

**Minutes of the February 9th Special meeting of the Sawyer County
Board of Supervisors
Assembly Room; Sawyer County Courthouse/Virtual**



Voting Committee Members

Present (X)	District	Wards
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dale Schleeter	01	T Lenroot W-1, T Hayward W-7, C Hayward W-5
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jesse Boettcher	02	T Lenroot W-2, T Round Lake W-1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tweed Shuman	03	T Hayward W-1 & 2
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stacey Hessel	04	T Hayward W-3 & 4
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jason Weaver	05	T Hayward W-5 & 6
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marc D. Helwig	06	C Hayward W-1 & 2
<input type="checkbox"/> Thomas W. Duffy	07	C Hayward W-3 & 4
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marshal Savitski	08	T Bass Lake W-1 & 2
<input type="checkbox"/> Brian Bisonette - virtual	09	T Bass Lake W-3 & 4
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Maestri - virtual	10	T Sand Lake, T Edgewater W-1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chris Rusk	11	T Edgewater W-2, T Bass Lake W-5, T Hayward W-8, T Meteor, T Couderay, V Couderay
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Righeimer	12	T Spider Lake, T Round Lake W-2, T Winter W-1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ron Kinsley	13	T Hunter, T Radisson W-1, T-Ojibwa W-1, V Radisson
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ron Buckholtz	14	T Radisson W-2, T Ojibwa W-2, T Weirgor, V Exeland, T Meadowbrook
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ed Peters	15	T Winter W-2, T Draper, V Winter

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance— Chair Tweed Shuman called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Roll call was taken; quorum was met.

Certification of Compliance with the open meeting law was met.

Public Comments –

Agenda Item -

Consider Additional Courtroom/Construction Project Expenses -

Safety and Security Items – Mr. Albarado advised that the items being discussed that were not in the final plans. In the court area additional cameras are requested, hallway cameras, intercom equipment in the hallways and bullet resistant film over the judges’ windows. Additional courtroom equipment is also included. The measures will be able to provide additional staffing efficiencies and safety measures. The estimated cost is \$45,000-\$50,000 plus approximately \$6,000 for the bullet-resistant film. These costs are outside the original project scope and are not to be paid out of the contingency fund. The total cost is estimated at approximately \$56,000. The contingency fund balance is \$49,000 and will likely be used up, excluding these items.

Mr. Markgren provided a list of four different funding sources: remaining ARPA funds, project contingency fund, roll into next debt issue or take out of general fund balance reserves. The most likely sources are the use of general funds or rolling it into the total borrowing request. He recommends rolling it into the next debt issue. Sheriff Mrotek outlined the safety measures and efficiency measures that would result with the new equipment. A motion was made by Mr. Buckholtz; second by Mr. Rusk to move forward with these measures, and roll the funds into our next

debt issue. A roll call vote was taken and passed 12 – 1, with “yes” votes from Shuman, Kinsley, Boettcher, Hessel, Savitski, Rusk, Helwig, Weaver, Buckholtz, Peters, Righeimer and Maestri. One “no” vote from Schleeter.

Department Head Reports --

Veteran Service Office Report – A written report was provided. Mr. Elliot reviewed the highlights. The long-term care assistant has arrived and is training in the ADRC functions before coming to the Veterans Service office for training. He reviewed the current grants that he is submitting. He advised they have two transport vans for veterans’ medical appointments and they run Monday-Thursday, with the exceptions of driver vacations and holidays.

IT Report – A written report was provided. Mr. Coleson advised that the latest project has been to help the Sheriff’s department update their page on our website. They are also working on a new site redesign for the Sheriff’s page, and tweaking the ADRC equipment. They work closely with the vendors on the construction project, as well.

Human Resources Report – A written report was provided. Ms. Lillyroot reported we are making headway on our open positions, including our female jailer. One new maintenance and one EMS staff member start work on Monday.

County Clerk Department Report – A written report was provided which included election updates and department activities. February Primary Election is well underway, and the April election data has been submitted for programming.

Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 10:38 am.

Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk