

CHIPPEWA COUNTY

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING

MAY 17, 2022

CHIPPEWA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, RM 302

4:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Gullickson called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. 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	
Harold Steele	Chippewa County	District 2	Present	
Glen Sikorski	Chippewa County	District 6	Present	
Jason Bergeron	Chippewa County	District 7	Present	

Others Present: Randy Scholz, Traci Bremness, Lori Zwiefelhofer, Toni Hohlfelder, Dean Mueller, Todd Pauls, Jackie Sadler

3. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO BE HEARD

4. CONSENT AGENDA

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jason Bergeron, District 7
SECONDER:	Ken Schmitt, District 3 (Vice-Chair)
AYES:	Gullickson, Schmitt, Steele, Sikorski, Bergeron

1. Approve the Agenda
2. Approve the Minutes
3. Executive Committee - Regular Meeting - May 3, 2022 4:00 PM
4. Schedule Next Meeting Date - June 7, 2022

5. BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Resolution to Rescind Resolution 14-20 Which Provides County Administrator and County Board Chair Emergency Administrative Flexibility to Address COVID-19 - Randy Scholz
Scholz explained we are back to normal operations so this resolution will rescind the emergency authorization that was granted to the County Administrator and County Board Chair due to the pandemic.

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RESULT:	FORWARD TO COUNTY BOARD [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 6/14/2022 6:00 PM
MOVER:	Glen Sikorski, District 6	
SECONDER:	Ken Schmitt, District 3 (Vice-Chair)	
AYES:	Gullickson, Schmitt, Steele, Sikorski, Bergeron	

6. REPORTS

1. Review Draft 2021-2026 ARPA Plan - Randy Scholz

Scholz reviewed the draft ARPA Plan. The next step in the process is to meet with the County Board on May 24th for a special meeting. This will allow the new County Board Supervisor an opportunity to provide feedback before the final plan is presented to the Executive Committee.

Scholz also explained that Chippewa County is set to receive the first round of funds from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). We requested \$997,196 and were awarded \$885,615. This was highly competitive and Chippewa County will receive the largest FY22 project in the entire state for the STP Local program funds.

Scholz commented the County already has a lot of data available for the LCFM Well Testing project. The LCFM Committee will discuss the project more at their meeting this week. We may need to approve this by each individual address to meet IRS reporting guidelines so this could be very time intensive administratively. So we may want to find a different funding source for this project instead of using ARPA to make it more efficient.

Scholz stated he is in the process of obtaining a legal opinion from Andy Phillips on the Foster Parent Support Services program for Human Services. The project was modified and the proprietary information from the original draft was removed to make it more generic. If the project is approved, there will be an RFP process and the agencies that respond will need to present their proposals to the Health & Human Services Board and they will vote on the agency to receive the contract.

The committee had some concerns with the project. Scholz explained if the County Board doesn't want to spend the money on this project they can allocate it to something else.

Funds for the broadband projects have already been approved by the County Board via resolution. If the companies don't receive the state funds for the projects then there is a chance they may back out and those funds would then be available for another project.

RESULT:	REVIEWED	Next: 5/24/2022 6:00 PM
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7. UPDATES, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND CORRESPONDENCE

A. County Board Chair Report

1. Review Ordinance Language Regarding County Board Supervisor Attendance - Dean Gullickson

Gullickson explained this is a continuation of the discussion from the May 3, 2022 Executive Committee meeting.

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Schmitt commented that attendance means coming to the meeting. Coming late or leaving early needs to be noted in the minutes. If there are three or more in a month then they forfeit their salary. There would be excused absences. For example, if they have a conflict with two meetings they are appointed to, then they will be excused for one of them. Also if they are in a hospital, COVID positive, or a serious issue why they can't make a meeting those would be considered excused.

Sikorski commented attendance means from roll call to adjournment. Then let the constituents question why their representative didn't vote on an item and they can decide at election time.

Bergeron referred to how the software is set up. If someone comes in late and participates in the meeting then we need to show that the member participated otherwise there may be a violation of open records.

Steele stated there are different consequences for County Board members with attendance problems. If we add coming in late and leaving early besides being absent and we are notified and the County Board Chair brings that information to the County Board then the County Board should act on it. It's up the County Board to determine the consequence.

Sadler clarified there is no report that she can pull. This is a manual process and she has to look at all per diem slips, etc. and compile the information.

The committee discussed possible amendments to the current ordinance language and directed staff to bring back draft revisions for consideration.

RESULT:	REVIEWED	Next: 6/21/2022 4:00 PM
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B. County Administrator Operation Report

8. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

9. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ken Schmitt, District 3 (Vice-Chair)
SECONDER:	Jason Bergeron, District 7
AYES:	Gullickson, Schmitt, Steele, Sikorski, Bergeron

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3. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO BE HEARD**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Glen Sikorski, District 6
SECONDER: Ken Schmitt, District 3 (Vice-Chair)
AYES: Gullickson, Schmitt, Steele, Sikorski, Bergeron

1. Approve the Agenda

2. Approve the Minutes

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3. Schedule Next Meeting Date - May 17, 2022

5. REPORTS

1. Financial Update - 2021 Pre-Audited and 1st Quarter 2022 - Lori Zwiefelhofer
 Zwiefelhofer reviewed the 2021 pre-audited and 1st quarter financials for 2022.

RESULT: REVIEWED **Next: 5/10/2022 6:00 PM**

2. 2023 Budget Process Review - Lori Zwiefelhofer

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Zwiefelhofer reviewed the 2023 budget process. On May 11, 2022, the County Administrator will send the budget instructions to Department Heads to start preparing their budgets for committee review.

RESULT:	REVIEWED	Next: 5/10/2022 6:00 PM
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6. BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Establish Regular Meeting Date and Time - Randy Scholz

Scholz explained the ordinance requires the committee at their first meeting to establish the regular meeting date and time.

The committee agreed to continue meeting on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jason Bergeron, District 7
SECONDER:	Harold Steele, District 2
AYES:	Gullickson, Schmitt, Steele, Sikorski, Bergeron

7. UPDATES, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND CORRESPONDENCE

A. County Board Chair Report

1. Review Ordinance Language Regarding County Board Supervisor Attendance - Dean Gullickson

Gullickson explained he had two County Board Supervisors come to him and request that we review our ordinance language regarding attendance and add some clarification to identify what exactly is considered attendance. For example if someone attends 10% of a meeting, etc. does that qualify?

Sikorski would like to define attendance as being at a meeting from roll call through adjournment.

Bergeron asked if the ordinance currently has additional language under the per diem section to clarify this. Sadler explained there is no additional language. If a member comes late or leaves early they receive compensation like everyone else and the time is indicated in the minutes.

Steele would like the County to also identify the difference between excused and unexcused. Sadler explained we had old ordinance language that identified the difference but now it only requires attendance or not.

Bergeron agreed with defining attendance as being there from roll call through adjournment. However, he does not think it matters if the absence is excused or not. That is for the voters to decide.

The consensus of the committee is to define attendance as being there from roll call through adjournment.

Gullickson asked the committee if they want to further clarify excused vs. unexcused and what is payable vs. not payable.

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Schmitt commented there are times the absence is due to another County conflict. For instance they may have two committee meetings at the same time and in those instances it should be considered an excused absence. He suggested if they want an absence to be considered excused then County Board Supervisors should contact the County Clerk if they can't attend a meeting. If they don't call then it's considered unexcused.

Bergeron suggested to possibly add a section to the ordinance about coming late or leaving early. Sikorski asked how long they are supposed to hold up a committee to determine if there is going to be a quorum before cancelling the meeting. Steele suggested rather than adding more rules to correct a problem, maybe the County should make it more obvious to the constituents when there is an absence.

Gullickson asked the committee if there should be more guidance on how the County Board Chair should address the issue. For example should the Chair bring that information to the Executive Committee for discussion before recommending anything to the County Board?

The Committee agreed to continue this discussion at the May 17, 2022 Executive Committee meeting.

RESULT:	REVIEWED	Next: 5/17/2022 4:00 PM
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B. County Administrator Operation Report

1. Review County Administrator 2022 Performance Goals - Randy Scholz
Scholz reviewed his 2022 performance goals that were approved by the prior Executive Committee.

RESULT:	DISCUSSED
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8. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Steele requested the emergency declaration resolution for the pandemic be rescinded.

Gullickson requested the County look at developing an emergency action plan for the activities that occur at the Ice Age Trail.

9. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ken Schmitt, District 3 (Vice-Chair)
SECONDER:	Harold Steele, District 2
AYES:	Gullickson, Schmitt, Steele, Sikorski, Bergeron

Minutes Acceptance: Minutes of May 3, 2022 4:00 PM (Consent Agenda)

**STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION**

Resolution No.

**RESOLUTION TO RESCIND RESOLUTION 14-20 WHICH PROVIDES THE
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR AND COUNTY BOARD CHAIR EMERGENCY
ADMINISTRATIVE FLEXIBILITY TO ADDRESS COVID-19 ISSUES**

1 Passage of this resolution will formally rescind Resolution 14-20, that was approved by
2 the County Board on March 16, 2020, to allow the County Administrator and County Board
3 Chair the ability to react quickly to the changing situation caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. It
4 has now been determined by members of the County Board that there is no longer a need for
5 the administrative flexibility that Resolution 14-20 provided to the County Administrator and
6 the County Board Chair. Resolution 14-20 stated that the emergency administrative powers
7 would remain until formally rescinded by the County Board.

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Resolution No.

**RESOLUTION TO RESCIND RESOLUTION 14-20 WHICH PROVIDES THE COUNTY
ADMINISTRATOR AND COUNTY BOARD CHAIR EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATIVE FLEXIBILITY TO
ADDRESS COVID-19 ISSUES**

WHEREAS, the global COVID-19 pandemic began affecting Wisconsin in March of 2020 and as a result, on March 16, 2020 the County Board passed Resolution 14-20, *“Resolution to Provide County Administrator and County Board Chair Emergency Administrative Flexibility to Address COVID-19”* to provide the Administrator and the Chair with the ability to meet the unique challenges that county government would face during the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the County Board also passed Resolution 15-20, *“Resolution to Ratify the Public Health Emergency Proclamation”*; and

WHEREAS, after more than 2 years of the COVID-19 pandemic dominating so much of our society, the numbers of cases, hospitalizations and deaths have been declining for the past few months through the development of vaccines and natural immunity; and

WHEREAS, members of the Chippewa County Board of Supervisors have determined that there is no longer a need for the County Administrator and the County Board Chair to have emergency administrative flexibility to address COVID-19 related issues;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Resolution 14-20, *“Resolution to Provide County Administrator and County Board Chair Emergency Administrative Flexibility to Address COVID-19”* is hereby rescinded.

Forwarded to the County Board by the Executive Committee.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact to passage of this resolution.

05/17/2022	Executive Committee	
RESULT:	FORWARD TO COUNTY BOARD [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 6/14/2022 6:00 PM
MOVER:	Glen Sikorski, District 6	
SECONDER:	Ken Schmitt, District 3 (Vice-Chair)	
AYES:	Gullickson, Schmitt, Steele, Sikorski, Bergeron	

Approved as to Form:



Todd A. Pauls, Corporation Counsel

5/9/2022



Lori Zwiefelhofer, Finance Director

5/9/2022



Randy B. Scholz, County Administrator

5/9/2022

STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION

Resolution No. 14-20

RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR AND COUNTY BOARD CHAIR EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATIVE FLEXIBILITY TO ADDRESS COVID-19

Passage of this resolution will allow the County Administrator and County Board Chair the ability to react quickly to the changing situation caused by COVID-19. CDC and Public Health Departments are receiving information and giving out recommendations sometimes hourly. There is no way to predict what operational changes or County Board/Committee changes need to be made day to day or hour by hour.

Each day over this last week the COVID-19 situation has rapidly changed. The County Administrator has met with the Department of Administration, Public Health, Courts, and the Sheriff's Office regularly. Everyone is working very hard on what to do next. Sometimes situations change while meetings are taking place.

Administration, Human Resources, and Corporation Counsel Departments across the state have been communicating about what they are doing and what to do if the situation changes. Many have advised to limit travel both personally and professionally. Counties have stopped meeting in groups and committees have stopped meeting unless there are business agenda items that need to be addressed.

Examples of communication from other Counties that we have adopted at Chippewa County so far include:

- Requiring all employees to notify the Public Health Department Intake Nurse if they traveled in the last 14 days or plan to travel:
 - Internationally
 - By plane in the US or
 - By any mode of transportation to a state with community transmission.
- Prohibiting employees from coming to work for 14 days if they traveled internationally to a country with widespread or community spread classification by CDC. At this time this includes China, Iran, Europe and South Korea.
- Prohibiting employees from coming to work for 14 days if they traveled in the United States to states with community transmission. At this time this includes the states of California, New York and Washington State.

The following issues have been asked about frequently by employees and answers we will need to address over time as more information is available or changes occur:

- Requiring the use of paid time off and in what circumstances
- Allowing additional paid leave and if so, in what circumstances will this be allowed
- Allowing unpaid time with no consequence to insurance coverage, insurance premiums, or paid time off accruals
- Allowing employees to go into the negative with their paid time off banks
- Minimum staffing requirements by department, especially in light of school closings across the state

Passing this resolution will allow the County Administrator and County Board Chair to address any of the issues above and other issues as they arise that may or may not be addressed in the Human Resources Policy Manual or in the Chippewa County Code of Ordinances. It will also allow them to do whatever else they may need to do to ensure the safety and health of the Chippewa County staff, County Board Supervisors and other County elected officials, residents and those traveling throughout Chippewa County.

Resolution No. 14-20

RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR AND COUNTY BOARD CHAIR EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATIVE FLEXIBILITY TO ADDRESS COVID-19

WHEREAS, the United States is experiencing an expanding COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin has had confirmed cases of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Chippewa County desires to be as strategic and proactive as possible to ensure the health and safety of Chippewa County staff, County Board Supervisors and other County elected officials, residents and those traveling throughout Chippewa County; and

WHEREAS, Chippewa County desires to maintain the highest level of services related to the general public, such as Public Health, Public Safety, Human Services, Emergency Management and those departments directly related to the general welfare of all residents; and

WHEREAS, Chippewa County desires flexibility to manage County operations throughout this pandemic; and

WHEREAS, providing administrative flexibility to allow the County Administrator, in consultation with the County Board Chair, the ability to, and not limited to: Close Chippewa County Government operations as necessary; implement strategic staffing changes to ensure enough healthy staff are in place to carry out necessary and critical services; and waive, add or alter Human Resources policies as necessary to assist with personnel management and any other operational contingencies that may occur as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic is necessary at this time to address the rapidly changing issues related to the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, providing flexibility to allow the County Board Chair to waive adherence to Chippewa County ordinances, policies and by-laws related to meetings of the Chippewa County Board and other Chippewa County governmental bodies, and on a temporary, case-by-case basis, to implement and utilize established alternate methods that comply with the Wisconsin Open Meetings Law for conducting meetings of the Chippewa County Board and other Chippewa County governmental bodies is also necessary at this time to address the rapidly changing issues related to the pandemic;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chippewa County Board of Supervisors does hereby acknowledge, accept, support, and authorize the County Administrator and County Board Chair to implement necessary plans to ensure the safety and health of the Chippewa County staff, County Board Supervisors and other County elected officials, residents and those traveling throughout Chippewa County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Administrator and County Board Chair are authorized to take all steps necessary to ensure the safety of Chippewa County staff, County Board Supervisors and other County elected officials, residents and those traveling throughout Chippewa County and may implement procedures that violate County ordinances, policies, work rules, and any other administrative rules if they believe those violations are necessary to ensure the safety and wellbeing of Chippewa County staff, County Board Supervisors and other County elected officials, residents and those traveling throughout Chippewa County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this emergency authority of the County Administrator and County Board Chair shall remain in effect until rescinded by formal action of the County Board.

Presented to the County Board on March 16, 2020 by the Chippewa County Board Chair.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Unknown at this time.

Attachment: Resolution 14-20 to Grant the CA and CB Chair Emergency Authority RE COVID-19, 03-16-2020 (6995 : Resolution to Rescind



STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION

Resolution No. 15 - 20

RESOLUTION TO RATIFY THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION

1 Passage of this resolution will formally ratify the attached “PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY
2 PROCLAMATION” that was signed by County Board Chair Leigh Darrow on March 16, 2020 to
3 address the COVID-19 pandemic. The Proclamation was done to declare that a public
4 emergency exists in Chippewa County pursuant to Secs. 323.11 and 323.14(4) of the Wisconsin
5 Statutes. By making this disaster proclamation, certain emergency powers were authorized for
6 Chippewa County to use address the COVID-19 pandemic.

7 Pursuant to Sec. 323.14(4)(a), Wisconsin Statutes, Chair Darrow’s Proclamation is
8 “...subject to ratification, alteration, modification or repeal by the County Board as soon
9 thereafter as the Board can meet...” Passage of this resolution will ratify the Proclamation and
10 continue the emergency powers granted thereunder until the emergency conditions caused by
11 the COVID-19 pandemic no longer exist.
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Resolution No. 15 - 20

RESOLUTION TO RATIFY THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has required local governments to take emergency measures to ensure the safety of their citizens; and

WHEREAS, due to social distancing guidelines implemented across the country and the State of Wisconsin to slow the spread of COVID-19, the County Board was not able to meet promptly to create an emergency declaration for Chippewa County; and

WHEREAS, Sec. 323.14(4) of the Wisconsin Statutes states that “[I]f, because of the emergency conditions, the governing body of the local unit of government is unable to meet promptly, the chief executive officer or acting chief executive officer of any local unit of government shall exercise by proclamation all of the powers conferred upon the governing body under par. (a) or s. 323.11 that appear necessary and expedient”; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020 Chippewa County Board Chair Leigh Darrow signed the attached “PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION”, pursuant to Secs. 323.11 and 323.14(4) of the Wisconsin Statutes to help address the COVID-19 pandemic in Chippewa County; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Proclamation was to formally declare that a public emergency exists in Chippewa County due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which in turn authorized the use of emergency powers including the distribution of emergency personal protective equipment stockpiles to healthcare workers, the emergency purchases of goods and material, the emergency purchases of services, the allocation of limited resources to meet critical needs, and the implementation of curfew, travel, and entry restrictions; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Sec. 323.14(4)(a), Wisconsin Statutes, the Proclamation is “...subject to ratification, alteration, modification or repeal by the County Board as soon thereafter as the Board can meet, but the subsequent action taken by the governing body shall not affect the prior validity of the proclamation...”

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached March 16, 2020, *PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION* is hereby formally ratified and the emergency powers granted thereunder shall continue while the emergency conditions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic exist and until further notice.

Approved this 21st day of April, 2020 by the Chippewa County Board.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

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

04/21/2020 County Board

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Tom Thornton, District 5

SECONDER: Ken Schmitt, District 3

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

Approved as to Form:

Todd A. Pauls
Todd A. Pauls, Corporation Counsel

4/13/2020

Melissa J. Roach
Melissa J. Roach, Finance Director

4/13/2020

Randy B. Scholz
Randy B. Scholz, County Administrator

4/14/2020

PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, human transmission of a novel coronavirus referred to as COVID-19 has caused a global epidemic; and

WHEREAS, public demand has resulted in shortages of certain medical supplies, including respirators and other personal protective equipment; and

WHEREAS, area healthcare facilities and emergency medical responders are unable to receive standard quantities of personal protective equipment from their regular suppliers; and

WHEREAS, an emergency stockpile comprising respirators and other personal protective equipment is stored at the Chippewa County Courthouse Complex; and

WHEREAS, these stored supplies have been protected from damage, contamination, dust, sunlight, extreme temperatures, excessive moisture and damaging chemicals, in compliance with Occupational Safety and Health Administration-OSHA requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend limiting public gatherings, reducing travel and implementing screening, testing and voluntary quarantine measures to limit further spread of the virus; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and expedient for the health, safety, welfare and good order of the county to proclaim that emergency conditions exist; and

WHEREAS, the County Board of Supervisors is unable to meet with promptness to address the emergency;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Secs. 323.11 and 323.14 (4) and the authority granted under Chapter 59 of the Wisconsin Statutes, as Chairperson of the Chippewa County Board of Supervisors, I do hereby declare that a public health emergency exists in Chippewa County, authorize distribution of emergency personal protective equipment stockpiles to healthcare workers as needed, and do hereby exercise emergency powers as permitted under state statute, including but not limited to:

- Authorization of emergency purchases of goods and materials.
- Authorization of emergency purchases of services.
- Allocation of limited resources to meet critical needs.
- Implementation of curfew, travel and entry restrictions.

This proclamation shall be in effect until such time as a quorum of the Chippewa County Board of Supervisors can convene and ratify this disaster proclamation.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 16th day of March, 2020.


 Leigh Darrow
 Chippewa County Board Chair

Ratified by Resolution No. _____ of the Chippewa County Board of Supervisors on the

____ day of _____, 2020 by a vote of _____ for, _____ against.



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 $\$50,798,919 - \$44,514,520 = \$6,284,399$

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 \$6,279,529.50 1st half of ARPA funds deposited into our account 05-19-2021
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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
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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&S 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	

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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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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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Budget Year	Project Requester / Department	Project Name	Total Project Cost	Source of Funding				
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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

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2021 - 2026 ARPA Project Justification Form

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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 signification 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

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2021 - 2026 ARPA Project Justification Form

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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					
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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 Masterpole

Date: 1/14/2022

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Sec. 2-52. Attendance, Absences, Vacancies and Removal.

- (a) Attendance. Supervisors are expected to attend all County Board meetings and all committee, board or commission meetings to which they are assigned. Citizen members are expected to attend all committee, board or commission meetings to which they are assigned.
- (b) Absences. If a Supervisor or citizen member is unable to attend such meetings, they are expected to notify the County Clerk or the respective Chair of the absence at least three hours prior to the start of the meeting. This will allow time to contact the County Board Chair to attend as the ex officio member in case he/she is needed to secure a quorum. Telephone or video conference appearances shall not be allowed. All absences should be noted in the minutes of the meeting.
 - (1) Attendance to be tracked. In addition to tracking attendance at County Board meetings, the County Clerk shall also track attendance at the following committee, board or commission meetings: Agriculture & Extension Committee, Economic Development Committee, Executive Committee, Facilities & Parks Committee, Highway Committee, Legal & Law Enforcement Committee, Planning and Zoning Committee, ADRC Board, Health & Human Services Board, Land Conservation & Forest Management Committee, and Veterans Service Commission.
 - (2) Report of absences. The Chair of any committee, board or commission shall report to the County Clerk the name of any Supervisor who accumulates three (3) consecutive absences or five (5) total absences within a period spanning twelve (12) consecutive months from properly noticed meetings of any single committee, board or commission. The County Clerk shall provide a report to the County Board Chair of any member of the County Board who accumulates three (3) consecutive absences or five (5) total absences within a period spanning twelve (12) consecutive months from properly noticed meetings of the County Board or any single committee, board or commission.
 - (3) Action taken to address absenteeism. The County Board may, consistent with the requirements of Wisconsin law, take whatever action it deems appropriate with respect to a person who has three (3) consecutive absences or five (5) total absences within a period spanning twelve (12) consecutive months from properly noticed meetings of the County Board or any single committee, board or commission. Such action may include censure, suspension, or removal from the County Board, committee, board or commission.
 - (4) County Administrator authority to address absenteeism. The County Administrator shall recommend action to be taken to address absenteeism, pursuant to subsection (3), for any County Board Supervisor member of any statutory committee, board or commission listed in subsection (1), if the absenteeism criteria in subsection (2) is met. That recommendation shall be subject to County Board approval.
- (c) Supervisor vacancies. If a vacancy occurs on the County Board, the County Board Chair shall seek candidates in the district in which the vacancy exists by publishing a notice of the vacancy in the newspaper and taking other steps as needed to inform citizens of the vacancy and asking for applicants. The County Board Chair shall review the applicants and recommend an appointment to be confirmed by the full County Board.

- (1) Qualifications. The County Board Chair shall appoint, subject to County Board confirmation, a person who is a qualified elector and resident of the supervisory district in which the vacancy exists.
- (2) Term of office. The person appointed shall serve for the remainder of the unexpired term, including any committee, board or commission assignments. In the event the County Board Chair does not appoint a person to fill the unexpired term within 60 days of the vacancy, the County Board Chair shall explain to the County Board why no such appointment/nomination has been made.
- (d) Vacancy of County Board Chair or County Board Vice-Chair. In the event a vacancy in the office of Chair or Vice-Chair occurs due to resignation, death, or other cause, a new Chair or Vice-Chair shall be elected to fulfill the unexpired term of office, as soon as practicable, pursuant to the election procedures set out for the Organizational Meeting of the County Board in § 2-60(a)(3)c.
- (e) Removal. Any member of the County Board, subunit or other governmental body of the County may be removed for cause as provided in Wisconsin Statutes §§ 17.09 and 17.14.

(Ord. No. 13-19, 01-14-2020; Ord. No. 11-20, 11-10-2020)