

CHIPPEWA COUNTY

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 18, 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, Lynda Schweikert, Carolyn Kaiser, Charlie Walker, Alice Droske, Lori Zwiefelhofer, Toni Hohlfelder, Todd Pauls

3. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO BE HEARD

4. CONSENT AGENDA

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Harold Steele, District 2
SECONDER: Glen Sikorski, District 6
AYES: Gullickson, Schmitt, Steele, Sikorski, Bergeron

1. Approve the Agenda

2. Approve the Minutes

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3. Schedule Next Meeting Date - November 15, 2022

5. REPORTS

- Update from LCFM on ARPA Project – Well Testing & Contaminate Mitigation in Residential Wells - Randy Scholz/Lynda Schweikert
Schweikert gave an update on the Well Testing & Contaminate Mitigation in Residential Wells ARPA project. See memo on file.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

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6. BUSINESS ITEMS

7. UPDATES, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND CORRESPONDENCE

A. County Board Chair Report

B. County Administrator Operation Report

1. Update on Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Funds - Randy Scholz
Scholz explained we recently became aware of LATC funds. Chippewa County is eligible to receive \$50,000 in 2022 and another \$50,000 in 2023. See memo on file.

RESULT:	REVIEWED	Next: 11/8/2022 6:00 PM
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2. Update on Chippewa County Video Project with CGI Digital - Randy Scholz/Charlie Walker
Walker gave an update on the video project that will promote Chippewa County. See memo on file. Scholz will provide this update to the County Board as well.

RESULT:	REVIEWED	Next: 11/8/2022 6:00 PM
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8. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Sikorski requested an update on the Carbon Credit program if there is anything new to report.

9. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 5:04 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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4. CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Approve the Agenda
2. Approve the Minutes

Executive Committee - Regular Meeting - Sep 20, 2022 4:00 PM

3. Schedule Next Meeting Date - October 18, 2022

5. REPORTS

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

1. 2023 Proposed Budget - Randy Scholz
Scholz presented the 2023 proposed budget. The proposed tax rate is \$2.72, which is a reduction from \$3.10 in the 2022 budget. The equalized value increased by 15.7%. The property tax levy increased 1.46% to \$20,941,066. The total 2023 budget is \$119,677,569.

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Steele recommended adding information on page 10 to explain why the total budget amount has increased so much.

Schmitt recommended not to call it "record inflation" because we've had high inflation in the past. He suggested using the language "high inflation" instead.

RESULT:	FORWARD TO COUNTY BOARD [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 11/3/2022 6:00 PM
MOVER:	Glen Sikorski, District 6	
SECONDER:	Ken Schmitt, District 3 (Vice-Chair)	
AYES:	Gullickson, Schmitt, Steele, Sikorski, Bergeron	

2. Resolution to Authorize Utilization of American Rescue Act (ARPA) Funding for Capital Improvements to the Chippewa Valley Innovation Center - Randy Scholz

RESULT:	FORWARD TO COUNTY BOARD [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 10/11/2022 6:00 PM
MOVER:	Harold Steele, District 2	
SECONDER:	Glen Sikorski, District 6	
AYES:	Gullickson, Schmitt, Steele, Sikorski, Bergeron	

3. Resolution to Authorize Funding from the Use of American Rescue Fund Act (ARPA) to Pay Employee Longevity Rewards - Randy Scholz

RESULT:	FORWARD TO COUNTY BOARD [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 10/11/2022 6:00 PM
MOVER:	Jason Bergeron, District 7	
SECONDER:	Ken Schmitt, District 3 (Vice-Chair)	
AYES:	Gullickson, Schmitt, Steele, Sikorski, Bergeron	

4. 2021-2026 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Plan Amendment - Randy Scholz
Scholz explained the ARPA plan is amended to include the two additional projects for CVIC and employee longevity rewards. He gave an update on the broadband projects. Bloomer Telephone Company and Ntera LLC did not get the second round of grants from the state so Resolutions 06-22 and 07-22 may need to be rescinded. In December all three companies will give a report to the County Board and let us know at that time if they will be requesting again to use those funds. If not, then the County Board will need to decide what they want to allocate those funds to.

RESULT:	FORWARD TO COUNTY BOARD [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 10/11/2022 6:00 PM
MOVER:	Harold Steele, District 2	
SECONDER:	Jason Bergeron, District 7	
AYES:	Gullickson, Schmitt, Steele, Sikorski, Bergeron	

5. HR Policy Manual Revisions - Randy Scholz/Toni Hohlfelder

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7. UPDATES, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND CORRESPONDENCE

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- B. County Administrator Operation Report

8. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Gullickson would like an update on the ARPA project for Land Conservation and Forest Management.

9. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 4:39 p.m.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Glen Sikorski, District 6
SECONDER:	Jason Bergeron, District 7
AYES:	Gullickson, Schmitt, Steele, Sikorski, Bergeron

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October 10, 2022

Update from LCFM on ARPA Project – Well Testing & Contaminate mitigation in residential Wells

1. Utilized GIS to identify properties located in the high nitrate well test locations
2. Mailed 160 application letters to farms of 100 acres or more in these areas
3. Received 27 applications
4. Ranked according to ARPA Cover Crop Cost Sharing Policy
5. 3 were deemed ineligible
6. 15 were high priority
7. Approved 10 of the 15 high priority applications until funds ran out
8. The remaining 5 high priority applications were offered other cost share funds.
 - a. 2 contracted
9. Next steps
 - a. Spot check to ensure cover crop is emerged and growing
 - b. Soil Health Check
 - c. Home Well Water Test
 - d. Whole Farm Walkover
 - e. Schedule of implementation
 - f. Formation of Community Refill Station Ad-Hoc Committee
10. In addition to ARPA Cover Crop Funding there is the following:
 - a. Targeted Runoff Management Grant
 - i. Yellow River & Little Lake Wissota
 1. \$70/Ac for one year
 - b. Multi Discharger Variance
 - i. Lower Chippewa/Eau Claire/Red Cedar River
 1. \$70/Ac for one year
 - c. Soil & Water Resource Management Grant
 - i. Countywide
 1. \$25/Ac up to 4 years
 - d. Environmental Quality Incentive Program – USDA/NRCS
 - i. Countywide
 1. Variable costs based on type of cover up to 5 years
11. Producer Led Watershed Initiative
 - a. Separate effort going on at same time of ARPA Cost Sharing
 - b. Cooperative effort between Farmer's Union/Farm Bureau
 - c. Promotes Farmer to Farmer conversations regarding current environmental issues
 - d. Allows the group to apply for grants to cost share conservation practices



Department of Administration

Randy B. Scholz, County Administrator

October 5, 2022

TO: County Board of Supervisors

FR: Randy Scholz

RE: Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Funds (LATCF)

Good afternoon,

We were recently informed the U.S. Department of the Treasury has released Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Funds (LATCF). The LATCF delivers \$2 billion to eligible Tribal governments and eligible revenue sharing counties as a general revenue enhancement program. The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) appropriates \$750 million to allocate and pay to eligible revenue sharing counties for each of fiscal year 2022 and 2023.

Recipients have broad discretion on the use of funds. Specifically, the statute permits recipients to use funds for any governmental purpose other than lobbying activity. Recipients may treat these funds in a similar manner to how they treat funds generated from their own revenue. All funds are available to recipients until expended or returned to the U.S. Treasury.

The statute defines eligible revenue sharing counties to include any county, parish, or borough:

- That is independent of any other unit of local government; and
- That, as determined by the Secretary, is the principal provider of government services for the area within its jurisdiction; and
- For which, as determined by the Secretary, there is a negative revenue impact due to implementation of a federal program or changes to such program.

Chippewa County is eligible to receive \$50,000 in 2022 and \$50,000 in 2023. I have authorized the Finance Director to log into the Treasury Submission Portal and submit a request so we can receive our payments. After we receive the funds, we will need to submit periodic reports to the Treasury, similar to the ARPA reporting requirements.

I recommend that we utilize the funds to pay for an unexpected expense in the Sheriff's Department. The cost is for a juvenile that is being housed at the Eau Claire Detention Center. The cost per day is \$225. If there are 31 days in the month, it costs us \$6,975, for 30 days it is \$6,750. The estimated cost for 2022 is \$56,250. The estimated cost for all of 2023 is \$82,125. My logic for recommending the funds be used for this purpose is that these funds were not anticipated and the expense was not anticipated.

We do not know how long the juvenile will be housed in Eau Claire County, but we do know, at this time, the next court hearing is scheduled for August of 2023. Therefore, we anticipate a significant unexpected expense to our Sheriff's Department budget.

I intend to provide this report to the Executive Committee at the October 18, 2022 meeting and to the County Board on November 8, 2022. If you have any questions or feel the funds should be utilized in a different manner, give me a call.

Randy Scholz
County Administrator



STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION
UPDATE ON CHIPPEWA COUNTY VIDEO PROJECT WITH CGI DIGITAL

7.B.2

October 26, 2022

TO: County Board Supervisors

FR: Randy Scholz

RE: County Video Project with CGI Digital

At the October 18, 2022, Executive Committee meeting, Charlie Walker and I gave an update on the County video project with CGI Digital. There was some confusion on what exactly the videos will showcase and the goal of this project. Several years ago, when I was with Lincoln County, we completed a similar initiative and I thought it may help to provide a link to those videos so you all have a better understanding.

Lincoln County videos

https://www.elocallink.tv/m/v/player.php?pid=w9aNQz74&fp=wilinctco18_welr_iwd#c|wilinctco18_cocr_iwd
<https://www.elocallink.tv/m/v/player.php?pid=w9aNQz74&fp=wilinctco18_welr_iwd>

Thanks,
Randy Scholz



Department of Administration

Randy B. Scholz, County Administrator

October 11, 2022

TO: Executive Committee

FR: Randy Scholz & Charlie Walker

RE: Update on Chippewa County Video Project with CGI Digital

Digital advertising targeting people looking for homes, jobs or tourist attractions in Chippewa County continues to grow. Chippewa County residents and businesses continue to build a foundation of what “a great community” is! Built on the ingredients of entrepreneurship, affordability, wholesomeness, proximity, safety, and fiscal responsibilities, Chippewa County has embarked on a program that will provide video messages we can post on our website <https://www.co.chippewa.wi.us>.

In March 2022, the County was approached by CGI Digital to work in partnership to assist Chippewa County with web site video enhancements. By partnering with CGI Digital in their community video program, it gives Chippewa County the opportunity to showcase what makes us special while attracting new residents, tourists, businesses, and entrepreneurs. With jobs unfilled and young people moving away, many counties are ahead of Chippewa County and are doubling down on efforts to attract new citizens. This program will be a step towards marketing Chippewa County to potential new citizens.

The Program will at no cost to Chippewa County:

- Produce 4 video chapters with subject matter that includes, but is not limited to: Welcome, Healthy Living, Economic Development/Jobs.
- Provide CGI’s patented OneClick™ Technology and encode all videos into multiple streaming digital formats to play on all computer systems, browsers, and Internet connection speeds; recognized player formats include WindowsMedia™ and QuickTime™.
- Store and stream all videos on CGI’s dedicated server.
- Afford businesses the opportunity to purchase various digital media products and services from CGI Digital and its affiliates.
- CGI Digital is solely responsible for sponsorship fulfillment including all related aspects of marketing, production, printing, and distribution.
- CGI Digital will assume all costs for the County Video Program.

The CGI Program will begin their business outreach in the next three quarters and is currently finalizing first drafts of video scripts. Video shoots are anticipated to occur in the spring of 2023.