

Minutes of the November 8, 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 - virtual
- Chris Rusk - virtual
- Brian Bisonette - virtual

Andy Albarado  
Lynn Fitch  
Cathy LaReau  
John Pinnow

**Others Present:**

Derek Leslie  
Linda Zillmer

**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 – Nancy Schryer**

**Minutes from the previous meeting dated: October 11, 2023**

Motion to approve made by: Mr. Peters                      Second by: Mr. Bisonette  
Motion carried without negative vote.

**Maintenance Department Report -**

A written report was provided highlighting the construction projects yet ongoing. Mr. Albarado advised that Sawyer County airport snow removal equipment is ready for the upcoming snow removal season, and furnace repairs at the highway department are complete. The department is making progress renovating the block of offices that used to house the HHS fiscal department. Some department staff will be on leave in December so they are working on filling those gaps.

**Sawyer County Airport Report -**

A written report was provided and reviewed by Mr. Leslie. October traffic volumes and sales at the airport were up in comparison to the previous year. The Master Plan “Planning Advisory Committee” will be meeting was held on November 8<sup>th</sup>, and all documents pertaining to said meeting are available on the website at: sawyercounty.airportstudy.net. There are two more meetings planned with the consultant and the first public meeting will be held sometime in February; public notices will be provided. “Hayward Aviation” has entered into discussions with County Administration in reference to acquiring a deice truck to further its services at the airport.

**Highway Commissioner’s Report -**

A written report was provided and reviewed by Mr. Pinnow. Crews have started the brushing season, patching and sealing some state and county bridges, and County AA paving, striping and shouldering is complete. We have about \$150,000 of storm damage reimbursement thus far. They are gearing up for the winter season. A public involvement meeting will be held November 9<sup>th</sup> in the county board room for the County B to Chippewa trail project that will take place in 2025. Staffing changes were reviewed.

**Roundabout Update** – Mr. Pinnow advised that the application has been completed with a 3-phase project at Hwy B/K. They will be working with LCO on this project.

**Courtroom Remodeling Update -**

Mr. Albarado stated that they continue to work on punch list items so we are not signing off on the project until everything is worked out.

**Future Agenda Items -**

**Correspondence, reports from conferences and meetings -**

**Adjournment – 6:56 pm**

**Next Meeting:** December 13, 2023    **Time:** 6:30 pm    **Location:** Board Room

Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk

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