

# Chippewa County

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## **CHIPPEWA COUNTY BOARD MOTION REGARDING SHERIFF TRAVIS HAKES**

On Tuesday, September 19, 2023, the Chippewa County Board held a closed session for the following purpose:

*The County Board of Supervisors will convene in Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes Sec. 19.85(1)(f) "Considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons...which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations." (Regarding workplace concerns raised by a specific County employee pursuant to Chapter 7, Section 69, of the Chippewa County Human Resources Policy Manual, concerns of the conduct of a specific County official, and direction from the Board and for administration)*

The County Board approved the following motion as the result of the closed session:

*Motion to direct the County Administrator, County Board Chair, and administration on behalf of the County Board to author a letter to Sheriff Hakes expressing the County Board's extreme disapproval of his alleged behavior. The County Board expects that Sheriff Hakes immediately come into compliance with all Chippewa County and Sheriff's Office policies, leadership training, and expectations identified by the Administrator. Furthermore, this matter is to be referred to the Chippewa County District Attorney's Office. Finally, this matter will also be addressed by the Board on the October 10, 2023 meeting for discussion and action involving authorizing charges and charging parties to pursue statutory removal of the Sheriff via Chapter 17, Wis. Stats. removal process before the Governor.*

The matter has been referred to the District Attorney's office and this is presently considered an ongoing investigation by the District Attorney's Office. No report will be released as this matter remains ongoing.

There will be no further comment from my office, County Board Supervisors, or County Employees at this time.

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