

CHIPPEWA COUNTY

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 19, 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	Excused	
Annette Hunt	Chippewa County	District 13	Present	

Others Present: Randy Scholz, Traci Bremness, Jessica Oleson Bue, Todd Pauls, Toni Hohlfelder

3. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO BE HEARD

4. CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Approve the Agenda
2. Approve the Minutes
3. Executive Committee - Regular Meeting - Oct 5, 2021 4:00 PM
4. Schedule Next Meeting Date - November 16, 2021

5. REPORTS

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Resolution to Authorize the Submission of an Application for Community Development Block Grant Funds on Behalf of the West Central Wisconsin Housing Region – Jessica Oleson Bue
Oleson Bue explained this authorization is needed so she can submit the 2022 grant for the region. Chippewa County is the lead agency and the regional member counties are: Barron, Buffalo, Chippewa,

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Clark, Dunn, Eau Claire, Pepin, Pierce, Polk and St. Croix. There are currently 90 applicants on their waiting list.

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MOVER:	Chuck Hull, District 14	
SECONDER:	Annette Hunt, District 13	
AYES:	Gullickson, Hull, Hunt	
EXCUSED:	Sikorski, Shipman	

7. UPDATES, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND CORRESPONDENCE

A. County Board Chair Report

B. County Administrator Operation Report

1. Update on 2024 Farm Technology Days - Randy Scholz

Scholz reported Chippewa County has been contacted to host Farm Technology Days in 2024. He gave an overview of the event and what is involved (see memo on file). They are looking for the County to provide \$20,000 of seed money that will be reimbursed to the county. That funding can come from the Land Development Fund. In addition, they will need assistance from the Highway Department for infrastructure and the Sheriff's Department for law enforcement. Any costs incurred by Chippewa County will be reimbursed from Farm Technology Days.

Scholz stated that Extension usually assist with this event. However, with their new state model, they are distancing themselves from events like this and from fairs. The CCEDC has agreed to assist with coordinating the event. A resolution will be brought to the Economic Development Committee in November and to the County Board in December to determine if there is support for hosting the event. The event is normally held in July. However, if we were to host it the event would be held in August to avoid the music festivals.

RESULT:	DISCUSSED
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8. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Committee members asked that the Extension Director provide an update on the new state model and the direction they are going. This will allow us to determine if any adjustments are needed to our committee structure.

9. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 4:23 p.m.

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Chuck Hull	Chippewa County	District 14	Absent	
Mechele Shipman	Chippewa County	District 9	Present	
Annette Hunt	Chippewa County	District 13	Present	

Others Present: Randy Scholz, Traci Bremness, Lori Zwiefelhofer, Toni Hohlfelder, Tim Easker, Brian Kelley, Rose Baier, Shirley Gutsch, Rob Mooney, Danielle Bauer, Tom Waldusky, Jennifer Steinmetz, Todd Pauls, Rachel Lettner, Kyra Secraw

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, Sikorski, Shipman, Hunt
ABSENT: Hull

1. Approve the Agenda

2. Approve the Minutes

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3. Schedule Next Meeting Date - October 19, 2021

5. REPORTS**6. BUSINESS ITEMS**

- Resolution to Proclaim October 2021 as Manufacturing Month in Chippewa County – Randy Scholz
 Rob Mooney, Alliance Plastics, thanked the County Board and the CCEDC Board for their support over the years. Bringing business opportunities to the area also brings families to the area. He also thanked the

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County Board for providing funding for the CVIC. There will be an open house at CVIC on October 19th from 11:00-2:00.

Shirley Gutsch, HR Director at PMI in Bloomer and a member of the CCEDC Board, thanked the County Board for their support over the years.

Tom Waldusky, CCEDC Chair, thanked the County Board for their support.

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MOVER:	Glen Sikorski, District 2 (Vice-Chair)	
SECONDER:	Mechele Shipman, District 9	
AYES:	Gullickson, Sikorski, Shipman, Hunt	
ABSENT:	Hull	

- Resolution to Commit to Expansion of CTH T Corridor and Acceptance of RAISE Grant Funding – Randy Scholz/Brian Kelley
Kelley stated this resolution went to the Highway Committee for review. They will find out in November if we are awarded the grant.

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SECONDER:	Annette Hunt, District 13	
AYES:	Gullickson, Sikorski, Shipman, Hunt	
ABSENT:	Hull	

- Resolution to Create One Full-Time Social Worker Position in the Department of Human Services to Provide Children's Long Term Support Services – Randy Scholz/Tim Easker
Kyra Secraw, CWDA Manager, and Rachel Lettner, lead worker, reviewed the PowerPoint on file.

RESULT:	FORWARD TO COUNTY BOARD [3 TO 0]	Next: 10/12/2021 6:00 PM
MOVER:	Annette Hunt, District 13	
SECONDER:	Glen Sikorski, District 2 (Vice-Chair)	
AYES:	Gullickson, Sikorski, Hunt	
ABSTAIN:	Shipman	
ABSENT:	Hull	

- Resolution to Create Three Social Worker Positions in the Department of Human Services to Provide Comprehensive Community Services to Children – Randy Scholz/Tim Easker

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AYES:	Gullickson, Sikorski, Hunt	
ABSTAIN:	Shipman	
ABSENT:	Hull	

5. Resolution to Create a Full-Time Criminal Justice Services Specialist Case Manager Position in the Criminal Justice Services Division of the Department of Administration – Randy Scholz/Rose Baier
Baier explained this has been a contracted position since 2017 in the CJS budget. This is the last contracted position to transition to a full time position. One benefit of converting this to a full time position it would allow Baier more flexibility with her staff. This position does the compass and drug testing, evidence based programs, pre-trial pilot programs, etc.

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MOVER:	Mechele Shipman, District 9	
SECONDER:	Annette Hunt, District 13	
AYES:	Gullickson, Sikorski, Shipman, Hunt	
ABSENT:	Hull	

6. Resolution to Establish the 2022 Health Insurance Employee Premiums, Plan Design and Estimated Employer Total Cost of the Health Insurance Plan – Randy Scholz/Toni Hohlfelder
Hohlfelder explained this resolution illustrates what was offered to employees last year and what is proposed for employees effective January 1, 2022.

RESULT:	FORWARD TO COUNTY BOARD [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 10/12/2021 6:00 PM
MOVER:	Glen Sikorski, District 2 (Vice-Chair)	
SECONDER:	Mechele Shipman, District 9	
AYES:	Gullickson, Sikorski, Shipman, Hunt	
ABSENT:	Hull	

7. 2022 Proposed Budget - Randy Scholz

Scholz reviewed the 2022 proposed budget. The tax rate for the 2022 Chippewa County budget is \$3.10, which is a reduction from \$3.26 in the 2021 budget. The County's Equalized Value for FY22 increased by 8.99% or \$549,810,900. The property tax levy will increase by \$685,569 or 3.44%. The tax (mill) rate will decrease by 5.10% to \$3.10 as equalized valuation for the County has increased 8.99%. The shared revenue came in higher than what was presented in the preliminary budget.

Scholz commented that one issue has come up since he prepared the budget. They are having a recruitment issue in the jail and we may need to increase the base pay for the jailers. The County has recruited four times and has not received one application.

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SECONDER:	Mechele Shipman, District 9	
AYES:	Gullickson, Sikorski, Shipman, Hunt	
ABSENT:	Hull	

7. UPDATES, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND CORRESPONDENCE

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

8. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

9. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 4:59 p.m.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mechele Shipman, District 9
SECONDER:	Glen Sikorski, District 2 (Vice-Chair)
AYES:	Gullickson, Sikorski, Shipman, Hunt
ABSENT:	Hull

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**STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION**

Resolution No. 48 - 21

**RES. 48-21: RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SUBMISSION OF AN
APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS
ON BEHALF OF THE WEST CENTRAL WISCONSIN HOUSING REGION -
JESSICA OLESON BUE**

1 This resolution authorizes the Chippewa County Housing Authority, as the lead county agency
2 for the West Central Wisconsin Housing Region (WCWHR), to make application for federal Community
3 Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to be used for approved housing projects of residents of the
4 Regional Counties. The Regional member counties are Barron, Buffalo, Chippewa, Clark, Dunn, Eau
5 Claire, Pepin, Pierce, Polk and St. Croix counties. As the lead county, Chippewa County, through the
6 Chippewa County Housing Authority, will use the CDBG funds for owner occupied rehabilitation projects
7 and home buyer assistance. This resolution is the fifth resolution brought to obtain CDBG funds on
8 behalf of the WCWHR. The County Board approved the previous resolutions on October 24, 2012,
9 August 11, 2015, November 7, 2017, and November 12, 2019.

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Resolution No. 48 - 21

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS ON BEHALF OF THE WEST CENTRAL
WISCONSIN HOUSING REGION - JESSICA OLESON BUE**

WHEREAS, federal monies are available under the Wisconsin Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) housing program, administered by the State of Wisconsin, Department of Administration, Division of Energy, Housing and Community Resources, for the purposes of housing activities; and

WHEREAS, Chippewa County is the Lead County for the West Central Wisconsin Housing Region for the administration of CDBG grant funding for housing projects in the Region; and

WHEREAS, after public hearing and due consideration, the Chippewa County Board believes that an application should be submitted to the State of Wisconsin for the following projects:

***OWNER OCCUPIED REHABILITATION ASSISTANCE
HOME BUYER ASSISTANCE***

WHEREAS, to qualify for this funding, it is necessary for the Chippewa County Board to approve the preparation and filing of an application for the West Central Wisconsin Housing Region to receive CDBG funds from this program; and

WHEREAS, the Chippewa County Board has reviewed the need for the proposed projects and the benefits to be gained therefrom;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Board of Chippewa County does hereby approve and authorize the preparation and filing of an application for CDBG funds for the above projects; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Board Chair is hereby authorized to sign all necessary documents on behalf of Chippewa County as the Lead County for the West Central Wisconsin Housing Region; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that authority is hereby granted to Program Administrator Jessica Oleson Bue and the Chippewa County Housing Authority to take the necessary steps to prepare and file the appropriate application for funds under this program, in accordance with this resolution.

Forwarded to the County Board by the Executive Committee.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact to Chippewa County by passage of this resolution as all costs associated with administration of this grant are included as part of the grant.

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RESULT: FORWARD TO COUNTY BOARD [UNANIMOUS] Next: 11/9/2021 6:00 PM

MOVER: Chuck Hull, District 14

SECONDER: Annette Hunt, District 13

AYES: Dean Gullickson, Chuck Hull, Annette Hunt

EXCUSED: Glen Sikorski, Mechele Shipman

Approved as to Form:

Todd A. Pauls
Todd A. Pauls, Corporation Counsel

9/29/2021

Lori Zwiefelhofer
Lori Zwiefelhofer, Finance Director

9/29/2021

Randy B. Scholz
Randy B. Scholz, County Administrator

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Department of Administration

Randy B. Scholz, County Administrator

October 12, 2021

TO: Executive Committee

FR: Randy Scholz

RE: 2024 Farm Technology Days

We have been contacted by a representative from WI Farm Technology Days inquiring whether Chippewa County would like to host the 2024 Farm Technology Days. If this is something the County wants to pursue then we would need to bring a resolution to the County Board by December. The resolution will indicate our support for hosting the event along with allocating \$20,000 of seed money. The County will get the money back after the event is completed.

I included a few bullet points from my conversation with the WI Farm Technology Days rep.

- Farm Tech Days started in 1954 and it travels around the state.
- It is not part of UW Extension. It is a non-profit.
- Farm Tech Days was last held in Chippewa County in 2004. In 2021 it was held in Eau Claire County. In 2022 it will be in Clark County. In 2023 it will be held in in Sauk County.
- They are looking for someone to host the event in 2024.
- It is a 3-day show (Tues, Wed, Thurs) and usually held in July.
 - If it is held in Chippewa County we would need to hold it in August to avoid the music festivals.
- There are approximately 20,000 – 30,000 in attendance.
- They need approximately 120 acres for the event (60 for tent city and 60 for parking). There are about 600 exhibit stalls.
- The work is done by volunteers (approximately 1,500 people). They usually tap into organizations like FFA, FHA, etc. They use the food profits to pay for the volunteers. It is not run through payroll.
- There is no need for County IT services. Farm Tech Days will contract with someone for wireless services.
- This is an opportunity to showcase our community and the surrounding area.
- The County is responsible for EMS coverage.
- The County and State patrol usually handle traffic control.
 - If it is held in Chippewa County, we would require WI Farm Tech Days to reimburse the County for any staff expenses. WI Farm Tech Days will need to work that into their event budget.

COUNTY RESPONSIBILITIES:

- The County will need to approve a resolution agreeing to host the event.
- The County will need to provide \$20,000 seed money. The County will get the seed money back after the event and usually receive additional left-over funds as well.
- If the resolution is approved, then the County will need to create a Farm Tech Days Committee.
 - This is approximately 16 volunteer members and is usually made up of the chairs from the sub-committees. The Farm Tech Days Committee will elect a chair and then find a farm to host the event. This is usually done in the fall prior to the event (fall 2023).
 - The CCEDC is willing to coordinate creation of the Farm Tech Days Committee.
- County and State will usually hire a part-time coordinator to assist the Farm Tech Days Committee with administrative tasks (take minutes, etc.) The cost is split with WI Farm Technology Days.
 - The CCEDC is willing to provide this service.