

**Minutes of the February 12, 2026 Meeting of the Sawyer County
Finance Committee of the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors
Board Room; Sawyer County**



Voting Committee Members (X) Present:

- ☒ Chair: John Righeimer
- ☒ Vice Chair: Stacey Hessel
- ☒ Marc Helwig
- ☐ Tom Duffy - Absent
- ☒ Jeff Hoehne

Others Present:

Mike Markgren
Liz Klein
Ron Buckholtz
Rhandi Ehn
Brian Lehner

Call to Order – Mr. Righeimer called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

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

Meeting Agenda – Set

Public Comments – None

Minutes from the previous meeting dated: January 8, 2026

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

Treasurer's Report –

Mr. Lehner provided a written report on tax collections and delinquent parcels.

Finance Department Report -

Ms. Ehn reviewed monthly sales tax revenues, Budget Performance Reports for December 2025 and January 2026, and January CIP purchases.

Department Financial Updates--

Land Records Department---Ms. Ehn reviewed 2025 and January 2026 financials for the Land Records Department. 2025 revenues came in at 201% of budget; 2025 expenses came in at 85% of budget. January numbers are on track for this department.

Surveyor Department—Ms. Ehn reviewed 2025 and January 2026 financials for the Surveyor Department. 2025 revenues came in at 578% of budget; expenses at 88%. January numbers are on track for this department.

Zoning Department—Ms. Ehn reviewed 2025 and January 2026 financials for the Zoning Department. 2025 revenues came in at 130% of budget; 2025 expenses came in at 82%. January numbers are on track for this department.

Forestry Department—Ms. Ehn reviewed 2025 and January 2026 financials for the Forestry Department. 2025 revenues came in at 234% of budget; expenses came in at 99%. A GNA grant and stumpage are not reflected in these revenues. January numbers are on track for this department.

Investments Review and Update—

The December investment report was provided: interest rates are dropping; County CD investments are still holding above 4%.

Elected Official Wages- Elected Official Wages—

A resolution proposing the next term of wages for elected officials was presented by Mr. Markgren. The proposed 2027 base wage for the Clerk of Court is set at \$76,501; 2028 is \$78,414; 2029 is \$80,374 and 2030 is \$82,384. The proposed 2027 base wage for County Sheriff is \$101,005; 2028 is \$103,530; 2029 is \$106,118 and 2030 is \$108,771.

Resolution 2026-____ Establish Elected Officials Wage was approved for forwarding to County Board on a motion by: Ms. Hessel Second by: Mr. Helwig

Motion carried without negative vote.

Board Appointed Committee Updates— None**Correspondence, Reports from Conferences and Meetings – None****Future Agenda Items – None****Adjournment – 9:04am**

Next Meeting- March 12, 2026

Time: 8:30 am

Location: Board Room

Minutes recorded by Liz Klein, County Clerk