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Minutes of the meeting of the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors

Thursday, September 17, 2020; 6:30 p.m.;

Large Court Room, Sawyer County Courthouse

Chair Tweed Shuman called the September 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

V 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

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

Public Comments

Minutes from Previous Meeting: August 20, 2020

Report from Sheriff Doug Mrotek and Emergency Manager Pat Sanchez on search and rescue operations

Zoning Committee Chair Report

Resolution to adopt Rules and Bylaws of the Sawyer County Zoning Committee

Public Safety Committee Chair report

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Update

Public Works Committee Chair Report

Land, Water, and Forest Resources Committee Chair Report

Health and Human Services Board Chair Report

Finance Committee Chair Report

Resolution to apply Capital Improvement Program Fund Balance to the 2020

Capital Improvement Program Maintenance Department for Equipment
Initial Resolution Authorizing not to exceed \$1,100,000 General Obligation
Promissory notes for Public Works Highway Department Equipment
purchases and road construction projects

Economic Development & UW Extension Committee Chair Report

County Administrator's Report

Sawyer County Board of Supervisors Policy and Procedure Manual –
Amendment relating to Public Comment at the County Board and County
Committee meetings. Discussion and possible action

Sawyer County Board/Lac Courte Oreilles Tribal Council Joint Committee Update

Correspondence, reports from conferences and meetings, other matters for discussion
Only

CLOSED SESSION pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.85 (e) for the purpose of
deliberating an exchange of public property relating to the Sawyer County Courtroom
Public Works project.

The County Board may reconvene in open session to take action on items discussed in
closed session

Chair Shuman called meeting to order at 6:30 pm

Motion by Duffy, 2nd by Helwig, to approve the minutes from the August 20, 2020
meeting. Motion carried

Sheriff Doug Mrotek and Emergency Manager Pat Sanchez reported on the search and
rescue operations during the search for a missing three-year old in Winter.

Sanchez provided a COVID 19 update. Sawyer County has 190 positive cases. 167 are
recovered, 22 are active, and there is one death.

Zoning Committee Chair Ron Buckholtz reported to the Board on permits issued in the
Zoning Department. On Friday Zoning will hold a public hearing on a potential
Conditional Use Permit for a campground. The Zoning Committee finalized an update to
the Rules and Bylaws and recommends approval. Motion by Paulsen, 2nd by Dennis to
approve Resolution #2020-36 to adopt the Rules and Bylaws of the Sawyer County
Zoning Committee. Motion carried

Public Safety Committee Chair James Schlender reported to the Board. The Committee
reviewed the Public Health Ordinance and remanded back to Corp Council with
suggested changes. Jail population is at 90% of capacity. The Criminal Justice
Coordinating Council is in final negotiations with JusticePoint to provide services
preciously performed by employees Diane McNamer and Richard Welsch. MOU to be
updated regarding cost sharing with LCO Tribe.

Public Works Chair Ron Kinsley reported to the Board on the Maintenance Department, the Highway Department, and the Sawyer County Airport. Kinsley thanked the Maintenance Department for the cleanliness of the courthouse.

Health and Human Services Board Chair Dale Schleeter reported to the Board. HHSB working on 2021 budget. Board reviewed the Public Health Ordinance and requested revisions. The PHO will be on the HHS October agenda

Finance Committee Chair Bruce Paulsen reported to the Board. Motion by Kinsley, 2nd by Helwig to approve Resolution #2020-37 to apply Capital Improvement Program Fund Balance to the 2020 Capital Improvement Program Maintenance Department for Equipment. Motion carried unanimous

County Administrator Tom Hoff presented the preliminary 2021 Budget and Debt Issuance Budget. 2021 CIP Expenditures funded by debt issuance is currently \$967,218. The debt will be paid off over two years with a 4.34% increase in taxes. Hoff requested a change to language on lines 34 and 35 of the proposed resolution. Motion by Helwig, 2nd by Buckholtz to approve Resolution #2020-38 authorizing not to exceed \$1,100,000 General Obligation Promissory Note for public works Highway Department equipment purchases and capital items as identified in the 2021 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Roll Call Vote was as follows: Taylor – yes; Van Etten – yes; Olson – no; Petit – yes; Kinsley – yes; Buckholtz – yes; Dennis – yes; Schleeter – yes; Boettcher – yes; Shuman – yes; Morgan – yes; Schlender – yes; Helwig – yes; Duffy – yes; Paulsen – yes; Motion carried. 14 voted yes, 1 voted no.

Finance Chair Paulsen gave recognition to Administrator Hoff and Accounting Manager Keefe for bringing a preliminary 2021 budget and five-year plan to the Board a month early.

Economic Development and UW Extension Committee Chair James Schlender reported to the Board. Schlender commended the Sawyer County Fair for the safety precautions that were put in place during the fair to protect from a spike in COVID cases.

Sawyer County Administrator Tom Hoff reported to the Board. The Workers Comp mod is down due to the efforts of directors and HR Rose Lillyroot to provide light duty to employees. Working with Horton on 2021 health insurance renewals and plan design. Bargaining has begun with Law Enforcement union at the Sheriff's Department. Property Lister Lavonne Nedlose is retiring; recruiting to fill position before Nedlose leaves. Highway Shop Foreman Jay Sands retired. Company doing ambulance billing sold. Meeting with new owner regarding services. Moving the Payroll Clerk position to the Administration wing to work with the Accounting Manager Mike Keefe. Working on MOU's with UW Extension for LCO contributions toward Educator position, Economic Development Corporation, and CJCC MOU with LCO that expires January 2021. WCA fall conference is canceled; holding virtual meetings starting September 28. Airport Projects and Boundary Survey. City TID #6 meetings. Remodeling including Digital Audio Recording in courtrooms and HHS WIC exam room updates. Broadband grant

initiative to address rural communities.2021 Budget. Investigation on Perch Lake high water.

Resolution presented regarding the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors Policy and Procedure manual with an amendment to Public Comment at the County Board and County Committee meetings. The Board discussed the Public Comments portion of the agenda gives the public the opportunity to speak. Attorney Rebecca Roeker explained the Board is not allowed to respond to public comments unless the topic is on the agenda. The proposed amendment would limit public comments to only items on the agenda. Motion by Helwig, 2nd by Dennis, to approve the Resolution regarding Board Rules on public comment. Approval needs 2/3 vote. Roll Call votes was as follows: Van Etten – no; Olson – no; Petit – no; Kinsley – no; Buckholtz – yes; Dennis – yes; Schleeter – yes; Boettcher – no; Shuman – yes; Morgan – yes; Schlender – no; Helwig – yes; Duffy – yes; Paulsen – yes; Taylor – no; the motion failed with 8 voting yes and 7 voting no.

Motion by Duffy, 2nd by Dennis, to convene in Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.85 (e) for the purpose of deliberating an exchange of public property relating to the Sawyer County Courtroom Public Works project. Motion carried unanimous

The Board took a 5 minute recess at 8:12

Motion by Buckholtz, 2nd by Schleeter, to come out of closed session

Motion by Dennis, 2nd by Schleeter, to approve Resolution #2020-39 authorizing Sawyer County to proceed with the Fifth Street – Nyman Avenue Public Works Improvement Project with an estimated cost of \$410,000. Motion carried

Adjourned 8:38 pm

Audio of the County Board meeting is on the website.

Minutes prepared by Carol Williamson