Sawyer County
Agenda
County Board of Supervisors Meeting
Thursday, July 16, 2020 @ 6:30 PM
Large Courtroom; Sawyer County Courthouse Virtual Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
   a. From computer, iPad, Android device, click on this link to join the webinar: https://zoom.us/j/95015680309
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2. CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW

3. MEETING AGENDA

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   a. County Board sign in sheet

5. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING
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   a. County Board 6-18-20

6. COVID-19 UPDATE - JULIA LYONS
   10 - 18
   a. SC COVID-19 Update_2020.07.16 Autosaved

7. SAWYER COUNTY FAIR UPDATE

8. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT
   19 - 20
   a. Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Update
   b. 2nd Amendment Resolution - Discussion and Possible Action
## 9. FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT

### 10. ZONING COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT

| 21 - 23 | a. Resolution to Amend Sawyer County Ordinance, Section 6.22 (2) Conditional Uses & 6.24 (2) (e) Rules and Standards for Non-Metallic Mining & Mineral Mining Fuel Mining Activities Resolution for Sawyer County Zoning Ordinance Section 6.22 (2) and 6.24 (2) (e) Non-metallic Mineral Extraction Amendment |

### 11. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT

| 24 - 25 | a. Ramp and Hangar Taxi-Lane Restoration Resolution - Discussion and possible action 2020-06 RES Commit Airport 2021 Budget (002) |

### 12. LAND, WATER, AND FOREST RESOURCES COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT

| 26 - 27 | a. VERSO Mill closure resolution - Discussion and Possible Action VERSO Mill resolution |
| 28 - 29 | b. Event fee resolution - Discussion and Possible action Trail Fees |

### 13. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BOARD CHAIR REPORT

| 30 - 33 | a. Mental Health Hospitalization Resolution - Discussion and Possible Action HHS Resolution - Mental Health |
| 34 - 39 | b. Residential Collection Procedure and Resolution - Discussion and Possible Action Residential Collection Procedures Resolution |

### 14. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & UW EXTENSION COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT

### 15. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

| 40 - 46 | a. Administrator's Admin Committee Report 2020-07 |

### 16. CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS FROM CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS, OTHER MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION ONLY
17. **CLOSED SESSION**

CLOSED SESSION pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.85 (e) for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating an exchange of public property and other public business relating to the Sawyer County Courtroom Public Works project and the need for closed session discussions.

18. **RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**
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Minutes of the meeting of the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors
Thursday, June 18, 2020; 6:30 p.m.;
Large Court Room, Sawyer County Courthouse

Chair Tweed Shuman called the June meeting of the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors to order. Roll call was as follows (x indicates present)

district - supervisor - T = Town, V = Village, C = City, W = Ward
X 01 - Dale Schleeter – T Lenroot W 1, T Hayward W 7, C Hayward W 5 and 6
X 02 – Jesse Boettcher – T Lenroot W 2, T Round Lake W 1
X 03 - Tweed Shuman – T Hayward W 1 and 2
X 04 – Troy Morgan – T Hayward W 3 and 4
X 05 – James H. Schlender Jr. – T Hayward W 5 and 6
X 06 – Marc D. Helwig – C Hayward W 1 and 2
X 07 - Thomas W. Duffy – C Hayward W 3 and 4
X 08 - Bruce Paulsen – T Bass Lake W 1 and 2
X 09 – Susie Taylor – T Bass Lake W 3 and 4
X 10 – Chuck Van Etten – T Sand Lake, T Edgewater W 1 (virtually)
X 11 – Dale Olson – T Edgewater W 2, T Bass Lake W 5, T Hayward W 8, T Meteor, T Couderay, V Couderay
X 12 – Dawn Petit – T Spider Lake, T Round Lake W 2, T Winter W 1
X 13 - Ron Kinsley – T Hunter, T Radisson W 1, T Ojibwa W 1, V Radisson
X 14 – Ron Buckholtz – T Radisson W 2, T Ojibwa W 2, T Weirgor, V Exeland, T Meadowbrook
X 15 – Helen Dennis – T Winter W 2, T Draper, V Winter

Public Access to Virtual Meeting See agenda on website

Call to Order, Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance
Certification of Compliance with the Open Meetings Law
Meeting Agenda
Minutes from Previous Meeting: May 21, 2020
Recognition of Officer Richard Welsch Jr.
Proclamation Honoring the life and efforts of Mike Sanchez—Discussion and possible action
Public Safety Committee Chair report
Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Update including CJCC Resolution to amend bylaws
Public Works Committee Chair Report
California Avenue Extension to Nyman Avenue—Information only
Second Courtroom update – Discussion and possible action
Economic Development & UW Extension Committee Chair Report
WEDC $2500 grants for small businesses – Discussion and possible action
Annual Report Economic Recovery Response Team
Zoning Committee Chair Report
Land, Water, and Forest Resources Committee Chair Report
Chair Shuman called meeting to order at 6:30 pm

Motion by Helwig, 2nd by Duffy, to approve the minutes from the May 21, 2020 meetings. Motion carried

Sheriff Doug Mrotek recognized the late Officer Richard Welsch for his service to Sawyer County Law Enforcement for over 11 years. Welsch served as a dispatcher, jailer, and programs officer. He will be greatly missed. Chair Shuman requested a moment of silence in honor of Officer Welsch.

Public Safety Chair James Schlender read the Proclamation honoring the life and efforts of Mike Sanchez and presented for approval. Motion by Helwig, 2nd by Dennis, to approve the Proclamation. Motion carried

Public Safety will hold a special meeting on June 29, 2020, at 2:00 at the Lac Court Oreille Ojibwa College to discuss School Bus Safety. Three areas of discussion will be: Identifying hot spots; possible county ordinance to address charging offenses; and bus monitors.

The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council amended their bylaws to include a second LCO member, two citizen members, and removed language referring to the Executive Committee. Motion by Dennis, 2nd by Petit, to approve Resolution #2020-23 to adopt the amendments to the CJCC bylaws. Motion carried

Public Works Chair Ron Kinsley reported to the Board. The Sawyer County Airport is remodeling the terminal building and planning on resurfacing taxiways. The Highway lost an employee and is down 2 positions. The Maintenance Department is doing an excellent job cleaning the building.

Preliminary discussion regarding the City of Hayward possibly extending California Avenue out to Nyman Avenue. The extension crosses land owned by Sawyer County. Sawyer County is willing to trade the land to be able to use 5th street for a courthouse addition. This will be discussed by the City of Hayward on July 13, 2020.
Discussed second courtroom options. If 5th street can be used for the addition, that option is supported by Sheriff Doug Mrotek and Judge John Yackel. This option offers safety for employees and inmates and would cost less to build than Option 3. The 10th District assures the County no additional staff is needed to add a second judge. Motion by Olson, 2nd by Helwig, to postpone a decision on where to build the second courtroom until we hear from the City of Hayward regarding 5th street. Motion carried.

Economic Development and UW Extension Committee Chair James Schlender reported to the Board. WEDC, Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation has $2500 grants for small businesses. A point of contact is required. Motion by Morgan, 2nd by Dennis, to recognize the County Clerk as point of contact for any WEDC All In Grant letters. Motion carried.

The board was provided the Sawyer County/Lac Courte Oreilles Economic Development Corporation Annual Report.

Zoning Committee Chair Ron Buckholtz reported to the Board.

Land, Water, and Forest Resources Committee Chair Bruce Paulsen reported to the Board.

Windfall Cemetery Board contracted with Jesse Suzan to plat a third addition to the Windfall Cemetery. The Town of Weirgor has approved. Motion by Duffy, 2nd by Morgan to approve Resolution #2020-24 to expand the Windfall Cemetery in the Town of Weirgor. Motion carried.

Zoning Administrator Jay Kozlowski presented the Sawyer County Waste Storage Ordinance for approval. This ordinance covers operations with less than 1000 animal units. Motion by Dennis, 2nd by Helwig, to approve Resolution #2020-25 to adopt the Sawyer County Waste Storage ordinance. Motion carried.

Health and Human Services Board Chair Dale Schleeter reported to the Board. In 2019 it cost the county $250,000 for residents in mental health facilities. Over $250,000 has already been spent in 2020.

Finance Committee Chair Bruce Paulsen reported to the Board. The Committee continues to discuss how to close the budget deficit. County Administrator Tom Hoff presented 2021 preliminary budget guidelines. In 2020 the levy limit of $10,000,000 allowed an increase in the levy of $73,000. The County needs to decrease services or increase taxes. The county has looked at the options available. They do not want to decrease services. Fees have been increased. They do not want to implement a Wheel Tax. The only options remaining are borrowing or passing a referendum to increase the levy limit. A referendum is the last result. This leaves borrowing.

The Board took a break at 7:54. Back in session 8:00.
Accounting Manager Mike Keefe presented and reviewed county demographics of Sawyer, Ashland, Bayfield, Burnett, Price, Rusk, and Washburn counties. The 2021 projected operating shortfall is $973,000 and an additional $500,000 projected for Capital Improvements. The County can create additional operating levy by funding capital projects. The County can no longer pay as we go, we need to start borrowing for capital purchases. Motion by Helwig, 2\textsuperscript{nd} by Dennis to approve Resolution #2020-26 authorizing issuance of debt in the 2021 annual budget. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

The Administration Committee forwarded a recommendation to suspend Rule 2, subsection 10 in the County Board Rules regarding virtual attendance at County meetings for one year. The rule only allows three meetings per year for virtual attendance. Motion by Schlender, 2\textsuperscript{nd} by Petit, to approve the change to the board rules for one year. Motion carried.

Supervisor Olson left the meeting at 8:45.

County Administrator Tom Hoff reported to the County Board.

Adjourned 8:52 pm

Audio of the County Board meeting is on the website.

Minutes prepared by Carol Williamson
Cumulative Time

17 positive (12 recovered; 1 of the positive cases was hospitalized for 24 or more hours; 0 deaths)

2062 negative
Current Data
(Reflects 2 weeks of data last updated July 15)

- Count = 3
- Rate per 100,000 = 18
- Burden = Moderate
  - Case rate is greater than 10, but less than or equal to 50
- Trend/Trajectory = No Significant Change
- Activity Level = Medium
  - It takes the rate, burden and trend data to determine activity level of the virus in our community
Change in COVID-19 Activity Level by County

July 8, 2020

July 15, 2020
Controlling Disease Post Safer at Home

- Continued Recommendations
  - Physical Distancing
  - Wear masks when not able to keep 6ft distance
  - Frequent hand washing
  - Keep your circle of close contacts small
    - Had physical contact with a person (handshake, kiss, hug)
    - Within 6ft with a person for more than 15 minutes
    - Had contact with respiratory secretions (coughed or sneezed on, touched used tissue, shared drink glass, food or towels)
    - Stayed overnight at least one night
Box It In Strategy

- **Test**: Widely
- **Isolate**: All infected people
- **Quarantine**: All contacts quarantine for 14 days
- **Find**: Everyone who has been in contact with infected people
Wisconsin and Sawyer County are currently testing anyone with severe to mild symptoms, close contacts to a positive case & random testing (pre-op).
Understanding Our Successful Testing Strategy

- One screening hotline for our county
- Curbside testing scheduling through the hotline or direct scheduling from the clinics
- All healthcare providers & public health are working together on screening guidance (shared understanding)
- Hospital and clinics have been nimble in changing lab usage based on turn-around-time
- LCO and County have a unified command structure along with mass testing events
- Unified messaging with media and social media
Current & Future Focus

- COVID-19 Testing Strategy
  - Health Officer is on State Testing Team as well as on the Subject Matter Expert (SME) Team for the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC)
  - Initial Plan due to Department of Health & Human Services on July 15 and the updated plan is due on September 1st.
- Mass Vaccination Planning
  - How do we prioritize and get everyone vaccinated as vaccine is available
- Contact Tracing
  - Need to contact positive cases within 24 hours of test results and the close contacts within the next 24 hours
  - Isolation, quarantine and testing of close contacts
- Schools Opening/Sports/Events
  - Health Officer is prioritizing time to these areas
- Public questions and concerns
  - PH Nurses and Sanitarians are fielding multiple calls and emails daily on top of their typical roles
Resolution 2020-______

RESOLUTION TO REAFFIRM SAWYER COUNTY’S COMMITMENT TO SECOND AMENDMENT OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION AND THE RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS UNDER THE WISCONSIN CONSTITUTION.

WHEREAS, the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution states “A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed”;

WHEREAS, Article I, Section 25 of the Wisconsin Constitution states “The people have the right to keep and bear arms for security, defense, hunting, recreation or any other lawful purpose”;

WHEREAS, the people of Sawyer County, Wisconsin (the “County”) derive economic benefit from all safe and legal forms of firearms use within the County;

WHEREAS, the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors (“County Board”) is elected to represent the people of the County and have been duly sworn by their oath of office to uphold the United States Constitution and the Wisconsin Constitution;

WHEREAS, there are concerns surrounding the constitutionality of any legislation considered by the Wisconsin State Legislature that would infringe the right to keep and bear arms and ban the possession and use of certain firearms, magazines, ammunition or body armor now employed by individual citizens of the County for defense of life, liberty and property, or would otherwise require a firearms owner I.D. card or tax the possession of firearms or ammunition within the County;

WHEREAS, on July 2, 2020, the Sawyer County Public Safety Committee discussed the contents of this Resolution, and voted to recommend that the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors adopt this Resolution at the next County Board meeting scheduled for July 16, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors shall consider this Resolution at its meeting on July 16, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors determines, adopts and directs the following:

1. Sawyer County hereby re-affirms and publicly declares its commitment to all constitutional obligations, including those set forth in the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution and Article I, Section 25 of the Wisconsin Constitution.
2. Sawyer County has and will continue to support the Sawyer County Sheriff and the Deputies under his command in protecting our rights under United States Constitution and the Wisconsin Constitution and any applicable laws.

3. The Sawyer County Board will not support any actions that could infringe constitutional rights for the citizens of Sawyer County, Wisconsin.

4. Sawyer County opposes the enactment of any state or federal legislation that would infringe upon the constitutional rights of the citizens of Sawyer County, Wisconsin.

This Resolution is recommended for adoption by the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors at its meeting on July 16, 2020 by this Sawyer County Public Safety Committee on this July 2, 2020

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James Schlender, Chair                      Ron Buckholtz, Vice Chair

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Helen Dennis                                Dale Schleeter

____________________________________      
Chuck Van Etten

This Resolution is hereby adopted by the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors this 16th day of July, 2020.

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Tweed Shuman,                              Carol Williamson
Sawyer County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sawyer County Clerk
RESOLUTION TO AMEND SAWYER COUNTY ORDINANCE, SECTION 6.22 (2) Conditional Uses & 6.24(2)(e) Rules and Standards for Non-Metallic Mining & Mineral Mining Fuel Mining Activities

WHEREAS, Wisconsin law permits Sawyer County (the "County") to adopt certain zoning ordinances and amend its existing zoning ordinances;

WHEREAS, the County desires to amend its existing Sawyer County Ordinance Section 6.22 (2) Conditional Uses & 6.24 (2) (e) Rules and Standards for Non-Metallic Mining & Mineral Mining Fuel Mining Activities.

WHEREAS, the Sawyer County Zoning Committee (the "Zoning Committee"), at its meeting on June 19, 2020, reviewed the proposed Ordinance revisions to section 6.22 (2) Conditional Uses & 6.24 (2) (e) Rules and Standards for Non-Metallic Mining & Mineral Mining Fuel Mining Activities. Revisions are attached hereto and incorporated into this Resolution as Exhibit A;

WHEREAS, the Zoning Committee voted to recommend approval of the Ordinance Revisions to the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors ("County Board"); and

WHEREAS, the County Board determined, at its meeting on July 16, 2020 that adopting the Ordinance Revisions in the form set forth in Exhibit A are warranted to protect the health, morals, safety, and general welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors that the Sawyer County Ordinances shall be amended as follows:

6.22 (2) A regular conditional use permit shall be required for the operation and reclamation phases of mineral extractions and mining. Exploration and/or prospecting phases may be included in the conditional use application. The regular conditional use permit shall be granted for a period not to exceed five (5) years, but may be renewed or revised upon re-application for periods of five (5) years.

6.24 (2)(e) The conditional use permit shall be in effect for a period specified by the Zoning Committee not to exceed five (5) years and may be renewed or revised upon re-application for periods of five (5) years. All permitted operations shall be inspected at least once every year by the Zoning Committee or its agents and shall be inspected at the time a request for renewal is before the Zoning Committee to determine if all conditions of the operation are being complied with.
This Resolution is recommended for adoption by the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors at its meeting on **July 16, 2020** by this Sawyer County Zoning Committee on this **June 19, 2020**.

Ron Buckholtz, Chairman
Bruce Paulsen, Vice-Chairman

Troy Morgan, Member
Dawn Petit, Member

Jesse Boettcher, Member
Tweed Shuman, Alternate Member

This Resolution is hereby adopted by the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors this ____ day of ___, 20__.

Tweed Shuman,
Sawyer County Board of Supervisors Chairman

Carol Williamson,
County Clerk
EXHIBIT A

Proposed Zoning Ordinance Revision/Amendment

(May be attached as separate document)

Section 6.22 Conditional Uses & 6.24 Rules and Standards for Non-Metallic Mining & Mineral Fuel Mining Activities

6.22 Conditional Uses

6.22 (2) A regular conditional use permit shall be required for the operation and reclamation phases of mineral extractions and mining. Exploration and/or prospecting phases may be included in the conditional use application. The regular conditional use permit shall be granted for a period not to exceed five (5) years, but may be renewed or revised upon re-application for periods of up to three (3) five (5) years.

6.24 Rules and Standards for Non-Metallic Mining & Mineral Fuel Mining Activities

6.24 (2)(c) The conditional use permit shall be in effect for a period specified by the Zoning Committee not to exceed five (5) years and may be renewed or revised upon re-application for periods of up to three (3) five (5) years. All permitted operations shall be inspected at least once every year by the Zoning Committee or its agents and shall be inspected at the time a request for renewal is before the Zoning Committee to determine if all conditions of the operation are being complied with.
RESOLUTION TO COMMIT COUNTY SHARE OF FUNDS TO THE 2021 AIRPORT
IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, Sawyer County Airport Management and Sawyer County Administration are
developing future capital improvement plans with the State of Wisconsin, Department of
Transportation; and,

WHEREAS, the plan recommends an Apron and Taxi Lane Improvement Project, (the
“Project”) during calendar year 2021; and,

WHEREAS, the Project is estimated to cost approximately $1,019,000, (Attachment A) with
State and Federal commitments responsible for 95% of the project cost and Sawyer County
responsible for the remaining 5%, or approximately $51,000; and,

WHEREAS, the County has already designated $34,000 of funds on hand for Airport projects,
and will need to commit an additional $17,000 to the Project with the 2021 budget; and,

WHEREAS, given the size and scope of the project, the Department of Transportation requires a
commitment from the County in order to proceed with the Project; and,

WHEREAS, the Public Works Committee has reviewed the Project plans and recommends
moving forward with the Project in 2021 and making the commitment to include the Project and
County share of the funding within the 2021 budget.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Recitals set forth above are true and accurate,
and are therefore incorporated into the Resolution and shall be used not just for reference.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors
hereby commits to proceeding with the Project identified above within the 2021 Sawyer County
budget and providing for the County share of the project.

Fiscal Impact: None – Commitment for 2021 Budget
Recommended for adoption by the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors by the Sawyer County Finance Committee this 16th day of June, 2020.

Bruce Paulsen, Chair
Ron Kinsley, Vice Chair

Troy Morgan, Member
Dawn Petit, Member

Tom Duffy, Member
RESOLUTION REGARDING IMPLICATIONS OF VERSO MILL CLOSURES

WHEREAS, On June 9, 2020 Verso announced the idling of their Duluth, MN and Wisconsin Rapids, WI pulp and paper mills by the end of July 2020 for an indefinite period, and

WHEREAS, the idling of these mills will directly impact 1,000 workers and indirectly affect thousands more across the state of Wisconsin that support the mills through related forestry, forestry product work and various support industries, and

WHEREAS, it is understood that the organized and scheduled events using the Trails generate a significant positive economic impact for the County;

WHEREAS, the prolonged closure of these mills will negatively affect national, state, county and private landowners financially and has the potential to affect the ability to continue proper silviculture techniques on those lands to maintain a healthy forest structure, and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Rapids, WI mill utilizes over 25% of all pulpwood produced in the state of Wisconsin, and

WHEREAS, the forest products industry is the number 3 employer in Sawyer County based on number of employees, and

WHEREAS, 30% of total pulpwood on active timber sales in Sawyer County is hardwood pulp, of which 50% would be consumed at the Wisconsin Rapids mill, and

WHEREAS, timber revenue from the Sawyer County Forest reduces the County levy, and the loss of this income will financially affect the citizens of Sawyer County and the public services available to them, and

WHEREAS, a similar impact will be felt by nearly every County operating a County Forest for timber production.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors ask that the Governor and Legislature direct that assistance be provided in any way possible to allow continuation of mill operations and/or financial assistance be considered to support the direct loss of jobs, as well as assistance for other industries impacted by the closure.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the State of Wisconsin work with Counties to identify new markets for forest products and provide flexibility and assistance to replace lost revenues.
The Sawyer County Board of Supervisors hereby adopts this Resolution on this 16th day of July, 2020.

Tweed Shuman
Sawyer County Board of Supervisors Chairman

Carol Williamson
Sawyer County Clerk

The content of this Resolution was recommended for adoption by the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors at its meeting on July 16, 2020 by this Sawyer County Land, Water, and Forest Resources Committee on July 8, 2020.

Bruce Paulsen, Chair

Ron Buckholtz, Vice Chair

Sue Taylor

Marc Helwig

Jesse Boettcher
RESOLUTION TO NOT CHARGE AN EVENT FEE FOR USE OF THE COUNTY FOREST TRAILS

WHEREAS, Sawyer County (the “County”) owns real property that is open to public use for motorized and non-motorized trails in the County forest (collectively, the “Trails”);

WHEREAS, various groups, clubs and associations use the Trails for organized and scheduled events that result in economic benefit to the County;

WHEREAS, it is understood that the organized and scheduled events using the Trails generate a significant positive economic impact for the County;

WHEREAS, it is understood that other communities pay an event organizer to hold events in their communities due to the economic benefits that the community derives from such events;

WHEREAS, the County voted to previously suspend fees for Trail usage; and

WHEREAS, the subject matter of this Resolution was again reviewed and discussed at the County Land, Water and Forest Resources Committee on July 8, 2020, and the County Land, Water and Forest Resources Committee voted to recommend to the County Board of Supervisors that the County Board of Supervisors approve subject matter of this Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors determines the following:

1. The Recitals set forth above are incorporated into the Resolution and shall be used not just for reference.

2. The County shall will not charge any event fee to individuals or organizations using the Trails for scheduled or organized events in light of the significant economic benefit such events bring to the County.

3. This Resolution does not modify or amend any other portion of the Sawyer County Ordinances except to the extent of direct conflict with the provisions set forth herein. Nothing in this Resolution prevents the County from requiring an event permit or administrative review and approval of an event.

Financial Impact, Resource Development Fund loses about $5,000 in revenue.
The Sawyer County Board of Supervisors hereby adopts this Resolution on this 16th day of July, 2020.

Tweed Shuman  
Sawyer County Board of Supervisors Chairman

Carol Williamson  
Sawyer County Clerk

The content of this Resolution was recommended for adoption by the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors at its meeting on July 8, 2020 by this Sawyer County Land, Water, and Forest Resources Committee on February 12, 2020.

Bruce Paulsen, Chair  

Ron Buckholtz, Vice Chair

Susie Taylor  

Marc Helwig

Jesse Boettcher
WHEREAS, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 51.42 and Wis. Stat. § 51.437, Sawyer County (the "County") is legally responsible for the cost of mental health placements/commitments in mental health institutes as designed by the Wisconsin Department of Health ("DHS");

WHEREAS, the severity of care in patients subject to mental health placements pursuant to Wis. Stat. Ch. 51 has continued to increase on a yearly basis, which has resulted in longer and more costly placements;

WHEREAS, since 2013, mental health institute placement options have significantly decreased, due in part to the impacts of Medicaid reimbursement requirements, reimbursements being too low to sustain the State of Wisconsin’s business to provide inpatient services, and the resulting impact of overall mental health service provision sustainability, thereby resulting in facilities eliminating inpatient mental health services that meet the statutory and DHS requirements for County-paid treatment;

WHEREAS, the Winnebago Mental Health Institute ("WMHI") became the default placement location due to other mental health facility and hospital closings;

WHEREAS, WMHI does not accept Medicaid assignment for adult patients receiving care in mental health placements/commitments in mental health institutions pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 51.42 and Wis. Stat. § 51.437;

WHEREAS, since 2013, due to increasing costs and reduced Medicaid reimbursement, the County annually exceeds its mental health inpatient budget and is forced to draw from the County fund balance to cover WMHI mental health inpatient expenditures required by Wis. Stat. § 51.42, Wis. Stat. § 51.437, and other statutory and DHS requirements;

WHEREAS, the County continues to experience significant budget shortfalls due to statutory restrictions on the County’s ability to increase revenues, including the prohibition of increasing its levy limit;

WHEREAS, the County’s fund balance is alarmingly low and it is unsustainable to continue drawing on the County fund balance for increasing amounts paid to WMHI and the State of Wisconsin by the County as required by Wis. Stat. § 51.42, Wis. Stat. § 51.437, and other statutory and DHS requirements, particularly in light of the upward trend for WMHI mental health inpatient expenditures;

WHEREAS, the County has been and continues to seek options for a sustainable solution for costs to be paid by the County pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 51.42, Wis. Stat. § 51.437, and other DHS requirements; however, due to statutory and other state restrictions on the County’s ability to increase revenues that may be used for the mental health inpatient budget, the County must look to outside sources for assistance;
WHEREAS, the County has determined that in order to meet its financial obligations under the Wisconsin Statutes and continue to comply with Wis. Stat. § 51.42, Wis. Stat. § 51.437, and other statutory and DHS requirements, the actions set forth below must be taken;

WHEREAS, the County Health and Human Services Board ("HHS Board"), at its meeting on July 7, 2020, reviewed the subject matter set forth in this Resolution and voted to recommend that the County Board of Supervisors adopt this Resolution at the County Board of Supervisors meeting on July 16, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the County Board of Supervisors, at its meeting on July 16, 2020, discussed the subject matter of this Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors does ordain as follows:

1. The Recitals set forth above are true and accurate, and are incorporated herein.

2. In order for the County to meet its financial obligations under the Wisconsin Statutes, to provide the required services set forth in the Wisconsin Statutes, including the payment of state mental health institution costs pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 51.42, Wis. Stat. § 51.437, and others statutory and DHS requirements, the State of Wisconsin must provide one of the options set forth below:

   a. The State of Wisconsin shall pay for long-term placements and ongoing treatment in State mental health institutions required by applicable law that result in placement for 30 days or more in a given calendar year (January 1 to December 31).

   b. WMHI must be mandated to accept Medicaid assignment to offset the costs of the County's total payment obligations pursuant Wis. Stat. § 51.42, Wis. Stat. § 51.437, and other statutory and DHS requirements.

3. The Wisconsin State Legislature is urged to develop and support legislation to fund additional mental health institute facilities, both for emergency, standard and long-term placements.

4. The County shall continue to seek and analyze other options to pay for required mental health institution costs pursuant Wis. Stat. § 51.42, Wis. Stat. § 51.437, and other statutory and DHS requirements, and the County shall remain committed to working with DHS and other counties to assist in securing a sustainable mental health institute funding solution for the County, its residents and visitors, and the individuals for whom the County has a legal and moral obligation to care.

5. The County Health and Human Service Department Director is hereby directed to take all steps the Director may deem, in the Director's professional judgment,
reasonable and necessary to address the issues set forth in this Resolution and to secure solutions for said issues.

6. The County Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Office of the Wisconsin Governor, all members of the Wisconsin State Legislature, the Wisconsin Counties Association, and the Wisconsin Department of Health Services Secretary.

(Signatures on separate page)
This Resolution is recommended for adoption by the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors at its meeting on July 16, 2020 by this Sawyer County Health and Human Services Board on this July 7, 2020.

Dale Schleeter, Chairman

Tweed Shuman, Vice Chair

Dale Olson, County Board Member

Dawn Petit, County Board Member

Chuck Van Etten, County Board Member

Lorraine Gouge, LCO Tribal Member

Dr. Sabrina Dunlap, Public Health Care Professional

Carol Pearson, Community Member

Jennifer Vobornik, Community Member

This Resolution is hereby adopted by the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors this 16th day of July, 2020.

Tweed Shuman, Sawyer County Board of Supervisors Chairman

Carol Williamson, Sawyer County Clerk
SAWYER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
RESOLUTION TO ADOPT SAWYER RESIDENTIAL COLLECTION PROCEDURES

RESOLUTION NO. ________

WHEREAS, Wisconsin law requires that Sawyer County (the "County") provide certain health and human services;

WHEREAS, Wisconsin law sets forth the parameters of the collection for such services;

WHEREAS, Wisconsin law allows the County to adopt collection policies and procedures that are consistent with Wisconsin law;

WHEREAS, the County Department of Health and Human Services has determined it is in the best interest of the County to adopt the Residential Collection Procedures attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit A ("Residential Collection Procedures");

WHEREAS, the County Health and Human Services Board ("HHS Board"), at its meeting on July 7, 2020, reviewed the subject matter set forth in this Resolution and the Residential Collection Procedures and voted to recommend that the County Board of Supervisors approve the Residential Collection Procedures at the County Board of Supervisors meeting on July 16, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the County Board of Supervisors, at its meeting on July 16, 2020, discussed the subject matter of this Resolution and the Residential Collection Procedures.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors does ordain as follows:

1. The Recitals set forth above are true and accurate, and are incorporated herein.

2. The County hereby approves the Residential Collection Procedures attached hereto as Exhibit A.

3. The County Health and Human Service Department Director is hereby directed to take all steps the Director may deem, in the Director’s professional judgment, reasonable and necessary to effectuate the implementation of the Residential Collection Procedures.

(Signatures Appear on the Following Page)
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Sawyer County Board of Supervisors Chairman

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EXHIBIT A

Proposed Residential Collection Procedures

(See attached)
Collection Procedures for Sawyer County Health and Human Services

All billing and collection efforts shall strive toward what is fair and equitable treatment for both the clients who receive service and taxpayers who bear unmet costs.

This Collection Procedure is subject to the Sawyer County Health and Human Services Collection Policy and Procedure, Wis. Admin. Code CH. DHS 1, and any other applicable laws. In the event of any conflict between this Collection Procedure and any applicable law, the applicable law shall control.

RESIDENTIAL:

Completion of an admission and residential financial information form including income, assets and signature certifying all information provided is true and correct, will be required to determine monthly ability to pay.

A redetermination of ability to pay shall be made at any time during the treatment or payment period that a significant change (increase or decrease) occurs in available income.

Sawyer County's Health and Human Services' accounts receivable staff will review client eligibility no less than annually. A determination of no ability to pay does not dismiss client liability.

If the client has no ability to pay at time of determination, collection activities will cease until a redetermination is warranted (no less than annually).

The ability to pay dollar amount will be the required monthly payment.

The monthly payment will be required until the outstanding client liability is satisfied or the ten (10) year statute of limitations from the date of service pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 893.87 has been reached.

A statement with total outstanding client liability will be provided to all clients regardless of their ability to pay.

Services must be programmatically necessary, as determined by the provider. If services deemed NOT PROGRAMMATICALLY NECESSARY are desired, the full cost for these services are the responsibility of the client at the time of service.

All accounts must be kept current. After ninety (90) days of non-payment and after providing of three billing statements, an account will be turned over to the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, Bureau of Fiscal Services for collection.

The program director may recommend an adjustment to a client liability due to extenuating circumstances. Any adjustments to a client's ability to pay, as noted on their residential financial form, must be approved by the Sawyer County Health and Human Services Director.

Clients may request a review of their account balance and a potential reduction in their liability due to financial hardship. The Sawyer County Health and Human Services Director will approve or deny such requests consistent with the standards set forth in Wis. Admin. Code Ch. DHS 1.
Residential Care
Liability for Cost of Care Worksheet

All residents receiving service are responsible to pay for their cost of care. The cost is figured at a daily rate that includes all care and services provided. If a resident is unable to pay the full cost, it will be necessary for them to provide financial information for the purpose of computing a reduced payment schedule according to the worksheet below:

Name: ___________________ DOB: _____________ SSN: ____________

Facility: __________________ Current Daily Rate: __________________

EARNED/UNEARNED INCOME:

1. Monthly amount of NET EARNED income ......................................................... (+) __________
2. Monthly amount of UNEARNED income ............................................................... (+) __________
3. Amount received for support of legal dependents (child support) ..................... (+) __________
4. Court-ordered payments (child support/fines/probation/etc.) ..................... (-) __________
5. TOTAL ........................................................................................................ Line 1 or 2 plus line 3 MINUS line 4 (=) __________

6a. Subtract $65 for personal needs ......................................................................... (-) $65.00

Amount retained for personal needs may be adjusted as permitted by applicable law.

6b. Additional amount retained for personal needs, IF APPLICABLE (please list):

                                                                                      (-) __________
                                                                                      __________

7. Monthly amount of adjusted income ........................................ Line 5 minus lines 6a & 6b .......... (=) __________

Monthly Payment Based on Monthly EARNED Income (line 7 total x 50%) .................. (=) __________

Monthly Payment Based on Monthly UNEARNED income ............................................. (=) __________

(This liability may be adjusted if liquid assets exceed eligibility limits for SSI or Medicaid as permitted by applicable law.)

ASSETS:

Value of liquid assets: (ATTACH COPY OF MOST CURRENT STATEMENT)

Checking ........................................................ Savings ..........................................................

Trust Funds ......................................................... Stocks/Bonds......................................... $ __________

Retirement Funds □ Other: ............................................................

Other: ________________ Other: ________________

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*Wisconsin Administrative Code Ch. DHS 1. is available for review upon request.
Equitable Value of fixed assets:
(Fair market value of asset less any liabilities)

House ........................................ Collections including, but not limited to coins, stamps, antiques, etc... (Please list below)

Vehicles ........................................

Other: __________________________________________

Other: __________________________________________

In accordance with Wisconsin Administrative Code DHS 1.03:

• Refusal to provide full financial information will result in FULL LIABILITY for monthly charges incurred.

Payment schedules will be arranged through Sawyer County Health and Human Services.

BASED ON THE COMPUTATIONS ABOVE, I UNDERSTAND THAT MY MINIMUM MONTHLY PAYMENT TOWARDS MY LIABILITY FOR THE COST OF MY CARE IS $ ____ PER MONTH.

*Attach copies of proof of income and court-ordered fees.

Signature of Resident: ___________________________ Date: __________

Print Name of Witness: __________________________________________

Signature of Witness: ___________________________ Date: __________

Name of Case Manager: __________________________________________

Signature of Case Manager: ___________________________ Date: __________

*Wisconsin Administrative Code Ch. DHS 1 is available for review upon request.
New Matters:

HHS/Winnebago Resolution – Given the budget constraints the County is facing, the Health and Human Services Board reviewed a Resolution to be sent to the State requesting it pay for long-term placements and ongoing treatment in State mental health institutions. The Resolution also addresses the need for Medicaid revisions to offset the County's payment obligations.

Second Amendment Resolution – A Resolution was presented to the County for consideration to protect individual rights under the Second Amendment. It followed the County process for review, consideration and revision, and was then presented to the Public Safety Committee on July 2nd. The County Board will consider the Resolution at its meeting on July 16th.

Criminal Justice Program – In light of program personnel changes, CJCC considered an alternative option for program delivery. I was directed to obtain a proposal from JusticePoint for the delivery of these services. The proposal has been received and I have a conference call on Friday to review the proposal with the JusticePoint representatives.

Election Security Subgrant Application – The Wisconsin Elections Commission is offering grant funds to counties to off-set costs of election security. Sawyer County is eligible for $35,000 plus 30 cents per person of voting age in 2019, or approximately $5,000 more. The funds can be used to improve elections cybersecurity. The County submitted its application on July 15th.

UniverCity Year Program – The UniverCity Year Program is a 3-year partnership in which local governments present projects to UW-Madison. UW-Madison then matches us with resources on campus that help us work through those project ideas. I am in the process of evaluating whether to apply to participate in this program.

COWS Sessions – WCA put on the County Officials Workshop (COWS) in June to help county board members understand their roles and responsibilities. In case you missed any of the sessions, the links are provided below:

- County Officials Workshops (COWS) - WI Public Records Law / Ethics & Conflicts of Interest (6/29/2020)
- TOPICS OF THIS WEBINAR: Wisconsin’s Public Records Law, and Ethics & Conflicts of Interest. This webinar is a unique opportunity for both newly elected county government officials and veterans of...
the county board to learn from experienced educators about best practices and avoiding the pitfalls of governance.

Watch the June 29, 2020 COWS webinar clicking here

- **County Officials Workshops (COWS) - Running Effective Meetings / County Budgeting** (6/22/2020)
- TOPICS OF THIS WEBINAR: Running Effective Meetings and County Budgeting. This webinar is a unique opportunity for both newly elected county government officials and veterans of the county board to learn from experienced educators about best practices and avoiding the pitfalls of governance.

Watch the June 22, 2020 COWS webinar clicking here

- **County Officials Workshops (COWS) - WI Open Meetings Law / Agendas & Minutes** (6/15/2020)
- TOPICS OF THIS WEBINAR: Wisconsin’s Open Meetings Law, and Agendas & Minutes. This webinar is a unique opportunity for both newly elected county government officials and veterans of the county board to learn from experienced educators about best practices and avoiding the pitfalls of governance.

Watch the June 15, 2020 COWS webinar clicking here.

- **County Officials Workshops (COWS) - Who We Are / Roles & Responsibilities** (6/8/2020)
- TOPICS OF THIS WEBINAR: Who We Are: The UW-Madison Division of Extension Local Government Center and the Wisconsin Counties Association and Roles & Responsibilities. This webinar is a unique opportunity for both newly elected county government officials and veterans of the county board to learn from experienced educators about best practices and avoiding the pitfalls of governance.

Watch the June 8, 2020 COWS webinar clicking here.

**WPPA Negotiations** – The County will be entering into negotiations with the Wisconsin Professional Police Association (WPPA). This is the only remaining union with which the County negotiates wages. Our first meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 10th.

**Verso Mills** – Verso Mills announced the idling of their Duluth, MN and Wisconsin Rapids, WI pulp and paper mills by the end of July 2020 for an indefinite period. The County Forester is monitoring the impact on our timber sales.

**School Bus Safety** – I attended a meeting with stakeholders hosted by Supervisor Schlender at the Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe College to discuss strategies for increasing school bus safety.

**2020 and 2021 Budget:**

**2020 and 2021 Projections** – Accounting Manager Mike Keefe and I continue working with 2020 budget projections as we continue to receive new information of the financial impacts of COVID-19. This will impact the 2021 budget as well, so the projections are continually monitored.
**Debt Issuance** – After the County Board’s decision to proceed with planning for debt issuance in the 2021 budget, Accounting Manager Mike Keefe and I met with financial advisor PMA and are scheduling meetings with other providers of this service in anticipation of developing the best plan for the County.

**Department Budgets** – 2021 Department budgets are due to be turned in to Mike Keefe by July 31st. Mike and I then meet with the Department Directors to discuss and revise. These budgets will be considered in committees in August through November. Directors have been advised of the preliminary projected 2021 deficit estimate exceeding $900,000, so each Department has been instructed to develop budgets with no increase in service levels.

**COVID-19 Update:**

The COVID-19 situation continues to evolve with increase in positive tests, changing circumstances at the state and national level, and the hodge-podge of directions from the courts, economic concerns and local business’ economic health. These ever-changing circumstances continue to impact the residents and businesses of Sawyer County, and we continue to adapt County services accordingly. We maintain the responsibility of providing a safe and healthy environment for our citizens.

Like prior months, the list below is not intended to be a full COVID-19 update or a complete description of all COVID-19 work. Rather, this list may be used as a reference of COVID-19’s effects on Sawyer County's operations:

**COVID-19 Response:**

**Public Health Officer (PHO) and COVID-19 Response Team** – Public Health Officer Julia Lyons and her staff, Emergency Management Director Pat Sanchez, and the entire COVID-19 Response Team continue to work responding to the ongoing changes in public health needs and evolving data. The COVID-19 Response Team leaders, Sheriff Mrotek, Chairperson Shuman, Human Resources Manager Rose Lillyroot, Accounting Manager Mike Keefe and I continue our scheduled status calls and meet at other times when necessary.

**Business Re-Openings** – Local business have re-opened and Julia works closely with many businesses with ongoing questions. Many businesses have chosen to require masks before entering and require social distancing when it is practicable with business operations. Given the concern surrounding increases in positives, many businesses are taking extra precautions to support minimizing community spread.

**Enforcement** – Enforcement of state Orders remains difficult with the *Palm* decision, and now various orders from the local level applying *Palm* to local orders. Close work between the COVID-19 team members is essential to provide a safe and healthy environment for our citizens while balancing the legal restrictions. The Wisconsin Counties Association continues to provide legal updates twice weekly and we work with legal counsel on specific issues.
**PHO Orders** – While Julia’s statutory authority to issue health orders has not changed, Palm and the other legal challenges throughout the state continue to create enforcement questions. The COVID-19 response team works to determine whether Orders or advisory Orders are needed. The COVID-19 team uses scientific data to make these decisions. Information about County Orders is disseminated to the public through press releases and social media outlets.

**Intergovernmental Cooperation** – When available, I participate in set weekly calls with WCA, WCEA, and NaCO for legal updates, information sharing and discussion. I also utilize the daily updates published by WCA, NaCO and other state organizations. Communication with other Administrators of northern counties remains an important part of the COVID-19 response, particularly in light of the ongoing enforcement issues and unique circumstances that northern counties face.

**Legislation, Executive Orders and Emergency Orders** – In light of the Palm decision, the Orders issued by the Governor and DHS Secretary-designee Andrea Palm are no longer in place. However, the Governor and Secretary Palm may issue guidance that is considered but may not be followed in Sawyer County depending upon the data and local circumstances. We monitor state communications in the event the Governor issues any binding Orders.

**Employee Work and Building Access:**

**County Employees’ Remote Work** – Many County employees continue to work remotely consistent with the plans we previously adopted. Plans evolve as scientific data and department needs change. We continue to monitor the effectiveness of the plans. Foresters, Land Records, Child Support, Surveyors, UWEX, and some HHS divisions are all working remotely or in the field. Other County offices have minimal staff on a rotating basis such as the Register of Deeds, Treasury, Clerks, Zoning, Administration, and Courts. Rose Lillyroot, Department Directors, and I monitor remote work and modify the plan as workloads and seasonal activity dictates.

**Building Access and Other Operational Changes:**

**Virtual Meeting Process** – County meetings are still available to be attended virtually through Zoom. This will continue for the foreseeable future. The public is encouraged to attend all meetings virtually to promote social distancing within the Board room given the continued spread of COVID-19. Virtual meeting attendance is also allowed by Board Rules and is also encouraged for staff and other county administrators.

**Restricted Access/Single Point of Entry** – Access to the courthouse continues to be limited to a single point of entry being the door off the parking lot. The COVID-19 Response Team has published a lot of information for the public to assist in minimizing the in-person trips to the courthouse. Citizens may also may email or call a specific department to set up an in-person appointment if necessary. This will remain in effect until further notice.

**Maintenance /Cleaning Operations** – Maintenance staff, under the direction of Tim Hagberg, have re-commenced certain projects and routine maintenance, but their efforts continue to focus on cleaning and disinfecting employee and public areas. A UV light
system in the cold air return of all furnaces, which kills a high percentage of bacteria, germs, mold spores, and allergens present in the air circulating throughout the courthouse, has been installed.

Screen/Mask – The PHO has implemented a masking protocol for employees that requires them to wear masks while at work in certain areas.

Several counties have implemented polices regarding masking for other visitors to the office. We communicate with other northern counties and review each other’s policies and protocols to determine best practices in responding to this new pandemic. Note that the circuit court is subject to its own masking policy due to statutory separation of circuit court operations.

Drop Boxes – Drop boxes are being used effectively by the public for delivery of items that would otherwise be dropped off in-person at County offices. This reduces in-person visits to the courthouse and has been integrated in daily staff routines. The drop boxes do not replace general mail service.

Other Financial Considerations:

COVID-19 Expense Tracking – COVID-19’s global financial impacts are already hitting Sawyer County. Departments have been instructed to track all eligible expenses so those may be claimed and reimbursed by the federal and state government. Accounting Manager Mike Keefe has set up codes within the financial system that will allow reporting of these expenses to FEMA once that process has been developed. We do not know the exact percentage of costs that will be reimbursed; however, the team is thorough in tracking to ensure any eligible cost will be claimed.

Reimbursement and Grant Funding – Both the state and federal governments moved relief bills in hopes to offset local governments’ expenses. We track all legislation, stay involved with WCA, and review daily briefings for up-to-date financial information. Just today, the WCA released a “Routes to Recovery Q&A” document in order to help counties determine eligible expenditures.

Sales Tax Impact – Sales tax collections continue to be a concern for counties throughout the state. Updated forecasts show that through the first half of the year, sales tax revenues have held steady thanks to a strong start in the beginning of the year. Forward Analytics, the research arm of WCA, has developed a tool we use to run sales tax scenarios for the second half of the year. Although the next few months will be crucial, we are more optimistic than we were when businesses were shut down.

Ongoing Matters/Updates:

5th Street Vacation – The City of Hayward met in closed session on July 13th to discuss a “land swap” with the County for the vacation of 5th Street as part of the city’s California Avenue expansion project. The vacation presents opportunities for new courthouse construction plans that were not available before. I will provide more specific information during the Board’s closed session on July 16th.
Second Circuit Court Branch – Sawyer County is still on track to receive a second circuit court branch but it will not become official until after November 14, 2021. Various communications with court personnel continue as needed. As a reminder, the County must have a functional drug court and the required infrastructure in place by May 31, 2023.

MuniCode – The County Ordinance codification project is moving forward. After the initial steps are completed, MuniCode assigns the materials to one of its code attorneys to supervise the next steps. Codification projects typically take anywhere from approximately 9-18 months to complete.

Airport Construction Projects – Public Works Committee recommended approval for reconstruction of the airport’s apron and taxi lanes. The project is anticipated to begin next spring. The project will require County funding in 2021.

Secondary Dispatch – A temporary secondary dispatch center that was set up in the Administration area of the courthouse will be moved to the Winter Fire Hall once that site has been prepared. Moving the secondary dispatch center to the southern portion of the County will ensure continuity of dispatch services in case the operations in the northern part of the County become incapacitated.

Winter Depot Update – Ron Petit reports that significant progress is being made and that the reconstruction project is nearing completion. The grand opening has been tentatively rescheduled to September 4th, which is the Friday before Labor Day.

OO Property Ground Lease and MOU – The revisions to the OO property Ground Lease and Memorandum of Understanding are complete. The documents were presented to LWFR Committee in July and will be on their August agenda for discussion and possible action before being considered by the County Board if so recommended by the Committee.
Other Items:

- County Fairgrounds MOU
- Ambulance billing
- TimeClocks Plus project
- Resolution review/format questions
- Receivables oversight
- Tiger Cat Dam issues
- Clean Lake Ordinance
- Cell tower issues
- UDC inspection questions
- Exploration of metrics for departments
- Various open record requests
- CAFO moratorium discussion and potential legislative changes
- Ongoing Comprehensive Plan and Outdoor Recreation Plan updates
- Airport Hangar Lease/empty hangar inquiries
- Airport FBO fee oversight; FBO application process for hanger lessees and other businesses
- Dam repairs and construction
- Ongoing meetings with Department Directors and Department issues
- Addressing ongoing human resources challenges
- Ongoing research and attention to alternative funding sources and grant opportunities to assist in County funding with topics beyond COVID-19
- Senior Resource Center – Budget and MOU
- Sawyer County/LCO MOU for UWEX services
- Internal contract reviews