

**Minutes of the June 17th 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 @ 6:37 pm	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	10	T Sand Lake, T Edgewater W-1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dale Olson leaving @ 8:55pm	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 - Virtual	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 taken; quorum met.

Certification of Compliance with the open meeting law was met.

Public Comments – Public members speaking included: Roberto Escamilla II

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

Appointments – A motion was made by Mr. Olson; second by Mr. Kinsley to re-appoint Dee Dobilas and Steve Kelsey to the positions of Zoning Board of Appeals. Motion carried without negative vote.

Covid-19 Update – Julia Lyons reported good news for the County. Wisconsin state continues to be in the yellow risk level and may get down to green soon. Our County risk level is dropping now, as well; we are in yellow risk level. This week has been very quiet so she expects us to drop down even more. The vaccination rate is at 46.8% range; 65+ is 80%. They are seeing some new first vaccinations yet at the health department on Tuesdays & Fridays. LCO Health Center continues to vaccinate, too. They continue to work with summer camps in providing testing options and vaccinations. She reported that we are not seeing any breakthrough of variants at this time. LCO recently moved to a “highly recommend masking” policy for unvaccinated individuals reported Chair Shuman.

Public Safety Committee Chair Report –

Mr. Schlender reported that there is an uptick in the activity in calls and responses but there have not been as many traffic fatalities as previous year. Our jail is slowly filling back up again. At the CJCC vice chair request, JusticePoint presented an update.

Melissa Fisher, Program Coordinator, reported that they have 110 people on pre-trial, down from 115; they have filed 14 over-capacity memos due to high numbers; 6 people are on electronic monitors and one on alcohol monitor. Nikki Leicht, Program Administrator, advised that the County contracted for two case managers. Due to the high volume, they are looking at a different pre-screening test that does not require an in-person interview as does our current pre-screening process. If this new process takes place, the judge would see a risk assessment tool on every individual because capacity is able to be higher. They are also re-establishing the programming in conjunction with the LCO treatment center that was available pre-covid; this will add additional screening capacity. Staff continue working on TAD grant (Treatment and Diversion) for the August deadline.

Mr. Schlender read a letter of commendation regarding Chief Deputy Joe Sajdera written by Sheriff Mrotek recognizing him for outstanding service. Sheriff Mrotek presented three awards: Lifesaving award to Deputy Ryan Schick; Medal of Valor Award to Sgt. Nick Al-Moghrabi; and Community Service Medal to Chris Headley. Sheriff Mrotek advised that within three weeks of having its first positive covid test case, the jail is now covid-free and precautions remain in place.

Zoning Committee Chair Report – Mr. Buckholtz reported that the zoning department continues to see large amounts of rezone and conditional use permit requests, and it is at a 15-year high in volume.

Mr. Kozlowski presented rezone request #21-005 of Pinewood Properties from RR-1 to RR-2. Public comments were made by Darlene Maske, Lynn Sennett, Douglas Kurtzweil, and Adam Bodenschatz. Options for this action include a motion to deny the rezone request, approve the rezone request or table the request to a date certain. A motion was made by Mr. Buckholtz to deny the rezone request; second by Mr. Paulsen. A roll call vote was taken: “Yes” votes included Schleeter, Paulsen, Bisonette, Buckholtz, and Peters. “No” votes included Boettcher, Shuman, Hessel, Schlender, Helwig, Van Etten, Olson, Petit and Kinsley. The motion to rezone failed 5-10.

Mr. Helwig made a motion to postpone the rezone request #21-005 for two months. A roll call vote was taken. “Yes” votes included Schleeter, Shuman, Helwig, Duffy, Paulsen, Bisonette, Van Etten, Olson, Petit, Kinsley and Peters. “No” votes were Boettcher, Hessel, Schlender and Buckholtz. Motion to postpone carried 11-4.

Mr. Kozlowski presented a summary for section 6.6 of the Sawyer County Zoning Ordinance Sec.6.6-Trailer Camps and Campgrounds. The ordinance would be applicable only for new campgrounds and those wishing to expand. The ordinance would increase the required acreage and density stipulations among other stipulations. A written copy of the changes was provided. Public comment was heard by Don Robinson, Randy Eytcheson and Mark Hazelaker. A motion to approve the changes to the ordinance was made by Mr. Paulsen; second by Mr. Olson. A roll call vote was taken and there was one “No” vote cast by Mr. Van Etten. Motion to approve this ordinance carried 14-1.

Public Works Committee Chair Report – Mr. Kinsley reported that the airport was closed for a short period to repave the runway and the Young Eagles flight event will be held on Saturday, June 19. The County is in the process of renegotiating cell tower leases and there was storm damage in the amount of \$48,000 to three County roads to which we are applying for disaster aid to help pay for.

Mr. Kinsley presented the contract with Venture Architects for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Helwig; second by Mr. Duffy to approve this contract. The motion carried without negative vote. The Miron contract should be presented at the July Board meeting.

Land, Water, and Forest Resources Committee Chair Report – Mr. Paulsen presented 2021-05-26 County Forestry ordinance which prescribes the rules and regulations for the administration of Sawyer County’s powers and duties as provided in Chapters 26, 28 and 59 of the Wisconsin Statutes. A motion was made by Mr. Buckholtz; second by Mr. Duffy to approve this ordinance. Motion carried without negative vote.

Health and Human Services Board Chair Report – Mr. Schleeter advised that members of the Health and Human Services Board is working to determine the future status of the Oasis Group Home.

Finance Committee Chair Report – Mr. Hoff gave a presentation of current ARPA Information which provided links to various guidance reports, key reporting dates, obligation dates, a list of Municipality and County distributions, and allowable uses of funds. Allowable uses include: supporting public health response, replacing public sector revenue loss, water and sewer infrastructure, addressing negative econ impacts, premium pay for essential workers, and broadband infrastructure. Governor Evers' \$100,000,000 broadband grants require a due date of July 27th. Mr. Olson and Ms. Hessel left the meeting briefly between 8:15 and 8:20 pm.

Mr. Olson left the meeting at 8:55 pm. Mr. Paulsen presented two broadband proposals where the County would commit to helping pay for broadband expansions in various projects; written reports are provided. Mr. Helwig left briefly from 9:03-9:06 pm.

Mr. Helwig made a motion to approve a resolution approving a broadband expansion proposal from Norvado Technologies; second by Ms. Petit. A roll call vote was taken: "Yes" votes included: Schleeter, Boettcher, Shuman, Hessel, Schlender, Helwig, Duffy, Paulsen, Bisonette, Petit, Kinsley and Peters. "No" votes were Van Etten and Buckholtz. The motion carried 12-2 with Mr. Olson not being present.

Mr. Helwig made a motion to approve a resolution approving a broadband expansion proposal from Mosaic Technologies; second by Ms. Petit. A roll call vote was taken: "Yes" votes included: Schleeter, Boettcher, Shuman, Hessel, Schlender, Helwig, Duffy, Paulsen, Bisonette, Petit, Kinsley and Peters. "No" votes were Van Etten and Buckholtz. The motion carried 12-2 with Mr. Olson not being present. Ms. Petit thanked Mr. Paulsen for the hard work on these broadband projects.

Economic Development and UW-Extension Committee Chair Report – Mr. Schlender presented the proposed mission statement for the committee designating that reporting relationships for various entities are "for purposes of economic development". Mr. Schlender made a motion to approve this mission statement; second by Ms. Hessel. Motion carried without negative vote.

Mr. Schlender presented a letter of support for LCO Ojibwe Community College economic development. A motion was made by Mr. Schlender to approve this letter; second by Mr. Duffy. Motion carried without negative vote.

County Administrator's Report – Mr. Hoff presented the highlights of his administrator report. A written copy was provided.

Correspondence, Reports from Conferences and Meetings, Other Matters for Discussion --

Meeting Date/Time – The next meeting of the County Board of Supervisors will be Thursday, July 15, at 6:30 pm in the Large Courtroom.

Meeting adjourned at 9:24 pm
Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk