist of: Personal computers, laptops, tablets, projectors and conference room equipment - replaced on a 5 year plan LCD panels & accessories replaced as needed					
Additional Action and/or Comments from Committee					
Submitted by: <u>Andrew Bauer</u> Date: <u>1/9/2025</u>					

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Appendix DOA-304-A

Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Justification

Budget Year	Department Name	Project Name			
2027	Information Technology	Security camera replacements			
Priority	Total Expenditure	Source of Funding			
		Fund Balance / Non-Lapsing	Sales Tax	Borrowing	Grants
Necessary	\$50,000		\$50,000		
Projects should be ranked for the next fiscal year only. Projects for years 2-5 are placeholder					
Department Head Recommended Ranking		Committee Approved Ranking			
Project Description and Justification					
This funding will be used for: Year#1 replacing a security cameras that were purchased and installed in 2018. This replacement will be phased in over 2-3 years depending on cost for cameras at the time of replacement.					
Additional Action and/or Comments from Committee					
Submitted by: <u>Andrew Bauer</u> Date: <u>1/9/2025</u>					

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Appendix DOA-304-

Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Justification Form

Budget Year	Department Name	Project Name			
2028	Information Technology	Replacement end user devices & data center equipment			
Priority	Total Expenditure	Source of Funding			
		Fund Balance / Non-Lapsing	Sales Tax	Borrowing	Grants
Necessary	\$270,000		\$270,000		
Projects should be ranked for the next fiscal year only. Projects for years 2-5 are placeholders.					
Department Head Recommended Ranking		Committee Approved Rankin			
Project Description and Justification					
This funding will be used for: • Equipment in the data center to replace VMWare servers, wireless network controllers, phone system controller, backup servers and email archive server • End user devices for employees consisting of personal computers, laptops, tablet, LCD panels, projectors and conference room equipment The above funding will ensure that Chippewa County continues to sustain technology needed by refreshing equipment on a regular basis using industry replacement standards to insure that proper resources/tools are provided for the employees to accomplish their daily tasks. Replacing data center equipment provides secure, high availability and redundant countywide systems. Replacement is based on useful life of equipment. \$170,000 Data Center equipment consists of: VMWare Server Cluster server Wireless network controller Phone system controller Backup servers Email archive server \$100,000 End User devices consist of: Personal computers, laptops, tablets, projectors and conference room equipment - replaced on a 5 year plan LCD panels & accessories replaced as needed					
Additional Action and/or Comments from Committee					
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Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Justification Form

Budget Year	Department Name	Project Name			
2028	Information Technology	Security camera replacements			
Priority	Total Expenditure	Source of Funding			
		Fund Balance / Non-Lapsing	Sales Tax	Borrowing	Grants
Necessary	\$50,000		\$50,000		
Projects should be ranked for the next fiscal year only. Projects for years 2-5 are placeholders.					
Department Head Recommended Ranking		Committee Approved Ranking			
Project Description and Justification					
This funding will be used for: Year #2 replacing a security cameras that were purchased and installed in 2018. This replacement will be phased in over 2-3 years depending on cost for cameras at the time of replacement.					
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Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Justification Form

Budget Year	Department Name	Project Name			
2029	Information Technology	Replacement end user devices & data center equipment			
Priority	Total Expenditure	Source of Funding			
		Fund Balance / Non-Lapsing	Sales Tax	Borrowing	Grants
Necessary	\$270,000		\$270,000		
Projects should be ranked for the next fiscal year only. Projects for years 2-5 are placeholders.					
Department Head Recommended Rank		Committee Approved Ranking			
Project Description and Justification					
This funding will be used for: • Equipment in the data center to replace storage area networks (SAN), switches and wireless APs • End user devices for employees consisting of personal computers, laptops, tablet, LCD panels, projectors and conference room equipment The above funding will ensure that Chippewa County continues to sustain technology needed by refreshing equipment on a regular basis using industry replacement standards to insure that proper resources/tools are provided for the employees to accomplish their daily tasks. Replacing data center equipment provides secure, high availability and redundant countywide systems. Replacement is based on useful life of equipment. \$170,000 Data Center equipment consists of: Storage Area Networks (SAN) Wireless APs Switches \$100,000 End User devices consist of: Personal computers, laptops, tablets, projectors and conference room equipment - replaced on a 5 year plan LCD panels & accessories replaced as needed					
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Budget Year	Department Name	Project Name			
2029	Information Technology	Security camera replacements			
Priority	Total Expenditure	Source of Funding			
		Fund Balance / Non-Lapsing	Sales Tax	Borrowing	Grants
Necessary	\$50,000		\$50,000		
Projects should be ranked for the next fiscal year only. Projects for years 2-5 are placeholders					
Department Head Recommended Ranking		Committee Approved Ranking			
Project Description and Justification					
This funding will be used for: Year #3 replacing a security cameras that were purchased and installed in 2018. This replacement will be phased in over 2-3 years depending on cost for cameras at the time of replacement.					
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Budget Year	Department Name	Project Name			
2030	Information Technology	Replacement end user devices & data center equipment			
Priority	Total Expenditure	Source of Funding			
		Fund Balance / Non-Lapsing	Sales Tax	Borrowing	Grant
Necessary	\$265,000		265,000		
Projects should be ranked for the next fiscal year only. Projects for years 2-5 are placeholders					
Department Head Recommended Ranking		Committee Approved Ranking			
Project Description and Justification					
This funding will be used for: • Equipment in the data center to replace VMWare servers, wireless APs, switches and Firewalls • End user devices for employees consisting of personal computers, laptops, tablet, LCD panels, projectors and conference room equipment The above funding will ensure that Chippewa County continues to sustain technology needed by refreshing equipment on a regular basis using industry replacement standards to insure that proper resources/tools are provided for the employees to accomplish their daily tasks. Replacing data center equipment provides secure, high availability and redundant countywide systems. Replacement is based on useful life of equipment. \$165,000 Data Center equipment consists of: VMWare servers Wireless APs Switches Firewalls \$100,000 End User devices consist of: Personal computers, laptops, tablets, projectors and conference room equipment - replaced on a 5 year plan LCD panels & accessories replaced as needed					
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