

**Minutes of the March 9th meeting of the Sawyer County
Finance Committee
Of the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors
Assembly Room; Sawyer County**



Voting Committee Members (X) Present:

- Chair: **Ron Kinsley**
- Vice Chair, John Righeimer - Exc
- Stacey Hessel
- Tom Duffy
- Dale Schleeter

Andy Albarado
Lynn Fitch

Others Present:

Mike Markgren
Vince Fairchild - virtual
Linda Zillmer

Call to Order –Chair Kinsley called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

Certification of Compliance with the open meeting law was met. Roll Call taken and quorum was met.

Meeting Agenda –

Public Comments – Linda Zillmer

Minutes from the previous meeting dated: February 9, 2023

Motion to approve made by: Mr. Duffy Second by: Ms. Hessel
Motion carried without negative vote.

Treasurer Department Report -

A written report was provided.

Native American Property Taxation-Treaty of 1854 Update-Impact of Appellate Court Decision -

Mr. Albarado advised that the Town of Bass Lake has been working with the Tribe on a list of approximately 80 properties that may be removed from the tax role. Town of Hayward has a shorter list that is still being verified. The Governor's budget has a provision to make counties whole for these losses, but it is not yet approved.

Finance Department Report -

Sales Tax Distribution – Mr. Markgren reviewed the sales tax report which now offers projections for the future months using averages.

Budget Updates – A written report was provided. Mr. Markgren reviewed the highlights indicating we are currently at 98% for the year 2022. The Highway Department and HHS are not yet closed out as expenses are still coming in.

Capital Improvement Plan Update – Purchases -

Investment Review and Update -

A written report of bank balances was provided, and Mr. Markgren reviewed the highlights. Money market rates are currently very competitive with CD rates.

EMS – Ambulance Updates -

Billing/Financial Report – A written report was provided. Mr. Markgren reviewed the report, adding a billing aging report. The month of December reflects high calls but low billing/revenue. They are considering bringing the actual billing into our own Finance Department in the future. December and January calls were over 400. On collections, we are running similar to the previous cycle.

Town of Edgewater Request – Mr. Albarado reviewed the request to removing the township from the ambulance service levy, as they have been using Birchwood service more. Per statute, that method is not available. The level of service is different, Sawyer being paramedic and Birchwood being Basic. More investigation is needed before deciding.

Financial and Fund Updates -

ARPA Funds - All ARPA funds but approximately \$50,000 are already committed.

Opioid Funds – Mr. Albarado advised that the CJCC and HHS are putting a strategic plan together to address needs and spending.

LATCF – Sawyer County will receive approximately \$750,000 of these federal funds.

Future Agenda Items –

Correspondence, reports from conferences and meetings -

Adjournment – 9:37 am

Next Meeting: April 13, 2023 **Time:** 8:30 am **Location:** Assembly Room
Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk

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