

**Minutes of the March 10th meeting of the Sawyer County
Public Works Committee
Of the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors
Assembly Room; Sawyer County**



Voting Committee Members Present:

- Chair: **Ron Kinsley**
- Marc Helwig – Vice Chair
- Ed Peters
- Dale Olson - Virtual
- Brian Bisonette - Virtual

Others Present:

Tom Hoff
Mike Coleson
Lynn Fitch
Tim Halberg - Virtual
Tweed Shuman
John Cain - Virtual
Cliff Korn

Others Present:

Derek Leslie
Gary Gedart
Rebecca Roecker
Dan Mersel – Virtual
Tony Pfendt – Virtual
Dave McCorquodale - Virtual

Call to Order – Chair Ron Kinsley called the meeting to order at 6:30 [pm](#).

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

Meeting Agenda – A motion was made by Mr. Helwig; second by Mr. Peters to move #8 and #9 after #6 on the agenda. Motion carried without negative vote.

Minutes from the previous meeting – A motion was made by Mr. Helwig to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2021, meeting; second by Mr. Peters. Motion carried without negative vote.

Highway Commissioner's Report – Written reports were provided. Mr. Gedart advised that bids for asphalt and paving were going out at this time and bid tabulation will be held soon. Tabulation results will be available at the April Public Works Committee meeting. There is uncertainty in pricing for oil and gas; hot-mix asphalt bid came in at \$52.50/ton which is an increase of \$2.10/ton. He reported on a positive note that the pavement marking bid was secured with the new company at \$.22/lineal foot. The bid for the bridge over the Courte Oreilles River came in 3% under the engineer's original estimate. Many staff members in the Highway department have now received the Covid-19 vaccination or are signed up to do so.

Maintenance Department Report – A written report was provided. Mr. Hagberg announced that the new dispatch remodel/upgrade has gone well. In the process they were able to add more electrical capacity to the generator and hook additional equipment up for emergency backup.

Sawyer County Airport Report – Derek Leslie provided a copy of the letter that was sent to all hangar lease owners explaining the hangar review process. He advised that the bids for the ramp expansion project are due on March 18th, and there seems to be good interest in bidding for this project, and selection for a consultant for the project is underway. Mr. Leslie did a phone interview with a writer from Business View magazine regarding the regional effect of the Hayward Airport on our community in Sawyer County. The magazine has a circulation of 840,000.

Mr. Hoff explained the process that the County and Mr. Leslie have undergone to review hangar leases. The goal is to bring all leases into good standing and establish consistent procedures to move forward for leases that have not yet reached term. Legal counsel, Rebecca Roecker, discussed the types of lease conditions under review: 1) leases in good standing; 2) leases that have gone through 20-year period and now are in the 10-year extension period; and 3) leases that have gone past 30 years and are month-to-month.

Several hangar owners commented on the process: Dan Mersel, Cliff Korn, and Tony Pfendt.

Mr. Hoff provided the 2019 Wisconsin Airport Rates & Charges Report; he will send the link for the report to committee members and hangar owners.

Motion was made by Mr. Olson to postpone action on Agenda Item 7c (Hangar Lease Update) to next month's agenda; second made by Mr. Peters. The motion carried with three votes "aye", one vote "nay". This action will be added to the April Public Safety Agenda.

In regard to item 7d (Hangar Lease Amendments), a motion was made by Mr. Helwig; second by Mr. Peters to approve the hangar lease amendments A-I. Motion carried without negative vote.

Courtroom Remodel – A written report was provided. Mr. Hoff advised that the California Avenue work should be done this spring. Mr. Cain reviewed the itemized list of current remodeling activities. He would like to begin doing some courtroom touring with interested parties to view other layouts. He expects that the project will start in earnest once a construction manager is hired.

Meeting Date/Time – The next meeting of the Public Works Committee will be Wednesday, April 14th, at 6:30 pm in the Assembly Room.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm
Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk

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