

**Minutes of the May 20th meeting of the Sawyer County
Board of Supervisors
Large Courtroom; 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 & 6
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jesse Boettcher-Virtual	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-1 & 3
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> James H. Schlender, Jr.	05	T Hayward W-5 & 6
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marc D. Helwig	06	C Hayward W-1 & 2
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Thomas W. Duffy	07	C Hayward W-3 & 4
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bruce Paulsen	08	T Bass Lake W-1 & 2
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brian Bisonette-Virtual	09	T Bass Lake W-3 & 4
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chuck Van Etten-Virtual	10	T Sand Lake, T Edgewater W-1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dale Olson - Virtual	11	T Edgewater W-2, T Bass Lake W-5, T Hayward W-8, T Meteor, T Couderay, V Couderay
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dawn Petit-Virtual	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 met.

Certification of Compliance with the open meeting law was met.

Public Comments

Minutes – A motion was made by Mr. Olson to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2021, meeting; second by Mr. Duffy. Motion carried without negative vote.

Appointments – A motion was made by Mr. Helwig; second by Mr. Paulsen to appoint Ms. Hessel to the open position on the PACE Commission. Motion carried without negative vote.

Zoning Committee Chair Report – Mr. Buckholtz reported that the zoning office continues to receive a record number of zoning requests. Mr. Koslowski presented a resolution for Case #21-004, Zachary and Kelly White, to rezone from F-1 to A-2 for the purpose of hobby farming. This resolution was passed at the April 16, 2021 Zoning Committee meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Olson; second by Mr. Paulsen to approve the request. Motion carried without negative vote.

Public Safety Committee Chair Report – Mr. Schlender advised that the jail is currently at 85% capacity and law enforcement calls are up slightly over last year at this time. JusticePoint continues to work on the application for the TAD grant funding for a diversion program and drug court which would satisfy one of the remaining requirements to receive a second Judge for the County.

Public Works – Mr. Kinsley reported that the new heating system in the jail is installed and the airport is in the process of repaving the approach to the runway. A Quit Claim Deed for that part of Airport Road discontinued by Highway Order 387701 was presented. A motion was made by Mr. Paulsen; second by Mr. Helwig to approve this Quit Claim deed. Motion carried without negative vote.

Mr. Kinsley advised that the Courthouse Construction Ad Hoc Committee completed the interview process for hiring the at-risk construction manager company for the courthouse remodel project, and the committee recommends that Miron Construction be hired for this purpose. Four companies were interviewed on May 7th. A motion was made by Mr. Helwig; second by Mr. Duffy to approve the hiring of Miron Construction as the at-risk construction manager. Motion carried with a vote of 14-1.

Land, Water, and Forest Resources Committee Chair Report – An over-the-counter land sale in the Town of Bass Lake #002169033100 was presented. A motion was made by Mr. Buckholtz; second by Mr. Duffy to approve this land sale request. Motion carried without negative vote.

A resolution from LCO Tribal Governing Board in support of Sawyer County to participating in ATV/UTV Trails Aids Applications was presented. A motion was made by Mr. Helwig; second by Mr. Buckholtz to approve this resolution partnership. Motion carried without negative vote.

A resolution authorizing an increase to the 2020 Sawyer County ATV-Snowmobile projects budget for the purchase of a utility tractor was presented. Our current tractor is now out of OSHA compliance and the new tractor would replace the existing piece of equipment. A motion was made by Mr. Buckholtz; second by Mr. Duffy to approve this resolution. Motion carried without negative vote.

Mr. Paulsen reported that stumpage sale bids are at a record high number and congratulated the department staff on doing a good job of managing the sales.

Covid-19 Update – Ms. Lyons presented the May Covid Update. The State is currently in a Yellow risk level; Sawyer County is at Orange level but the number of positive cases continues to decline. Vaccinations within the County are at 44.7% or 7,362 people who have had at least one dose of a vaccine. Individuals who wish to call for an appointment for a vaccine can call 715.634.4806 or attend the vaccination clinic at the LCO Casino on June 2nd from 10 am to 6 pm.

Health and Human Services Board Chair Report – Mr. Schleeter reported on the activities of the Health and Human Services departments.

Finance Committee Chair Report – Mr. Paulsen presented a request to close the FLEX/HRA account at Johnson Bank for non-use. A motion was made by Mr. Buckholtz; second by Mr. Duffy to approve this request. Motion carried without negative vote.

Mr. Paulsen reported that the County has been allocated \$3.2M dollars of American Rescue Plans funds and the towns/villages approximately \$1.4M. He recommended that defining how these funds will be spent should begin now.

A \$100M broadband expansion grant in the Governors' bill has been announced, and grant applications must be received by the end of July. There are several vendors who have projects underway and if they come to fruition, the Sawyer County/LCO Economic Development Corporation in cooperation with the County Economic Development/UW-Extension Committee will be on the June Board agenda.

Economic Development and UW-Extension Committee Chair Report – Mr. Schlender reported on the pending partnership between the Hayward Area Historical Society and the tribal Kinneman School. He presented a Mission/Purpose statement for the Economic Development/UWEX Committee. A motion was made by Mr. Paulsen; second by Mr. Buckholtz to send the mission statement back to committee for clarification on the items listed in the reporting relationship section. A roll call vote resulted in in eight "yes" votes (Schleeter, Shuman, Helwig, Duffy,

Paulsen, Bisonette, Petit, and Buckholtz) and seven “no” votes (Boettcher, Hessel, Schlender, Van Etten, Olson, Kinsley and Peters). Motion carried 8-7.

Northwest Regional Planning Commission Resolution – A resolution in support of adding a reference in Wis. Stat. § 70.11(2) to property owned by NWRPC as exempt from real property taxes was presented. The resolution was passed at the annual meeting of the County Supervisors. Mr. Rick Roeser explained the functions and services of NWRPC and why the request was being made. A motion was made by Ms. Hessel; second by Mr. Peters to accept this resolution. Motion carried with a vote of 11-4.

Courthouse Remodeling Project -- Mr. Hoff reviewed the status of the courthouse remodel project and advised that the Board will now be receiving monthly updates on phases of the project. The California Avenue street portion of the project should be complete by the end of June and the land swap with the City is underway.

County Administrator’s Report – Mr. Hoff presented a preliminary review of the Treasury’s Fiscal Recovery Fund Guidance. The County has received the first half of the funds and they are in an interest-bearing account. The Interim Final Guidelines link is available in the Board packet. The funds must be obligated or encumbered by the end of 2024 but not expended until the end of 2026.

It is budget review time and budget guidelines will be released to department heads at the end of May to begin the budget process.

Correspondence, Reports from Conferences and Meetings, Other Matters for Discussion -- Clerk Fitch announced the individuals who will be attending the September WCA Conference.

Meeting Date/Time – The next meeting of the County Board of Supervisors will be Thursday, June 17, at 6:30 pm in the Large Courtroom.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm
Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk