

CHIPPEWA COUNTY

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING

JULY 6, 2021

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 7 (Chair)	Present	
Glen Sikorski	Chippewa County	District 2 (Vice-Chair)	Excused	
Chuck Hull	Chippewa County	District 14	Present	
Mechele Shipman	Chippewa County	District 9	Present	
Annette Hunt	Chippewa County	District 13	Present	

Others present: Randy Scholz, Traci Bremness, Deb Blevins, Lee McMenamin, Andy Bauer, Todd Pauls, Lori Zwiefelhofer, Toni Hohlfelder

3. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO BE HEARD

4. CONSENT AGENDA

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mechele Shipman, District 9
SECONDER:	Annette Hunt, District 13
AYES:	Gullickson, Hull, Shipman, Hunt
EXCUSED:	Sikorski

1. Approve the Agenda

2. Approve the Minutes

Executive Committee - Regular Meeting - Jun 1, 2021 4:00 PM

3. Schedule Next Meeting Date - July 20, 2021

5. REPORTS

1. Update on Additional Funds for CDBG-CV Microenterprise Grant Program - Randy Scholz/Dean Gullickson
The current Grant Agreement was for a total of \$576,300, which consisted of \$510,000 to be disbursed in approximately 102 grants to eligible Low-or-Moderate Income (LMI) businesses in a 7-county region, along with \$66,300 in administrative expenses. According to the Microenterprise Grant Program's guidelines, each grant will be up to \$5,000.

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Due to greater than expected demand, the Program received a total of 179 eligible grant requests. The grant amount increased from \$576,300 to \$1,001,442.07. This amount will allow the Program to fund all 179 eligible requests at the amount requested, up to \$5,000 each, as well as increased administrative expenses of \$115,210.15 due to the additional workload.

RESULT:	REVIEWED	Next: 7/13/2021 6:00 PM
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6. BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Resolution to Disallow Claim of Ron Prochnow - Deb Blevins

Blevins gave an overview of the claim and explained it is the recommendation of our insurance carrier, WMMIC, that we disallow the claim.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Chuck Hull, District 14
SECONDER:	Mechele Shipman, District 9
AYES:	Gullickson, Hull, Shipman, Hunt
EXCUSED:	Sikorski

2. Resolution to Disallow Claim of Greg Stark - Deb Blevins

Blevins gave an overview of the claim and explained it is the recommendation of our insurance carrier, WMMIC, that we disallow the claim.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Annette Hunt, District 13
SECONDER:	Chuck Hull, District 14
AYES:	Gullickson, Hull, Shipman, Hunt
EXCUSED:	Sikorski

7. UPDATES, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND CORRESPONDENCE

A. County Board Chair Report

1. Update on Stormwater Agenda Item Request - Dean Gullickson

Gullickson explained he plans to have an agenda item on the July County Board agenda regarding the request made by Supervisor Shipman.

Gullickson stated this went to LCFM. When this program came up, the staff were asked what the cost is and they didn't know. Then they realized the contracts had expired. Since that time it was on the LCFM agenda and will be placed on the July County Board agenda. In order to facilitate some of the towns he will be asking the County Board for a recommendation to work with the town boards so this can be completed so they aren't left holding the bag. One week after we stopped the program, there was a document the towns needed to submit to the state and they didn't do it. He is going to bring that back to the County Board to send it back to the LCFM Committee to help rectify that. We need to document so we know what the true cost is.

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Scholz commented that this is a policy decision to determine whether the county wants to continue with the program. There is an ordinance that the towns can opt to participate in. We do have agreements with the towns that opted to do that (through Planning & Zoning). The second part is the maintenance and inspections and that's the part that's lacking. The agreements ran out and we continued to do the same thing for the same fee.

Gullickson stated this is a voluntary program; the county does not need to do this. His goal is to assist them through this year so they don't miss any dates and then they should have a good handle with it.

RESULT:	DISCUSSED
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B. County Administrator Operation Report

1. Update on ARPA Funding and Broadband Access - Randy Scholz

Scholz gave an update on the American Rescue Plan Act funding and the state initiative to increase broadband services across Wisconsin. (See letter on file) Scholz indicated that we are still waiting for more guidance and the US Treasury still doesn't have the reporting software ready.

Scholz explained with regard to broadband, we are responsible for everything that is required within the reporting guidelines. A while back the Governor allocated dollars for broadband. The deadline to submit applications is July 27th. Charlie Walker and Scholz met with the Telcos a while back and told them to put together a plan. The problem is that we are coming up on the deadline. One good thing, the reporting requirements for the state are the same as the federal. He asked the Telcos to submit a full plan by July 9th and clearly identify who will pay for what and how much. The Telcos did ask the townships if they would contribute dollars. The report will have that broken down.

At the July 20th Executive Committee meeting Scholz will present a draft procedure on how Chippewa County will spend the dollars. The problem is that this application deadline is before the County Board will be able to see the full plan. This will most likely require a special County Board meeting on July 20th after the regular Executive Committee meeting at 4:00.

RESULT:	REVIEWED	Next: 7/13/2021 6:00 PM
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2. Update on Redistricting Process and Recommendation for County Board Size - Randy Scholz

Scholz gave an update on the redistricting process and the delay in getting information from the Census Bureau. See memo on file. As a result of the delay, the County Board will need to reconsider the prior direction to increase the size of the County Board.

RESULT:	REVIEWED	Next: 7/13/2021 6:00 PM
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8. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

9. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

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RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Annette Hunt, District 13
SECONDER:	Mechele Shipman, District 9
AYES:	Gullickson, Hull, Shipman, Hunt
EXCUSED:	Sikorski

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING

JUNE 1, 2021

WEBEX CONFERENCE CALL

4:00 PM

DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC THIS MEETING WAS HELD VIA CONFERENCE CALL TO COMPLY WITH THE SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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2. ROLL CALL

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Glen Sikorski	Chippewa County	District 2 (Vice-Chair)	Present	
Chuck Hull	Chippewa County	District 14	Present	
Mechele Shipman	Chippewa County	District 9	Present	
Annette Hunt	Chippewa County	District 13	Excused	

Others Present: Randy Scholz, Traci Bremness, Lori Zwiefelhofer, Andy Bauer, Brian Kelley, Dan Masterpole, Jim Kowalczyk, Larry Ritzinger, Lee McMenamin, Toni Hohlfelder, Buck Steele, Todd Pauls, Jim Sherman

3. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO BE HEARD

4. CONSENT AGENDA

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Glen Sikorski, District 2 (Vice-Chair)
SECONDER: Chuck Hull, District 14
AYES: Gullickson, Sikorski, Hull, Shipman
EXCUSED: Hunt

1. Approve the Agenda

2. Approve the Minutes

Executive Committee - Regular Meeting - May 18, 2021 4:00 PM

3. Schedule Next Meeting Date - June 15, 2021

5. REPORTS

1. 2022-2026 Capital Improvement Plan - Randy Scholz

Scholz presented the 2022-2026 CIP Plan. He reminded the committee that they only approve resolutions for the 2022 projects. Years 2023-2026 are placeholders and may be subject to change.

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RESULT:	REVIEWED	Next: 6/8/2021 6:00 PM
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6. BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Resolution 18-21 to Create Ad Hoc Committee to Study Groundwater - Randy Scholz

Scholz explained the changes that were approved by the Executive Committee at the last meeting were incorporated into the resolution. A clean copy is in the agenda packet along with a duplicate copy that shows the amendments.

Gullickson contacted both of the citizens that the Executive Committee suggested and they both declined the offer. He was able to find two other citizens that would like to serve. He is recommending that Paul Michels and Randy Woodruff be appointed. Also there are a couple County Board Supervisors that won't be at the June County Board meeting so this resolution will go to the July County Board meeting when all everyone can be present.

RESULT:	FORWARD TO COUNTY BOARD [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 7/13/2021 6:00 PM
MOVER:	Glen Sikorski, District 2 (Vice-Chair)	
SECONDER:	Chuck Hull, District 14	
AYES:	Gullickson, Sikorski, Hull, Shipman	
EXCUSED:	Hunt	

2. Resolution to Amend the 2021 Highway Department Capital Improvement Plan to Authorize the Use of Sales Tax and Bonding Funds for Replacement of Pavement on County Highway F - Randy Scholz/Brian Kelley

Kelley reviewed the presentation on file. The estimated cost of the project is \$1.45 million. The recommendation is to transfer \$1 million from the sales tax fund and \$450,000 from the CTH OO project. They will shorten the CTH OO project in order to allocate funds for CTH F. They estimate 6-8 weeks of construction beginning in June.

RESULT:	FORWARD TO COUNTY BOARD [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 6/8/2021 6:00 PM
MOVER:	Mechele Shipman, District 9	
SECONDER:	Glen Sikorski, District 2 (Vice-Chair)	
AYES:	Gullickson, Sikorski, Hull, Shipman	
EXCUSED:	Hunt	

3. Resolution to Authorize the Use of Sales Tax Funds to Pay Debt Service Liabilities as Part of the 2022 Chippewa County Budget - Randy Scholz

Randy stated this is an annual resolution to pay debt service with sales tax.

RESULT:	FORWARD TO COUNTY BOARD [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 6/8/2021 6:00 PM
MOVER:	Chuck Hull, District 14	
SECONDER:	Mechele Shipman, District 9	
AYES:	Gullickson, Sikorski, Hull, Shipman	
EXCUSED:	Hunt	

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4. Resolution to Approve the Use of Sales Tax Funds for the Annual Contribution to the Chippewa Valley Regional Airport to be Used for Airport Capital Projects and/or Airport Debt Service as Part of the 2022 Chippewa County Budget - Randy Scholz
Scholz explained we have a five-year contract that expires in 2023. For 2022 our contribution is \$131,574 and in 2023 it goes up to \$132,890. The agreement indicates they can only use these funds for debt service and capital projects for the airport.

RESULT:	FORWARD TO COUNTY BOARD [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 6/8/2021 6:00 PM
MOVER:	Mechele Shipman, District 9	
SECONDER:	Glen Sikorski, District 2 (Vice-Chair)	
AYES:	Gullickson, Sikorski, Hull, Shipman	
EXCUSED:	Hunt	

5. Resolution to Authorize the Use of Sales Tax Funds and Fund Balance for Facilities and Parks Capital Improvement Projects in 2022 - Randy Scholz/Larry Ritzinger
Ritzinger reviewed the five Facilities & Parks proposed projects for 2022.

RESULT:	FORWARD TO COUNTY BOARD [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 6/8/2021 6:00 PM
MOVER:	Chuck Hull, District 14	
SECONDER:	Glen Sikorski, District 2 (Vice-Chair)	
AYES:	Gullickson, Sikorski, Hull, Shipman	
EXCUSED:	Hunt	

6. Resolution to Authorize Funding of Highway Department Capital Improvement Projects as Part of the 2022 Chippewa County Budget - Randy Scholz/Brian Kelley
Kelley reviewed the Highway projects for 2022.

RESULT:	FORWARD TO COUNTY BOARD [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 6/8/2021 6:00 PM
MOVER:	Glen Sikorski, District 2 (Vice-Chair)	
SECONDER:	Mechele Shipman, District 9	
AYES:	Gullickson, Sikorski, Hull, Shipman	
EXCUSED:	Hunt	

7. Resolution to Authorize the Use of Sales Tax Revenue Funds for Computer Equipment Replacement as Part of the 2022 Capital Improvement Plan - Randy Scholz/Andy Bauer
Bauer reviewed the IT Division projects for 2022.

RESULT:	FORWARD TO COUNTY BOARD [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 6/8/2021 6:00 PM
MOVER:	Mechele Shipman, District 9	
SECONDER:	Chuck Hull, District 14	
AYES:	Gullickson, Sikorski, Hull, Shipman	
EXCUSED:	Hunt	

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8. Resolution to Authorize the Use Sales Tax Funds and Fund Balance by the Department of Land Conservation and Forest Management as Part of the 2022 Capital Improvement Plan - Randy Scholz/Dan Masterpole

Masterpole reviewed all six LCFM projects for 2022. Hull asked for clarification on the title of the climate change project. Masterpole indicated the title of the project matches the language in the available grants they will be apply for as matching funds. He also stated the snowmobile groups usually have about three projects in the works so this is a placeholder. Masterpole clarified if there are no land purchases available then those funds won't be spent.

RESULT:	FORWARD TO COUNTY BOARD [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 6/8/2021 6:00 PM
MOVER:	Glen Sikorski, District 2 (Vice-Chair)	
SECONDER:	Chuck Hull, District 14	
AYES:	Gullickson, Sikorski, Hull, Shipman	
EXCUSED:	Hunt	

9. Resolution to Authorize the Use of Sales Tax Revenue Funds by the Sheriff's Office for the Purchase of Body Cameras as Part of the 2022 Capital Improvement Plan - Randy Scholz/Jim Kowalczyk

The Sheriff explained this project has been on their radar for a number of years. Due to the amount needed for the project it was pushed off. Fortunately they have an opportunity now to complete this at a much lower cost. This will get us about 30 cameras total.

Bauer explained this is a hosted solution so it will reduce the amount of time needed by IT staff to support it. The ideal goal is that WatchGuard will become a county-wide system as the municipalities replace their body cameras. This system integrates with the Spillman software, which is used by all of the municipalities so it will make it much more efficient to have one hosted solution.

RESULT:	FORWARD TO COUNTY BOARD [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 6/8/2021 6:00 PM
MOVER:	Mechele Shipman, District 9	
SECONDER:	Glen Sikorski, District 2 (Vice-Chair)	
AYES:	Gullickson, Sikorski, Hull, Shipman	
EXCUSED:	Hunt	

7. UPDATES, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND CORRESPONDENCE

A. County Board Chair Report

B. County Administrator Operation Report

1. COVID-19 Update - Randy Scholz

Scholz gave an update on COVID-19 operational items. He clarified that after the presentation was prepared the Public Health Department is now currently open. Also masks are no longer required in the courtrooms. They are only required in the jail. Scholz also discussed telecommuting for our employees and stressed how critical it is that our level of customer service cannot change as a result of it. We are still waiting for additional guidance on the ARPA funds. The county has received the first half of the funds in the amount of \$6,279,529.50. We will receive the second half of the funds in May 2022. The funds need to be obligated by December 31, 2024 and spent by December 31, 2026.

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Gullickson stated the intent is to open the meetings back up to the public so they can start attending in person effective with the June 8, 2021 County Board meeting. This also means that there will no longer be an option to call into the meetings remotely via Webex. A press release will go out to let the public know of the change.

RESULT:

REVIEWED

Next: 6/8/2021 6:00 PM

8. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

9. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 5:06 p.m.

RESULT:

APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER:

Mechele Shipman, District 9

SECONDER:

Glen Sikorski, District 2 (Vice-Chair)

AYES:

Gullickson, Sikorski, Hull, Shipman

EXCUSED:

Hunt

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Chippewa County Board

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

June 24, 2021

TO: County Board of Supervisors

FR: Dean Gullickson, County Board Chair

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

Dear Fellow County Board Supervisors:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,



Dean Gullickson
Chippewa County Board Chair

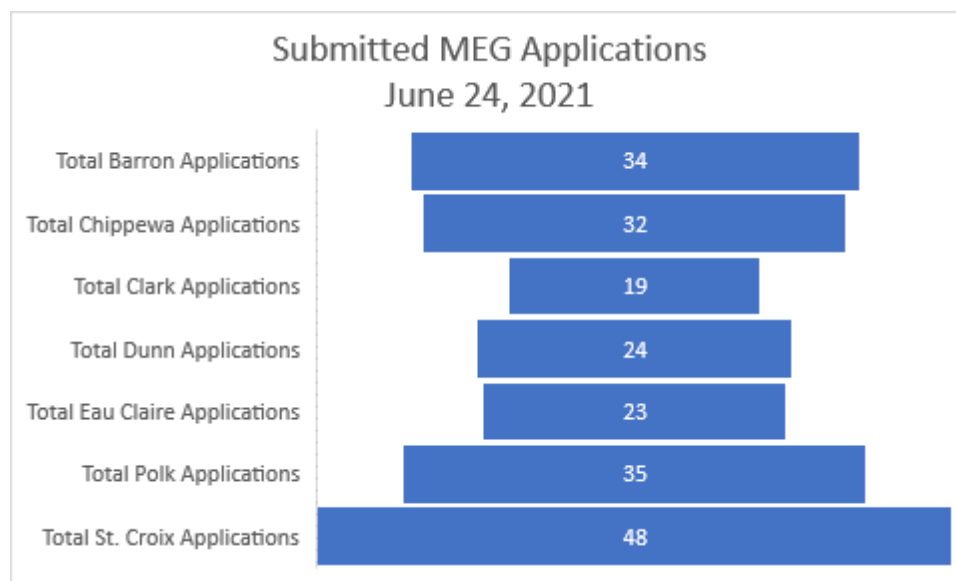
Attachments

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



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

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



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

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



STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION

Resolution No. 15 - 21

Approved by the
County Board
04-20-2021

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

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

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

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

Resolution No. 15 - 21

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

72 aforementioned region to administer the Microenterprise Grant Program; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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107 **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

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

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

History:

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

Approved as to Form:

Todd A. Pauls

Todd A. Pauls, Corporation Counsel

4/7/2021

Lori Zwiefelhofer

Lori Zwiefelhofer, Finance Director

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Randy B. Scholz

Randy B. Scholz, County Administrator

4/7/2021

Chippewa County Board

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



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July 6, 2021

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

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

Dear Ms. Knack:

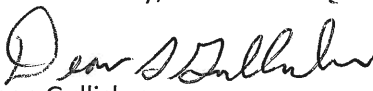
As per conversations with Wisconsin Department of Administration Bureau Director Dave Pawlisch, I am writing to request a Grant Amendment to Chippewa County's Community Development Block Grant award (CDBG-CV-21-11) for its Microenterprise Grant Program. Specifically, I am writing to request an increased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

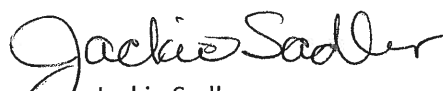
The current Grant Agreement contemplates a grant total of \$576,300, which consists of \$510,000 to be disbursed in approximately 102 grants to eligible Low-or-Moderate Income (LMI) businesses in a 7-county region, along with \$66,300 in administrative expenses. According to the Microenterprise Grant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

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

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

Yours sincerely,


Dean Gullickson
County Board Chair


Jackie Sadler
County Clerk

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

Attachment: Project Budget and Matching Funds Form

Microenterprise Grant Program
Budget Table per Executed Grant Agreement:

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

Microenterprise Grant Program
Budget Table per Grant Amendment Request:

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

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

PROJECT BUDGET & MATCHING FUNDS

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

GRANTEE: Chippewa County

DATE: 7 / 6 / 2021

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

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

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

GRANTEE: Chippewa County

DATE: 7/ 6 / 2021

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

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

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

N/A

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

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

☒ Yes

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

☐ No

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

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

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

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

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

V. Financial Payments

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

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

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SIGNATURE PAGE

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

CHIPPEWA COUNTY:

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

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

WEST CENTRAL WISCONSIN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

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

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

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

**STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION**

Resolution No.

RESOLUTION TO DISALLOW CLAIM OF RON PROCHNOW

1 Ron Prochnow filed a formal notice of claim against the County pursuant to Wisconsin
2 Statute § 893.80. Mr. Prochnow is claiming property damage to his 2016 Mack Semi Tractor
3 Truck. Mr. Prochnow's truck was damaged by a large lane closed sign that blew into his truck.
4 The Chippewa County Highway Department had been doing roadwork on westbound Highway
5 29 and the signage was on the side of the road. The damage amount is \$2,829.15, per the
6 estimate provided by Mr. Prochnow.

7 After review of the claim by the County's liability insurance company, Wisconsin
8 Municipal Mutual Insurance Company (WMMIC), it is WMMIC's recommendation that the
9 County formally disallow the claim. Passage of this resolution will formally disallow this claim
10 pursuant to 2-34(m)(3) of the Chippewa County Code of Ordinances, which provides that the
11 Executive Committee has the authority to settle claims that do not exceed \$10,000.

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Resolution No.

RESOLUTION TO DISALLOW CLAIM OF RON PROCHNOW

WHEREAS, a Notice of Claim was filed on March 17, 2021 with the Chippewa County Clerk's Office; and

WHEREAS, the Notice of Claim states that Ron Prochnow is claiming property damage to his 2016 Mack Semi Tractor Truck after it was damaged by a large lane closed sign that blew into his truck; and

WHEREAS, after review of this claim with the County's liability insurance company, Wisconsin Municipal Mutual Insurance Company (WMMIC) it is WMMIC's recommendation that the claim be disallowed;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chippewa County Executive Committee does hereby disallow the claim of Ron Prochnow, E6396 610th Avenue, Menomonie, WI 54751, and no action on this claim may be brought against Chippewa County or any of its offices, officials, agents or employees after six months from the date of service of this notice, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 893.80; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the claimant by certified mail, return receipt requested, as Notice of Disallowance.

Approved this 6th day of July, 2021 by the Chippewa County Executive Committee.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

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

07/6/2021	Executive Committee
RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Chuck Hull, District 14
SECONDER:	Mechele Shipman, District 9
AYES:	Dean Gullickson, Chuck Hull, Mechele Shipman, Annette Hunt
EXCUSED:	Glen Sikorski

Approved as to Form:



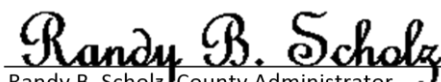
Todd A. Pauls, Corporation Counsel

6/22/2021



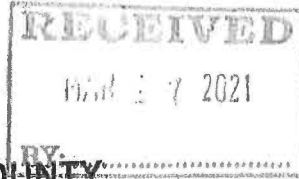
Lori Zwiefelhofer, Finance Director

6/22/2021



Randy B. Scholz, County Administrator

6/22/2021



NOTICE OF CLAIM AGAINST CHIPPEWA COUNTY

Name: Ron Prochnow

Address: E 6396 610th Ave. Menomonie, WI 54751

Date of Accident/Loss: 3/10/2021 Time of Day: 1:45 a.m./(p.m.)

County Department Involved: Highway Vehicle #: _____

Photos taken: Yes ☒ No Weather Conditions: Windy

Police called: Yes ☒ No Date: 3/10/2021

Agency: _____

Case No.: _____

Type of Claim: ☒ Vehicle ☐ Property ☐ Personal Injury

Dollar Amount of Damages Claimed: \$ 2829.15

Briefly state the facts of the accident/loss (Include additional pages, if necessary, along with any supporting documentation/information/photos; **do not staple**):

Our truck (2016 Mack semi tractor) was traveling west bound on Hwy. 29. Just before crossing the Chippewa River, a large lane closed sign blew into the lane of our truck. Our truck couldn't swerve as there was a car beside in the next lane. Truck pulled over and removed the sign from the grill and put it in the ditch. Traveled on to find county employees to report what happened but there was no one on the highway working. The estimate for the price to repair the damage is attached from the Eau Claire truck shop.

Signature: Ron Prochnow Date: 3/12/2021

Submit Claim to: Jaclyn Sadler, Chippewa County Clerk
Chippewa County Courthouse
711 N. Bridge Street, Room 109
Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

Attachment: Notice of Claim (6424 : Resolution to Disallow Claim of Ron Prochnow)

NOT POSTED TO FLEET
 UPDATED: 03/12/21 03:24 pm CST

ASIST

Nuss Group - Eau Claire Truck Sales & Service (Volvo)

6111 Truax Lane Eau Claire, Wisconsin 54703
 Phone: (715) 874-5000 - Fax: (715) 874-4777

Case Number: 14014195 - Repair Order Number: n/a
 Purchase Order Number: n/a
 Service Writer: Thums, Adam - Case Date: 03/12/21 03:21 pm CST

Ron Prochnow Farms		Unit #:	
Address: E6396 610TH AVE MENOMONIE, WI 54751-5576		Asset:	Miles 412,770
Phone:		Serial #: [REDACTED]	Warranty Start: 11/1/2015
Fax:		VIN: [REDACTED]	In Service: 5 Years 4 Months
Cust #: 3390		Engine:	 GM077801
		Engine Hours: 11494	

Operation	Operation	Labor Time	Labor	Parts	Core Charge	Total
1	ESTIMATE FOR FRONT END DAMAGE Parts: (1.0) BUG SCREEN, (1.0) CHARGE AIR COOLER, (1.0) CONDENSER, (1.0) KIT, (1.0) O-RING, (1.0) RADIATOR GRILLE, (1.0) RECEIVER DRYER, (2.0) SEALING RING, (4.0) FREON	5.000	\$621.00	\$1,908.87	\$0.00	\$2,529.87

Parts: \$1,908.87
 Labor: \$621.00
 Core: \$0.00
 Haz. Waste: \$0.00
 Shop: \$151.79
 Freight: \$0.00
 Tax: \$147.49
TOTAL: \$2,829.15

This estimate is subject to teardown and inspection and is valid for 30 days from date above. I, the undersigned, authorize you to perform the repairs and furnish the necessary materials. I understand any costs verbally quoted are an estimate only and not binding. Your employees may operate vehicle for inspecting, testing and delivery at my risk. You will not be responsible for loss or damage to vehicle or articles left in it. AUTHORIZED BY: _____
 DATE: __/__/__

Attachment: Notice of Claim (6424 : Resolution to Disallow Claim of Ron Prochnow)

Case #14014195

Parts Card

Customer: Ron Prochnow Farms
Asset: 2016 Mack CXU613 M8
Serial No: [REDACTED]
Tag #: RP5
Unit No:
Miles: 412,770
Built: 10/14/2015
Engine:
Trans:
Complaint:
Cause:

Date: 3/12/2021
Repair Status: Checked-in
ETR: None
Wty Start: 11/1/2015
Repair Order:
Purchase Order:



E. Serial: [REDACTED]
T. Serial:

E. Model:
T. Model:

ESTIMATE FOR FRONT END DAMAGE

Qty	Part No	Part	Unit Price	Total
1.0	20791629	RADIATOR GRILLE	\$506.78	\$506.78
1.0	21096684	O-RING	\$1.89	\$1.89
2.0	1675066	SEALING RING	\$4.62	\$9.24
1.0	22769526	CHARGE AIR COOLER	\$743.62	\$743.62
4.0	R134	FREON	\$6.99	\$27.96
1.0	85111309	KIT	\$37.72	\$37.72
1.0	22314813	CONDENSER	\$399.94	\$399.94
1.0	82781559	RECEIVER DRYER	\$60.10	\$60.10
1.0	25162979	BUG SCREEN	\$121.62	\$121.62

Total Part Price may include Core Charges

Notes

Attachment: Notice of Claim (6424 : Resolution to Disallow Claim of Ron Prochnow)



WISCONSIN MUNICIPAL MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY
4781 Hayes Road, Suite 201 | Madison, WI 53704 • www.wmmic.com
Telephone: 608.246.3336 | Toll Free: 866.823.4217 | Facsimile: 608.852.8647

Deborah Blevins
711 N Bridge Street
Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin 54729

June 16, 2021

RE: Claimant: Ron Prochnow
 Claim number: GLCC00001558
 Our Insured: Chippewa County
 Date of Loss: 3/10/2021

Dear Deborah Blevins,

The above referenced claim was filed on 3/17/2021. Following a review of the information and an investigation of the facts, it has been determined that Chippewa County has no liability for this claim. Please issue a formal disallowance and provide a copy of this disallowance to WMMIC.

This claim will be closed on the date of receipt of the disallowance.

A copy of this letter has been placed in the claim file for reference. If you should have any further questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Brandon Johnson
Claims Representative
Wisconsin Municipal Mutual Insurance Company
(608) 245-6892
bjohnson@wmmic.com

Attachment: WMMIC Letter Recommending Disallowance of Claim (6424 : Resolution to Disallow Claim of Ron Prochnow)

**STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION**

Resolution No.

RESOLUTION TO DISALLOW CLAIM OF GREG STARK

1 Greg Stark filed a formal notice of claim against the County pursuant to Wisconsin
2 Statute § 893.80. Mr. Stark is claiming property damage to his 2021 pontoon boat. Mr. Stark's
3 pontoon boat was damaged when the Sheriff's Deputy was holding onto their pontoon boat.
4 There was some movement up and down from small waves and the bow of the sheriff's boat
5 made contact with the side of the pontoon boat. The damage amount is \$2,479.25, per the
6 estimate provided by Mr. Starck.

7 After review of the claim by the County's liability insurance company, Wisconsin
8 Municipal Mutual Insurance Company (WMMIC), it is WMMIC's recommendation that the
9 County formally disallow the claim. Passage of this resolution will formally disallow this claim
10 pursuant to 2-34(m)(3) of the Chippewa County Code of Ordinances, which provides that the
11 Executive Committee has the authority to settle claims that do not exceed \$10,000.

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Resolution No.

RESOLUTION TO DISALLOW CLAIM OF GREG STARK

WHEREAS, a Notice of Claim was filed on June 1, 2021 with the Chippewa County Clerk's Office; and

WHEREAS, the Notice of Claim states that Greg Stark is claiming property damage to his 2021 pontoon boat after it was damaged when the Sheriff's Deputy was holding onto their pontoon boat and there was some movement up and down from small waves, which caused the bow of the sheriff's boat to make contact with the side of the pontoon boat; and

WHEREAS, after review of this claim with the County's liability insurance company, Wisconsin Municipal Mutual Insurance Company (WMMIC) it is WMMIC's recommendation that the claim be disallowed;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chippewa County Executive Committee does hereby disallow the claim of Greg Stark, N5980 County Road Q, Menomonie, WI 54751, and no action on this claim may be brought against Chippewa County or any of its offices, officials, agents or employees after six months from the date of service of this notice, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 893.80; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the claimant by certified mail, return receipt requested, as Notice of Disallowance.

Approved this 6th day of July, 2021 by the Chippewa County Executive Committee.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

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

07/6/2021	Executive Committee
RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Annette Hunt, District 13
SECONDER:	Chuck Hull, District 14
AYES:	Dean Gullickson, Chuck Hull, Mechele Shipman, Annette Hunt
EXCUSED:	Glen Sikorski

Approved as to Form:



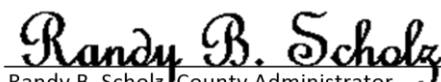
Todd A. Pauls, Corporation Counsel

6/22/2021



Lori Zwiefelhofer, Finance Director

6/22/2021



Randy B. Scholz, County Administrator

6/22/2021

NOTICE OF CLAIM AGAINST CHIPPEWA COUNTY

Name: Greg Stark

Address: N5980 County Road Q Menomonie, WI 54751

Date of Accident/Loss: 5/29/2021 Time of Day: 15:00 a.m./p.m.

County Department Involved: Sheriff Vehicle #: Boat

Photos taken: ☒ Yes ☐ No Weather Conditions: Sunny- Light win

Police called: ☐ Yes ☒ No Date: 6/1/2021

Agency: Sheriff

Case No.: 21-CH03861

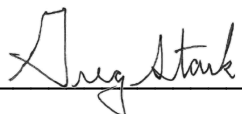
Type of Claim: ☒ Vehicle ☐ Property ☐ Personal Injury

Dollar Amount of Damages Claimed: \$ 2,479.25

Briefly state the facts of the accident/loss (include additional pages, if necessary, along with any supporting documentation/information/photos; **do not staple**):

We were taking out our brand new pontoon (\$45,000) for the first time. We were about a 1/4 mile from our cabin in a no wake zone and I noticed the sheriffs watching us because we have not received our registration stickers for it yet. I pulled over a short distance away from them and stopped and they pulled up to us. I went to grab their boat so we would not touch and one Deputy said he had it and he grabbed onto our pontoon. There was some movement up and down from small waves and the bow of the sheriff's boat made contact with the side of our pontoon while the Deputy was holding onto our pontoon.

I was given a quote from Paula at American Marine (715-595-4633) where we purchased the pontoon. She said the dent can't be repaired and that the whole panel would need to be replaced. I have attached the quote as well.

Signature:  Date: _____

Submit Claim to: Jaclyn Sadler, Chippewa County Clerk
Chippewa County Courthouse
711 N. Bridge Street, Room 109
Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

American Marine-Lake Holcombe
26250 County Hwy M
Holcombe, WI 54745

Est Number

6.2.b

303176 Retail

STARK

Phn (715) 595 - 4633

Fax

12874 GREG STARK

MENOMINIE,

Mobile:

Home: (715) 232 - 0687

Start Date

6/1/2021

Complete Date

No

Boat Name

Marina Location

Boat Information

Boat Hull ID & Registration #

Reg #:

Engine Make & Model

Engine Serial #

COMMENTS:

Op Code	Item / Part#	Description	Qty & Rate
100.1		DAMAGE TO REAR PANEL- BRAND NEW 2021 BOAT-remove bimini top and seating-remove panel and install new one and put all back together- 2 men 3.5 each, panel estimate is \$1200 freight estimate is \$380	

Labor Total : \$840.00

Parts Total : \$0.00

Opcode Subtotal: \$2320.00

LET'S GO BOATING!

Thank you for choosing American Marine! It was our pleasure to perform the work on your vessel. We maintain a customer satisfaction rate or 98% or higher as measured by our manufacturers.

To maintain competitive rates, any legal fees and associated costs will be charged to any party who requires the services of our legal department in the settlement of a claim in our favor.

Thank you for your patronage and we look forward to serving you in the future!

Work Order Price Summary

Total Parts	\$0.00
Total Labor	\$840.00
Total Bill Codes	\$0.00
Misc. Supplies	\$1480.00
Equipment Charges	\$0.00
Freight Charges	\$0.00
Environmental Fees	\$0.00
Shop Supplies	\$30.00
Sublet Charges	\$0.00
Total Discounts	-\$0.00
Sales Tax	\$129.25

Total Amount Due: \$2479.25



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Deborah Blevins
711 N Bridge Street
Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin 54729

June 17, 2021

RE: Claimant: Greg Stark
 Claim number: GLCC00001560
 Our Insured: Chippewa County
 Date of Loss: 6/1/2021

Dear Deborah Blevins,

The above referenced claim was filed on June 1, 2021. Following a review of the information and an investigation of the facts, it has been determined that Chippewa County has no liability for this claim. Please issue a formal disallowance and provide a copy of this disallowance to WMMIC.

This claim will be closed on the date of receipt of the disallowance.

A copy of this letter has been placed in the claim file for reference. If you should have any further questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Brandon Johnson
Claims Representative
Wisconsin Municipal Mutual Insurance Company
(608) 245-6892
bjohnson@wmmic.com

Attachment: WMMIC Letter Recommending Claim be Disallowed (6425 : Resolution to Disallow Claim of Greg Stark)



Chippewa County Board

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

June 23, 2021

TO: County Board Supervisors

FR: Dean Gullickson

RE: Stormwater Program Agenda Item Request

At the May 11, 2021 and June 8, 2021 County Board meetings, Supervisor Shipman requested that an item be placed either on the LCFM Committee, Executive Committee or County Board meeting regarding the stormwater program with the townships.

In response to that request, the LCFM Committee discussed this and it is my intention to have an item on the July 13, 2021 County Board meeting to address this request. The Land Conservation and Forest Management Director, Dan Masterpole, will give a report and provide history regarding the stormwater agreements with the municipalities. There will also be a business item on the agenda to allow the County Board to provide feedback and direction for the next steps regarding this initiative.

Sincerely,

Dean Gullickson
County Board Chair



Department of Administration

Randy B. Scholz, County Administrator

June 25, 2021

TO: Executive Committee

FR: Randy Scholz

RE: Update on ARPA and Broadband Access

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Randy Scholz
County Administrator

Attachment

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: May 18, 2021

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Department of Administration

Randy B. Scholz, County Administrator

June 21, 2021

TO: County Board Supervisors

FR: Randy Scholz

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

County Board Action Requested

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

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



Randy Scholz
County Administrator



WISCONSIN TOWNS
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2021 ASSEMBLY BILL 369 / SENATE BILL 385

June 7, 2021

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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