

Chippewa County Central Dispatch

Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes

June 24, 2026

3:00 p.m.

Chippewa County Sheriff Training Building

- I. Call meeting to order - Meeting called to order at 1500 by Board Chair Greg Postma
- II. Roll call – Present – Greg Postma - Director, Chief Ed Miller, County Commissioner Jim Traynor, Ops Manager – Sara Ostwald, Chief Dan Wilcox, Sheriff Mike Bitnar, Sault Tribe Police Chief – Robert Marchand, MSP – Lt. Robert Allen, Chippewa County Administrator – Kelly Church, Chief - Jim Miller, Undersheriff – Ryan Hering — Via Phone, Chief Wes Bierling
- III. Introductions - Completed
- IV. Additions or deletions to the meeting agenda – None
- V. Approval of the agenda- Mike Bitnar made a motion to approve the agenda, and Ryan Hering, supported the motion. On a vote, the agenda was approved unanimously.
- VI. Review and approve minutes from 4-29-2026 – Ed Miller made a motion to approve the minutes, it was supported by Kelly Church. On a vote, the minutes were approved.
- VII. Review and approve expenditures and monthly revenue - Expenditure/Revenue was reviewed by Postma

A motion was made by Jim Miller to approve the expenditures, and Bob Marchand supported the motion. On a vote, the motion passed.
- VIII. Public Comment – None
- IX. New Business – None
- X. 911
 - a) Bi Monthly Report and Call Volume Reporting – Numbers were up across all fields.
 - b) UP 911 Authority project for new CAD system – PSAP Directors will be at Chippewa County Central Dispatch in July for the kickoff for implementation.
 - c) Operations Manager Report – Discussed Training and Staffing levels.
 - d) Pager Project – Title III funding returned. Pager project will be close to done. Additionally, looking at purchasing a deployable Cell Phone Booster Trailer for the County.
 - e) Closest Unit Concept EMS – Discussions continue on implementation. Director will reach out to Director Jere to further these conversations.

- f) Nature Code Discussion for new CAD – Advised all board members that we plan on paring down the lists of nature codes. Expect to see requests for assistance with that.
- g) Search Warrants and On call Judges - Discussed a memo that the court released in June, regarding when judges should be contacted after hours.
- h) Life Saving Awards - Since implementation of the Medical Dispatch software, our center has 4 known cardiac saves. Awards will be distributed in July.
- i) Engineers Day – Update on planning and USACE stance. New MOU developed to cover assisting agencies.
- j) MABAS Status - Chippewa County is currently ready to begin implementation. Not full, but initial notifications and activations. Director will work with dispatchers on this new option.
- k) Brief on VIPER problems – Viper Company is lacking in service and support. Left critical connection unplugged for 7 months.
- l) Next Meeting August 26th, 2026 at 1500, Chippewa County Sheriff Training Building.

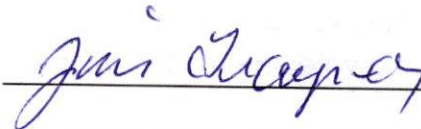
XI. Committee Member Comments

- a. Ed Miller – Addressed Bridge walk and asked that I give update and concerns. Director outlined the difficulties coming to an agreement between both City Chambers of Commerce, the International Bridge Authority, and the Public Safety Officials. Due to lack of communication, cooperation, and acknowledgment of global and international concerns, full incident command was not stood.

- XII. Adjournment - Motion by Mike Sheriff to adjourn. Supported by Bob Marchand, Meeting adjourned at 1546.



Greg Postma, Director
Board Chair



Jim Traynor, County Commissioner
Vice Chair