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Minutes of the meeting of the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors

Thursday, July 16, 2020; 6:30 p.m.;

Large Court Room, Sawyer County Courthouse

Chair Tweed Shuman called the July meeting of the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors to order. Roll call was as follows (x indicates present)

district - supervisor - T = Town, V = Village, C = City, W = Ward

- X 01 - Dale Schleeter – T Lenroot W 1, T Hayward W 7, C Hayward W 5 and 6
- X 02 – Jesse Boettcher – T Lenroot W 2, T Round Lake W 1
- X 03 - Tweed Shuman – T Hayward W 1 and 2
- X 04 – Troy Morgan – T Hayward W 3 and 4
- X 05 – James H. Schlender Jr. – T Hayward W 5 and 6
- X 06 – Marc D. Helwig – C Hayward W 1 and 2
- X 07 - Thomas W. Duffy – C Hayward W 3 and 4
- X 08 - Bruce Paulsen – T Bass Lake W 1 and 2
- X 09 – Susie Taylor – T Bass Lake W 3 and 4
- X 10 – Chuck Van Etten – T Sand Lake, T Edgewater W 1
- X 11 – Dale Olson – T Edgewater W 2, T Bass Lake W 5, T Hayward W 8, T Meteor, T Couderay, V Couderay
- X 12 – Dawn Petit – T Spider Lake, T Round Lake W 2, T Winter W 1
- X 13 - Ron Kinsley – T Hunter, T Radisson W 1, T Ojibwa W 1, V Radisson
- X 14 – Ron Buckholtz – T Radisson W 2, T Ojibwa W 2, T Weirgor, V Exeland, T Meadowbrook
- X 15 – Helen Dennis – T Winter W 2, T Draper, V Winter (Virtually)

Public Access to Virtual Meeting See agenda on website

Call to Order, Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance

Certification of Compliance with the Open Meetings Law

Meeting Agenda

Minutes from Previous Meeting: June 18, 2020

COVID-19 Update-Julia Lyons

Sawyer County Fair update

Public Safety Committee Chair report

    Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Update

    2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Resolution – Discussion and Possible Action

Finance Committee Chair Report

Zoning Committee Chair Report

    Resolution to Amend Sawyer County Ordinance, Section 6.22 (2) Conditional  
    Uses & 65.24 (2) (e) Rules and Standards for Non-Metallic Mining &  
    Mineral Mining Fuel Mining Activities

Public Works Committee Chair Report

    Ramp and Hangar Taxi-Lane Restoration Resolution – Discussion and Possible  
    action

Land, Water, and Forest Resources Committee Chair Report

VERSO Mill closure resolution – Discussion and Possible Action  
Event Fee Resolution – Discussion and Possible Action  
Health and Human Services Board Chair Report  
Mental Health Hospitalization Resolution – Discussion and Possible Action  
Residential Collection Procedure and Resolution – Discussion and Possible  
Action  
Economic Development & UW Extension Committee Chair Report  
County Administrator's Report  
Correspondence, reports from conferences and meetings, other matters for discussion  
Only

**CLOSED SESSION** pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.85 (e) for the purposes of deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public property, the investing of public funds, and other specified public business relating to a Sawyer County Public Works project and the need for closed session discussions.  
Reconvene in open session

Chair Shuman called meeting to order at 6:30 pm

Motion by Kinsley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Olson, to approve the minutes from the June 18, 2020 meeting. Motion carried

Public Health Officer Julia Lyons gave a COVID-19 update. Sawyer County has 17 positive cases with 12 recovered. 2062 negative cases. There have been 6 or 7 positive cases since the beginning of June. Only one individual that tested positive was hospitalized.

Rick Christians gave an update on the Sawyer County Fair. The Fair Board is working on a safety plan for social distancing. The Fair is August 13-16. Thursday night is free. The carnival will be wiping down rides and providing wipes if requested. Friday night is a horse pull and Chris Kroeze concert. A large tent will be erected for the concert. Saturday night is bull riding and a band from Minneapolis.

Public Safety Committee Chair James Schlender reported to the Board. A special meeting was held June 29 on School Bus Safety. The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council met June 29. Criminal Justice Coordinator Diane McNamer retired. The Council is looking to Justice Point to see what services they can provide.

The Public Safety Committee forwarded Resolution #2020-27 to reaffirm Sawyer County's commitment to the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution and the Right to Bear Arms under the Wisconsin Constitution. Nine individuals spoke during public comments. The resolution presented is a revision of a resolution presented to Public Safety by Bill Schleusner. Mr. Schleusner first approached Public Safety in February, 2020. Fred Briggs has circulated a petition in support of a resolution regarding the second amendment that has over 650 signatures. Motion by Morgan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kinsley, to postpone this resolution until a public hearing is held. Roll call vote was

as follows: The roll call vote was as follows: Helwig – no; Duffy – yes; Paulsen – yes; Taylor – yes Van Etten – no; Olson – no; Petit – no; Kinsley – yes; Buckholtz – no; Dennis – no; Schleeter – yes; Boettcher – no; Shuman – yes; Morgan – yes; Schlender – no; the motion failed with 7 voting yes and 8 voting no.

Motion by Schlender, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dennis to pass the resolution as presented. Roll call vote was as follows: Duffy – no; Paulsen – no; Taylor – no Van Etten – yes; Olson – yes; Petit – yes; Kinsley – yes; Buckholtz – yes; Dennis – yes; Schleeter – no; Boettcher – yes; Shuman – no; Morgan – no; Schlender – yes; Helwig – yes; the motion carried with 9 voting yes and 6 voting no.

Finance Committee Chair Bruce Paulsen reported to the Board. The Committee discussed the second large courtroom and funding. Instructed Administrator Tom Hoff and Accounting Manager to remain disciplined during 2021 budget process. The 2021 estimated budget deficit is \$900,000 and the county will issue a short term debt if needed.

Zoning Committee Chair Ron Buckholtz reported to the Board on work in the Zoning Department. The Committee is finalizing Committee by-laws.

Buckholtz presented Resolution #2020-28 to amend Sawyer County Ordinance, Section 6.22 (2) Conditional Uses & 6.24 (2)(e) Rules and Standards for Non-Metallic Mining & Mineral Mining Fuel Mining Activities. The Zoning Ordinance amendment changes the renewal time from three years to five years for gravel pit permits. Motion by Olson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paulsen, to approve the resolution. Motion carried

Public Works Chair Ron Kinsley reported to the Board on the Maintenance Department, the Highway Department, and the Sawyer County Airport.

Kinsley presented Resolution #2020-29 to Commit County Share of Funds to the 2021 Airport Improvement Project. Motion by Helwig, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Morgan, to approve the resolution. Motion carried

Land, Water, and Forest Resources Committee Chair Bruce Paulsen reported to the Board. Paulsen presented Resolution #2020-30 regarding implications of Verso Mill closures. On June 9, 2020 Verso announced the idling of their Duluth, MN and Wisconsin Rapids, WI pulp and paper mills by the end of July 2020. This resolution asks the Governor and Legislature direct that assistance be provided in any way possible to allow continuation of mill operations and/or financial assistance be considered to support the direct loss of jobs, as well as assistance for other industries impacted by the closure. Motion by Buckholtz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Helwig, to approve the resolution. Motion carried

Paulsen presented Resolution #2020-31 to not charge an event fee for use of the County Forest Trails. Motion by Morgan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Boettcher, to approve the resolution. Motion carried

Health and Human Services Board Chair Dale Schleeter reported to the Board. Schleeter presented Resolution #2020-32 regarding the cost of mental health placements and request for State assistance. In 2019 it cost the county \$265,000 for residents in mental health facilities. Double that has been spent already this year. The resolution requests the state to pick up the cost of a mental health commitment after the first 30 days, which the county would pay. Motion by Helwig, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dennis, to approve the resolution. Motion carried

Schleeter presented Resolution #2020-33 to adopt Sawyer Residential Collection Procedures. The Residential Collection Procedures recognizes the policy that all departments follow. A person receiving services from the Health and Human Services Department is expected to pay if they can afford to pay. Motion by Kinsley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Duffy, to approve the resolution. Motion carried

Economic Development and UW Extension Committee Chair James Schlender reported to the Board. Several outside entities report to this committee. On July 6, the UW Extension Director Lori Baltrusis reported and reviewed the various services UW Extension offers and provides to Sawyer County.

Sawyer County Administrator Tom Hoff provided a written report to the Board and it is included in the agenda packet on the website.

The board took a break at 8:32. Reconvened at 8:40

Motion by Buckholtz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Petit, to convene in Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.85 (e) for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating an exchange of public property and other public business relating to the Sawyer County Courtroom Public Works project and the need for closed session discussions. Motion carried unanimous

Motion by Morgan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Olson, to come out of closed session

Motion by Duffy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Olson, to authorize Mr. Hoff, Attorney Duffy, and Mr. Kinsley to negotiate with the City of Hayward on terms for the Fifth Street land transaction in the best interest of the county.

Adjourned 9:16 pm

Audio of the County Board meeting is on the website.

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