

**Minutes of the June 8th meeting of the Sawyer County
Finance Committee
Of the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors
Board Room; Sawyer County**



Voting Committee Members (X) Present:

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

Others Present:

Andy Albarado
Lynn Fitch
Mike Markgren
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: May 11, 2023

Motion to approve made by: Mr. Duffy Second by: Ms. Hessel

Motion carried without negative vote.

Finance Department Report -

Sales Tax Distribution – A written report was provided and it indicates the trend to remain above previous years continues.

Budget Updates – A written report was provided. The Trial Balance has been sent to auditors and they were on-site Monday and Tuesday. We should not need to do any of the planned fund balances draws. We are now 42% of the way through 2023 and grant revenues are lagging some; stumpage sales are ahead of schedule. Expenses remain in check.

Capital Improvement Plan Update – Purchases – Two May expenditures include squad equipment (\$17,954.92) and dam improvement (\$16,316.32).

2024 Budget Parameters - A 2024 Budget timeline was reviewed. Staff will begin to develop their 2024 budgets starting this month and a 2024 budget guideline report was provided. Staffing request changes are due June 30th and budget requests are due July 28th. He has developed a new and extensive spreadsheet to break out department budget planning. He is projecting a 5% increase in health insurance but hopes to less. A July agenda item will include the discussion regarding supervisor per diem rates.

Investment Update -

A written report of investments was provided; interest rates have continued to rise. Total interest earned this year is \$306,240.

EMS-Ambulance -

A written report was provided comparing years 2019-2023. Reviewed were the number of calls, amount billed, amount collected, percent collected, amount billed per call, and the amount collected per call. The billing aging report indicated that the new collection company is performing well.

Financial and Fund Updates -

ARPA Funds – ARPA funds unspent remained the same as last month.

Opioid Funds – Opioid funds unspent = \$121,905

LATCF – LATCF funds unspent = \$377,731

Review Surplus Funds and Uses -

Future Agenda Items – Report on Court Fines and Collections

Correspondence, reports from conferences and meetings -

Adjournment – 9:31 am

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

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