

**Minutes of the September 13, 2023 meeting of the Sawyer County
Public Works Committee
Of the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors
Board Room; Sawyer County**



Voting Committee Members Present:

- Chair: **Ron Kinsley**
- Marc Helwig
- Ed Peters – Vice Chair
- Chris Rusk
- Brian Bisonette

Others Present:

Andy Albarado
Lynn Fitch
Cathy LaReau
John Pinnow

Others Present:

Linda Zillmer
Harold Treland

Call to Order – Chair Ron Kinsley called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Certification of Compliance with the open meeting law was met. Roll Call was taken; quorum was met.

Meeting Agenda –

Public Comments – Linda Zillmer, Harold Treland

Minutes from the previous meeting dated: August 9, 2023

Motion to approve made by: Mr. Helwig Second by: Mr. Rusk
Motion carried without negative vote.

Maintenance Department Report -

A written report was provided highlighting construction projects in the courthouse, Sheriff's Department and Airport.

Sawyer County Airport Report -

A written report was provided. The highlights of the report were outlined by Mr. Albarado indicating that the work on the Master Plan is building momentum and public meetings will be held in the near future. There is a total of 34 aircraft that are now either based or considered part-time on airport grounds. The overall summer airport traffic was up over previous years and sales numbers continue to increase. The State will bid out the snowblower request, but we will unlikely to see the equipment before the end of the winter.

Highway Commissioner's Report -

A written report was provided and reviewed by Commissioner Pinnow. Specific projects include new construction on Cty B from Chippewa Trail to Frogg Road, a scrub seal application on State Hwy 77 from Hollywood Road 4.6 miles east towards the Ashland County line, and guardrails on Cty E Couderay river bridge and State Hwy 48 Thirty-Three Creek bridge. Storm damage cleanup continues. Several staffing positions have been posted including a new one for night watchperson which would be 50% funded by the State for hours not to exceed 40. All our State trucks have now been equipped with GPS which was also funded by the State.

Driveway/Utility Permit Fees – Mr. Albarado advised that they are continuing to work on the applicable ordinance for the permitting process. Permits are still being issued as we've received many requests.

County C and County W Speed Reduction Request – Mr. Pinnow presented the minutes of the August 16th Traffic Safety Committee identifying two speed zone change requests. The first is a request to reduce speed from 55 to 45 mph on a section of County C. A motion was made by Mr. Rusk to approve the request; second by Mr. Peters. Motion carried without negative vote. The second request was for the reduction of speed from 55 mph to 45 mph on County Hwy W north of Winter from trailer court to Turcotte Road. This request was approved at this Traffic Safety committee level. A motion was made by Mr. Helwig; second by Mr. Rusk to approve this request. Motion carried without negative vote. Motions will move to the County Board.

Monarch Paving Bid – The Monarch Paving Company BID was presented identifying Type LT warm mix asphalt at \$62.80/ton and Type LT hot mix asphalt at \$62.55/ton. This price includes plant, aggregate, AC 58-28 loaded into county trucks. A motion was made by Mr. Helwig to approve the Monarch Paving bid; second by Mr. Peters. Motion carried without negative vote.

Courtroom Remodeling Update -

Mr. Albarado advised that there is work yet to finish by the AV contractor and on some of the efficiencies in the building. A meeting was held with the architect and contractor to discuss the concerns we had regarding the large items that used up the contingency fund. Any potential adjustments are yet to be determined. We expect to finish the project within the amount last approved by the Board in the contingency fund. Furniture for the 2nd judge's quarters needs to be added to the budget.

Future Agenda Items – Airport Master Plan Update, Driveway/Utility Ordinance, ATV/UTV trail approvals, ATV/UTV trail ordinance review, Roundabout update B/K

Correspondence, reports from conferences and meetings -

Adjournment – 7:23 pm

Next Meeting: October 11, 2023 **Time:** 6:30 pm **Location:** Board Room
Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk

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