

Minutes of the May 12th 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
- Tom Duffy
- Stacey Hessel - Virtual
- Dale Schleeter

Others Present:

- Andy Albarado
- Lynn Fitch
- Mike Coleson
- Ron Buckholtz
- Tweed Shuman
- Mike Keefe
- Linda Zillmer

Call to Order – Clerk Fitch 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.

Elections -- Chair Fitch conducted the election of the Chair and Vice Chair. A motion was made by Mr. Duffy to nominate Ron Kinsley as Chair. With no other nominations coming forth, a voice vote was cast to unanimously accept the nomination of Ron Kinsley as Chair; motion carried without negative vote. A motion was made by Ms. Hessel to nominate John Righeimer as Vice Chair. With no other nominations coming forth, a voice vote was cast to unanimously accept the nomination of John Righeimer as Vice Chair; motion carried without negative vote.

Meeting Agenda –

Public Comments –

Minutes of the previous meeting – A motion was made by Mr. Duffy to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2022, meeting; second by Ms. Hessel. Motion carried without negative vote.

Treasurer's Report – A sales tax report was provided.

ARPA Funds Update and Process -- A resolution for ARPA funds use for Civil Air Patrol has been re-presented to the Committee. A motion was made by Ms. Hessel to approve the Civil ARPA request; hearing no second, the motion fails. Public comments were made by Linda Zillmer.

2023 Budget Guidelines -- A written report was provided. Mr. Keefe reviewed the budget process. The guidelines are those that the Administrator would follow as he develops the next budget. This year's budget will be affected by the pending labor negotiations with the Sheriff's Department.

Resolution to Designate General Fund Balance -- Mr. Keefe presented the resolution that would allow us to designate \$1,300,000 to cover the HHS budget shortage, and re-establish \$300,000 in Resource Development Fund Dam Projects. Ms. Hessel made a motion to approve the resolution and forward to County Board; second by Mr. Righeimer. Motion carried without negative vote.

Carbon Tax Credit Update -- Mr. Albarado advised that Bluesource will make a presentation at County Board meeting and be available to answer questions.

Grant Writing Options -- Mr. Albarado followed up with grant writing options and will begin discussions at department head meetings. He will also talk to larger counties that have grant writing departments.

Opioid Settlement Update -- Mr. Albarado advised that a national settlement administrator was appointed last month. This will begin the process of distribution. We should hear within 60 days what the amount will be and could start in the 3rd quarter; it is based on per capita. Eligible uses will be identified.

Future Agenda Items – Grant Writing Options; Opioid Settlement Update; Budget Projections for Out-of-County Placements

Meeting Date/Time – The next meeting of the Finance Committee will be Thursday, June 9, at 8:30 am in the Assembly Room.

Meeting adjourned at 9:26 am

Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk

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