

**Minutes of the July 20th meeting of the Sawyer County
Board of Supervisors
Board; 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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kay Wilson	02	T Lenroot W-2, T Round Lake W-1
<input type="checkbox"/> Tweed Shuman - Exc	03	T Hayward W-1 & 2
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stacey Hessel	04	T Hayward W-3 & 4
<input type="checkbox"/> Jason Weaver	05	T Hayward W-5 & 6
<input type="checkbox"/> Marc D. Helwig @ 7:30	06	C Hayward W-1 & 2
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Thomas W. Duffy	07	C Hayward W-3 & 4
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marshal Savitski	08	T Bass Lake W-1 & 2
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brian Bisonette	09	T Bass Lake W-3 & 4
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Maestri - virtual	10	T Sand Lake, T Edgewater W-1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chris Rusk - 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"/> John Righeimer	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– Vice Chair Ron Buckholtz called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Roll call was taken; quorum was met.

Certification of Compliance with the open meeting law was met.

Public Comments –

Minutes from the previous meeting dated: June 15, 2023

Motion to approve made by: Mr. Righeimer Second by: Mr. Duffy

Motion carried without negative vote.

Zoning Committee -

Chair Report – Mr. Buckholtz advised that the department continues to see above average activity, and the first Tourist Rooming House committee meeting will meet next week.

Zone District Map Amendment RZN #23-002 – Mr. Buckholtz presented a rezone request for applicant Greg Alcoe, tax ID #35382 on State Hwy 70. Purpose of request is to rezone the entire 5.17 acres of Residential/Recreational One (RR-I) to Agricultural Two (A-I). A motion was made by Mr. Kinsley; second by Mr. Righeimer to approve the Resolution to Amend Sawyer County Official Zoning Map. Motion carried without negative vote.

Public Safety Committee -

Chair Report – Mr. Buckholtz advised that there was one jury trial scheduled for July. Dispatch has been inundated with 911 calls, many accidental hang-ups. Patrol statistics were shared. There was a motorcycle fatality over the July holiday weekend.

Second Courtroom Staffing and Funding Update -- Mr. Albarado presented a breakout of the increased court staffing and resulting costs/state aid and a Resolution Approving Increasing Court Staffing. This Resolution has passed at Committee level. If approved, they would begin the hiring process for the new staff. A motion was made by Ms. Hessel; second by Mr. Savitski to approve the Resolution Approving Increasing Court Staffing. An electronic vote was taken and passed 11-1 with one “nay” vote from Mr. Schleeter.

Public Works Committee -

Chair Report – Mr. Kinsley provided a review of the June Committee meeting, primarily focusing on the airport projects and petition for funding. We are currently in the process of getting a piece of snow removal equipment.

Courthouse Remodeling Project – Provided in the Administrator Update.

Resolution Petitioning Airport Aid – Passing at Committee level, a Resolution Petitioning Airport Aid for improvement projects was presented. The resolution would allow the County to receive aid to pay for many of the projects that remain on its improvement plan. A motion was made by Mr. Kinsley; second by Mr. Savitski to approve the Resolution. An electronic vote was taken and passed 12 – 0.

Land, Water, and Forest Resources Committee --

Chair Report – Mr. Peters provided a review of the meeting. The county surveyor crew has been working down south and in the Town of Hayward. The forestry department has surpassed its time standards in working with the DNR. Timber sales are on target, and oak wilt restrictions ended on July 15th. Trail rehab bids have come in. The Billy Boy Dam project is being reviewed with corporate counsel.

CAMBA MOU – An MOU between the Sawyer County Forestry Department and Chequamegon Area Mountain Bike Association was presented. The document has been reviewed by legal counsel. A motion was made by Ms. Wilson; second by Ms. Hessel to approve the MOU as presented. A voice vote was taken and passed without negative vote.

City of Hayward – Annexation Request -

The City of Hayward is requesting that the County redraw a parcel of land currently located in District 4 to be included as part of District 7. There is no voting population in this parcel; a business property is located there and would like to be included in City utilities, thus the annexation. This request was approved at Committee level. A motion was made by ; second by to approve the Resolution Changing Supervisory District Boundaries in Districts Results From a City of Hayward Annexation request. An electronic vote was taken and passed 12-0.

Health & Human Services Board --

Chair Report – Chair Schleeter advised that the Committee approved a request for staff training time. The ADRC is seeing an increase in walk-in clients. Carol Martin has been hired as the ALTC supervisor. The CPS positions are still needing a supervisor but all other positions are filled. The Human Health Hazard Policy has been reviewed and updated. The 2024 budget was approved and forwarded to the Finance Committee.

Finance Committee --

Chair Report – Mr. Kinsley reported that the supervisor per diem rates were reviewed and the decision was made to leave them at the current rate. Sales tax is running ahead of last year at this time. The overall budget will begin to be presented in August. The ambulance billing has a positive return at this time.

Resolution Awarding the Sale of \$4M General Obligation Promissory Notes, series 2023 – Having passed at Committee level, a resolution approving the sale of GO promissory notes was presented. The Resolution complies with the bid requirements set forth in the Official Notice of Sale and is deemed to be the most advantageous to the

County. Brian Della of PMA presented a review of the sale, and recommended that the County accept the Proposal. Moodys has confirmed the County's Aa3 rating. The County received seven bids today with a rate of 3.26%. The majority of the funds are for new projects. A motion was made by Mr. Righeimer; second by Ms. Hessel to approve the resolution. An electronic vote was taken and passed 12-0.

Economic Development & UW Extension Committee -

Chair Report – Mr. Duffy advised that HLVCB said total business sales were up from last year. They also provided a report on room tax collected thus far and the amounts were shared. The EDC is still looking for a director, and the Hayward Library was awarded a PBS grant. Birkie registration for the 50th Anniversary is over 10,000 thus far.

County Administrator's Report -

A written report was provided and Mr. Albarado reviewed the highlights. Union negotiations are still underway. There are 19 employees in our new leadership management training program. We are also sponsoring a couple individuals in the law enforcement academy and EMT training. Jail population continues to be lower than in the past.

Other Topics for Discussion Only -

Adjournment – 7:49 pm

Next Meeting: August 17, 2023 **Time:** 6:30 pm **Location:** Board Room
Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk