



Sawyer County
County Board of Supervisors Meeting
Thursday, May 21, 2026 @ 6:30 PM
Sawyer County Board Room

AGENDA

1. ZOOM LINK

- a. To view or participate in the virtual meeting from a computer, iPad, or Android device please go to <https://zoom.us/j/95015680309> You can also use the dial in at 1-312-626-6799 with the Webinar ID: 950 1568 0309. Use *9 to Raise/lower hand and *6 to Unmute/mute. If you are on a computer, click the "Raise Hand" button and wait to be recognized. If you are on a telephone, dial *9 and wait to be recognized. If additional assistance is needed please contact the County Clerk's Office at 715- 634-4866 prior to the meeting. This meeting will be recorded and will be available on our website at: <https://sawyercountygov.org>.

2. CALL TO ORDER

3. ROLL CALL

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

5. CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW

6. MEETING AGENDA

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

At this time, members of the public will be given the opportunity to address the Board. Please adhere to the following when addressing the Board:

- Comments will be limited to 3 minutes or less per individual.
- Comments should be directed to the Board as a whole and not directed to individual Board members.
- The Board cannot respond to your comments during this time.
- Please sign in and fill out a public comment sheet if you wish to speak on an item.

8. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

- a. April 21, 2026 Draft Minutes
- b. April 30, 2026 Draft Minutes

9. APPROVE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT CHANGES (DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION)

10. CHANGE MEETING TIME (DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION)

11. ZONING COMMITTEE

- a. Zoning Committee Chair Report
- b. Zone District Map Amendment for RZN #26-007. Russel & Laurie Key and Stephen Atherton - Request to rezone approximately 5.28 acres across two separate lots of A-1 to RR-2. Zoning Committee and Town of Couderay recommend approval. (Discussion/Action) (Resolution attached)
- c. Amendment to the Sawyer County Code of Ordinances-Appendix D-Section 2.0 (7) Definitions & Section 17.6(B) Commercial-One Zone District - uses authorized by Conditional Use Permit. The amendment is in reference to changes to "apartments" within a C-1 zone district. (Discussion/Action)
- d. Amendment to the Sawyer County Code of Ordinances—Appendix D—Section 2.0 (23) Definitions & Section 17.7(B) industrial-One Zone District — uses authorized by Conditional Use Permit. The amendment is in reference to changes to "data centers" within an I-1 zone district. (Discussion/Action)
- e. Sawyer County Solar Energy System Ordinance (Discussion/Possible Action for adoption of new ordinance)
- f. Amendment to Sawyer County Code of Ordinances — Solar Moratorium Extension Ordinance

12. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

- a. Public Works Committee Report
- b. Annual Approval of Existing Sawyer County ATV/UTV Routes (Discussion and Possible Action)
- c. Approve New ATV/UTV Routes approved by Tribal Members and Ad-hoc Committee (Discussion and Possible Action)

13. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

- a. Public Safety Committee Report
- b. Resolution 2026-____Meadowbrook Radio Tower (Discussion and Possible Action)

14. LAND, WATER, AND FOREST RESOURCES COMMITTEE

- a. LWFR Committee Report

15. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- a. Finance Committee Report

16. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

- a. HHS Board Report

17. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & UW EXTENSION COMMITTEE

- a. Economic Development & UW Ex Committee Report

18. SAWYER COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

- a. Administration Committee Report
- b. Resolution 2026-____for Local Control
- c. County Administrator's Report
- d. CJCC Committee Report

19. BOARD APPOINTED COMMITTEE UPDATES

20. CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS FROM CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS

21. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

22. NEXT MEETING DATE /TIME: JUNE 18, 2026 AT (TBD)

23. ADJOURNMENT

DISCLAIMER:

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Mission Statement: The Sawyer County Board of Supervisors will strive to provide excellent services and responsible leadership to protect and enhance Sawyer County citizens, businesses, and resources, while preserving our unique heritage.

**Minutes of the April 21, 2026 Meeting of the
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Sawyer County Courthouse/Virtual**



Voting Committee Members Present (X)	Roll Call	District	Wards
☒ Steve Kariainen	01	T Lenroot W-1, T Hayward W-7, C Hayward W-5	
☒ Kay Wilson	02	T Lenroot W-2, T Round Lake W-1	
☒ Steve Longtine	03	T Hayward W-1 & 2	
☒ Stacey Hessel	04	T Hayward W-3 & 4	
☒ Randy Neumann	05	T Hayward W-5 & 6	
☒ Marc D. Helwig	06	C Hayward W-1 & 2	
☒ Jim Miller	07	C Hayward W-3 & 4	
☒ Marshal Savitski	08	T Bass Lake W-1 & 2	
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☒ Ron Buckholtz	14	T Radisson W-2, T Ojibwa W-2, T Weirgor, V Exeland, T Meadowbrook	
☒ John Minto	15	T Winter W-2, T Draper, V Winter	

Also present: Jay Kozlowski, Greg Peterson, Doug Mrotek, Bryan Deyo, Rachel Thompson, Mike Markgren-virtual

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance— County Clerk Klein serving as Chair pro tempore 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.

Oath of Office—County Clerk Klein performed the swearing in ceremony for the fifteen County Board Supervisors.

Election of County Board Chair— Mr. Righeimer nominated Mr. Kinsley for Chair, second by Ms. Hessel. Ms. Wilson nominated Mr. Buckholtz; Mr. Buckholtz declined the nomination. With no further nominations or discussion, the election by secret ballot was made. The ballots were collected and counted by Clerk Klein and Deputy Clerk Bruce; Mr. Kinsley was elected by unanimous vote.

Election of County Board Vice Chair-- Mr. Buckholtz nominated himself for Vice Chair, second by Mr. Helwig. Mr. Neumann nominated Mr. Righeimer. Mr. Buckholtz spoke stating his qualifications for the position. Mr. Righeimer spoke and acknowledged Mr. Buckholtz is well qualified but stated he would also be honored to hold the position. With no further nominations or discussion, the election by secret ballot was made. The ballots were collected and counted by Clerk Klein and Deputy Clerk Bruce; Mr. Buckholtz was elected by a majority vote.

Chair Kinsley took over for the remainder of the meeting.

Meeting Agenda – Set

Public Comments – None

Minutes from the previous meeting dated: March 19, 2026

Motion to approve by: Mr. Neumann Second by: Mr. Buckholtz
Motion carried without negative vote.

Motion to set a Special Meeting of the Board of Supervisors for committee appointments and orientation for Thursday, April 30, 2026 at 6:30pm by: Mr. Kariainen Second by: Ms. Wilson
Motion carried without negative vote.

There will be a WCA District meeting on Wednesday, June 17, 2026 at Sevenwinds Casino; Mr. Kinsley encouraged board members to attend.

Zoning Committee – Mr. Buckholtz gave the Zoning Committee report: the committee heard 3 Conditional Use Permit cases and 1 rezone. Mr. Kozlowski updated the board on the Solar Ordinance that was approved by the Zoning Committee and sent out to the towns with a 50% approval response. The Ordinance will come before the board for consideration at the May 21 meeting.

Zone District Map Amendment RZN #26-006 for James Sokuip & Sydney Ringheim to rezone 3.49 acres in the Town of Bass Lake from A-1 to RR-1 was **approved** on a motion by: Mr. Buckholtz Second by: Mr. Savitski
Motion carried without negative vote.

Public Works Committee—

Mr. Neumann updated the Board on April department reports for Maintenance, Airport, and Highway.

Motion to approve a utility easement at the Airport by: Mr. Neumann Second by: Mr. Evans
Motion carried without negative vote.

Mr. Kinsley reported that the Ad-hoc Committee has had productive meetings with Tribal members and lines of communication are open to discuss mutually beneficial issues. The next meeting is scheduled for April 27 and topics will be the tower, funding for the Sheriff's Department, and the Economic Development Corporation.

Public Safety Committee —

Mr. Buckholtz reviewed the April Clerk of Courts, Sheriff's Department, Jail, Emergency Management, Dispatch, Child Support, Code Enforcement and Emergency Services reports for the board.

Land, Water and Forest Resources Committee—

Mr. Kariainen reviewed the Register of Deeds, Land Records, Surveyor, Forestry, Zoning Conservation and Trails reports.

Mr. Peterson presented background on the following three resolutions:

Resolution 2026-___ Removing Certain County Quit Claim Deed Guarantee From Ramy Seed Company Properties was considered again after being tabled in March. The resolution was approved on a motion by: Mr. Neumann
Second by: Mr. Buckholtz
Motion carried without negative vote.

Resolution 2026-___ Minocqua Grading, LLC Claim was approved on a motion by: Mr. Kariainen
Second by: Mr. Neumann
Motion carried without negative vote.

Resolution 2026-____ Outdoor Recreational Trail Aids was approved on a motion by: Mr. Evans

Second by: Mr. Neumann

Motion carried without negative vote.

Finance Report -

Mr. Righeimer provided an update on county finances and department budgets.

Resolution 2026-____ to Designate and Transfer General Fund Balance was approved on a motion by: Mr. Buckholtz

Second by: Mr. Kariainen

Motion carried without negative vote.

HHS Report—

Ms. Wilson reported on the April 6 meeting of the HHS Board and shared reports from LCO, HHS, ADRC and Adult Protective Services, Community Support and Mobile Crisis, Child Protective Services, Youth Justice, Economic Support and Public Health. Of concern is a report that the drug xylazine is becoming a problem at nearby Lac du Flambeau.

Economic Development and UW Extension Committee—

Mr. Righeimer gave the April Economic Development and UW Extension Committee report.

Administration Report—

Mr. Kinsley reported that the Administration Committee met and heard reports from the County Clerk, Veterans, IT, and HR departments, and the County Administrator.

Appointments to LEPC—The Admin committee recommended a list of the following appointments to the LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee):

Group 1:

Chief Deputy Bryan Deyo – Sawyer County Sheriff's Office

Group 2:

- Warden Nicholas Al-Moghrabi – Wisconsin DNR
- Forester/Ranger Brody Fischer – Wisconsin DNR
- Chief Susie Taylor – LCO Police Department
- Scott Johnson – LCO Public Health
- Jay Kozlowski – Sawyer County Zoning

Group 3:

- Celia Horns – Sawyer County Record
- Mark Lundeen – WHSM Radio

Group 4:

- Gary Hilgendorf – Faith/Spider Lake Church
- Aaron Jenneman – GenComm/Radio

Group 5:

- Cory Sulley – LP

Zac Deikonski – Enbridge

The appointees were approved and confirmed by the County Board on a motion by: Mr. Buckholtz

Second by: Ms. Hessel

Motion carried without negative vote.

County Administrator's Report—

Mr. Markgren updated the committee on staff recognition for National Telecommunicators' Week and Administrative Professionals' Day, a new Executive Director and LCO requesting removal of their name from the EDC, the upcoming 60th Annual Governor's Fishing Opener in Sawyer County on Nelson Lake, Finance updates, an AI Forum, a Public Safety radio tower potential build needed in Meadowbrook, the county's carbon credits entering the market, and his attendance at an Airport conference in Stevens Point. The Veterans Tribute site was razed in two days with excellent work done by JR Construction; two proposed designs will be bid out.

CJCC—the Executive Committee is working on updating the bylaws and Justice Point had a recent TAD site visit that went very well.

Board Appointed Committee Updates— None**Correspondence, Reports from Conferences and Meetings- None**

Future Agenda Items- County Board Special Meeting Thursday, April 30 at 6:30pm for committee assignments and orientation

Meeting Adjourned at 7:26 pm

Next meeting: Thursday, April 30, 2026 **Time:** 6:30pm **Location:** Board Room
Minutes recorded by Liz Klein, County Clerk and Laura Bruce, Deputy County Clerk

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☐ John Minto- Absent	15	T Winter W-2, T Draper, V Winter	

Also present: Mike Markgren, Liz Klein, Atty. Steve Sorenson

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance— Chair Kinsley 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.

Meeting Agenda – Set

Public Comments – Linda Zillmer

County Government Presentation—

Atty. Steve Sorenson gave a presentation on county government history, duties and powers. He reviewed open meetings, quorums, public records, and ethics and answered questions.

Self-Organized County Ordinance— The Ordinance requires the board to adopt the Board Policy every two years; this will be reviewed in the Administration Committee and brought to the full board at the May 21 meeting.

Committee Appointments—

The board members received and reviewed their committee appointments.

Motion to approve the committee appointments by: Mr. Buckholtz Second by: Mr. Van Etten

Motion carried without negative vote.

Future Agenda Items- Board Rules resolution

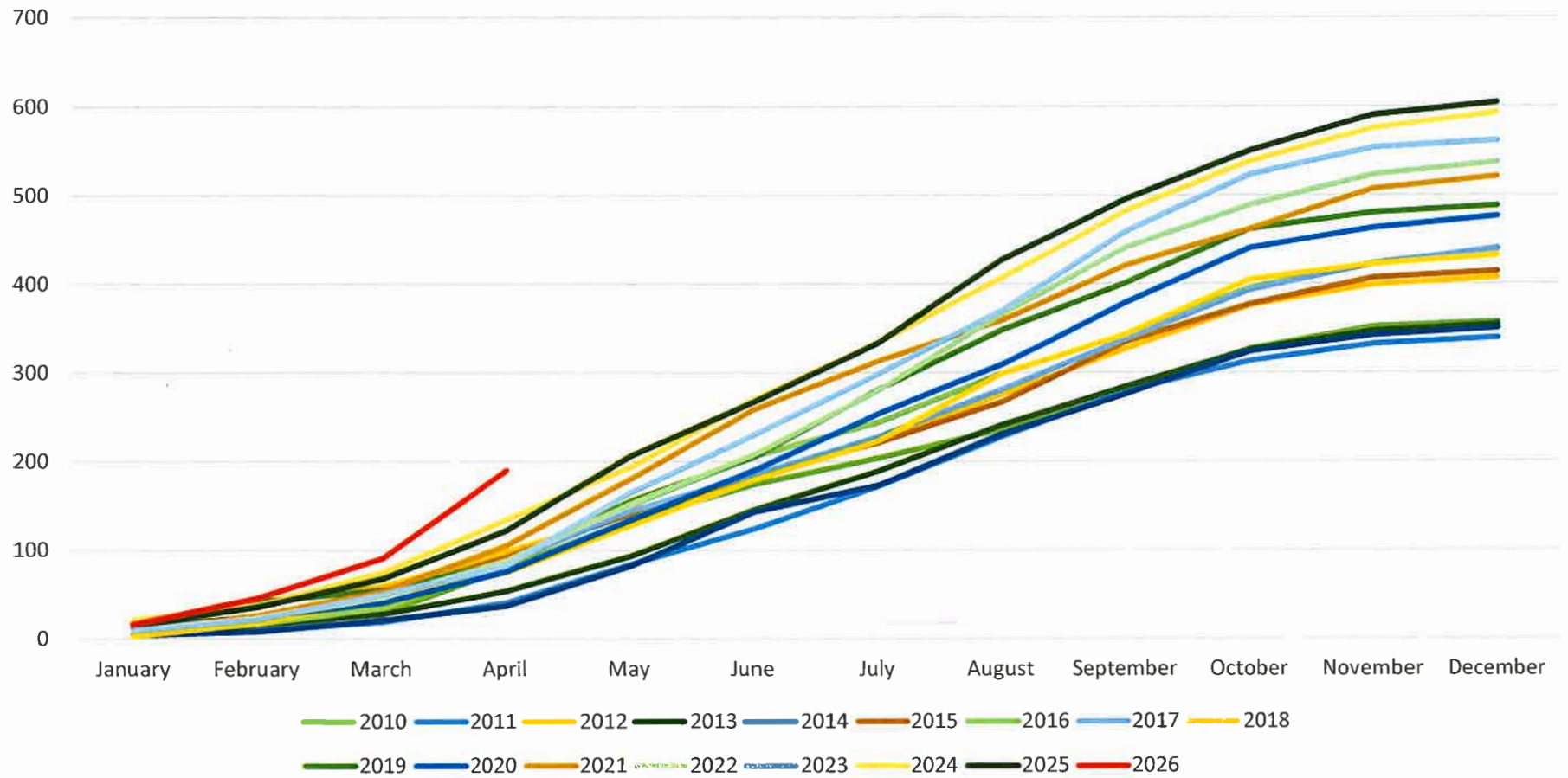
Meeting Adjourned at 8:13 pm

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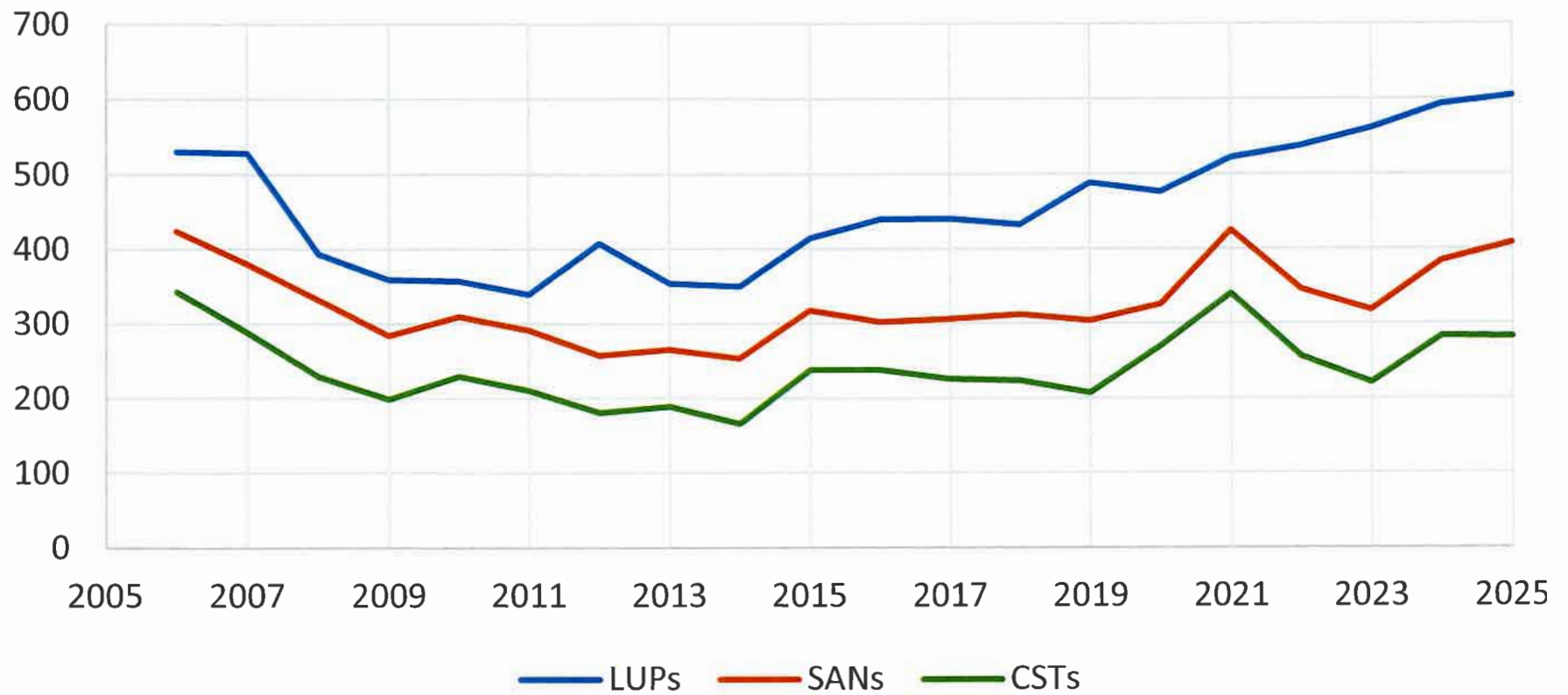
Minutes recorded by Liz Klein, County Clerk

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Running Total LUPs by Month and Year



Permits per Year





Rezone Request

STAFF REPORT FOR COUNTY BOARD

Prepared By: Jay Kozlowski, Sawyer County Zoning & Conservation Administrator

File: # RZN 26-007

Applicant:

Russell & Laurie Key and Stephen Atherton
12809W Antherton Road
Couderay, WI 54828

Property Location & Legal Description:

Town of Couderay. Part of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$, Lot 1 CSM 34/90 #8108 and Lot 2 CSM 34/90 #8108; Both in S02, T38N, R08W; Parcel #'s 004-838-02-3406 & 004-838-02-3407; Tax ID #'s 42334 & 42335; 10.62 and 6.45 for a total of 17.07 total acres; Zoned Agricultural One (1) and Residential/Recreational Two (RR-2). Both parcels are split zoned.

Request: Purpose of request to rezone all the Agricultural One (A-1) property on the North side of the river to Residential/Recreational Two (RR-2) in order to move existing lot lines. Lot 1 consists of 2.32 total acres and Lot 2 consists of 2.96 total acres north of the river for a total of 5.28 total acres to be rezoned. The shoreland/wetland overlay district is not subject to change as part of this request.

Additional Information/details:

See attached additional maps included in this packet. The applicant is requesting to rezone approximately 5.28 acres across 2 different parcels from A-1 to RR-2. In conversations with the applicant, they are interested in selling lot 1 but want to move property lines around to include the existing pole shed building currently on lot 1 to be incorporated with lot 2 before the sale. In order to move these property lines around it would require rezoning of this land in that it is currently zoned A-1 and zoning ordinances would not allow for a further reduction of area on an already existing substandard size A-1 parcel. The RR-2 zone district was recommended to the applicant as the land on the South side of the River is already zoned RR-2 as to not be viewed as spot zoning.

The Town of Couderay Comprehensive Plan future land use maps show this area as "Forest Residential". Forest Residential are areas where the town has seen growth in residential development and is anticipated to continue to see this activity, on privately owned forested lands. The existing uses in the area include residential, light agricultural, and forestry. The property subject to the rezone is currently not part of an agricultural use. The Town's recommendation of the proposed rezone should be highly considered for approval or denial consideration.



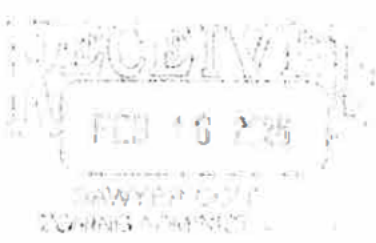
Zoning Committee Public Hearing Info:

There were 7 additional notification letters sent out to property owners within 300' of the property, 0 comments were returned.

The Town of Couderay approved the rezone request with a vote of 3-0 on April 8, 2026

At the Sawyer County Zoning Committee Public Hearing on April 17, 2026 it was recommended for approval of a vote of 5-0 with the findings of fact that it would do the following:

1. Promote the public health, safety, convenience and general welfare;
2. Encourage planned and orderly land use development;
3. Protect property values and the property tax base.
4. Recognize the needs of agriculture, forestry, industry and business in future growth.



RECEIVED

FEB 10 2026

Rezone Application

Application# 26-007

Return Original

To: Sawyer County Zoning and Conservation
10610 Main Street, Suite 49
Hayward, WI 54843

Phone: 715-634-8288
E-mail: Kathy.marks@sawyercountygov.org

Owner &
Address

Laurie + Russell Key
12809W Atherton Road
Couderay, WI 54828

cell

Phone: 715-558-6690 Email: yorky@bevcomm.net

Legacy PIN 004-838-02-3407 Tax ID# 42335 Acres 6.45
004-838-02-3406 Tax ID# 42334 Acres 10.62

Change from District A-1 to RR-2

Property Description:

town of couderay, part SESW lot 2 & lot 1 of CSM #8108

Purpose of Request:

rezone all A-1 zoned property on north side of
river to RR 2 in order to move existing lot lines. lot 2
consist of 2.96 acres north of the river and lot 1 consist of 2.32 acres
total of 5.28 acres subject to rezone request

Laurie A Key

X Stephen H. Atherton

***Please Print & Sign (Property Owner)**

The above hereby make application for a rezone. The above certify that the listed information and intentions are true and correct. The above person(s) hereby give permission for access to the property for onsite inspection by Municipal Officials.

Agent Name, Address, Phone & Email of Agent: (Print & Sign)

Phone _____ Email: _____

Office Information: Fee: \$500.00

Date of Public Hearing April 17, 2026 Rev. 1/2022

Real Estate Sawyer County Property Listing

Today's Date: 2/10/2026

Property Status: Current

Created On: 5/19/2016 1:37:12 PM

 Description Updated: 5/20/2016

Tax ID: 42334
PIN: 57-004-2-38-08-02-3 04-000-000060
 Legacy PIN: 004838023406
 Map ID:
 Municipality: (004) TOWN OF COUDERAY
 STR: S02 T38N R08W
 Description: PRT SESW LOT 1 CSM 34/90 #8108 K E
 ATHERTON - LE
 Recorded Acres: 10.620
 Lottery Claims: 1
 First Dollar: Yes
 Waterbody: Couderay River
 Zoning: (A-1) Agricultural One
 (RR2) Residential/Recreational Two
 ESN: 454

 Tax Districts Updated: 5/19/2016

1 State of Wisconsin
 57 Sawyer County
 004 Town of Couderay
 576615 Winter School District
 001700 Technical College

 Recorded Documents Updated: 9/14/2015

QUIT CLAIM DEED
 Date Recorded: 3/3/2016 [400069](#)
CERTIFIED SURVEY MAP
 Date Recorded: 1/6/2016 [399383](#)
TERMINATION OF DECEDENTS INTEREST
 Date Recorded: 8/10/2015 [397079](#)
QUIT CLAIM DEED
 Date Recorded: 10/16/1989 [193318](#)
WARRANTY DEED
 Date Recorded: 2/11/1975 [150429](#)

 Ownership Updated: 5/19/2016**RUSSELL & LAURIE KEY** COUDERAY WI**Billing Address:**

RUSSELL & LAURIE KEY
 12809W ATHERTON RD
 COUDERAY WI 54828

Mailing Address:

RUSSELL & LAURIE KEY
 12809W ATHERTON RD
 COUDERAY WI 54828

 Site Address * indicates Private Road

12765W STATE HWY 27/70 COUDERAY 54828

 Property Assessment Updated: 4/18/2017**2026 Assessment Detail**

Code	Acres	Land	Imp.
G1-RESIDENTIAL	1.000	8,000	40,300
G5-UNDEVELOPED	3.000	700	0
G6-PRODUCTIVE FOREST	6.620	8,900	0

2-Year Comparison	2025	2026	Change
Land:	17,600	17,600	0.0%
Improved:	40,300	40,300	0.0%
Total:	57,900	57,900	0.0%

 Property History

Parent Properties Tax ID
[57-004-2-38-08-02-3 04-000-000040](#) [4489](#)

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 42334 This Parcel  Parents  Children

Real Estate Sawyer County Property Listing

Today's Date: 2/10/2026

Property Status: Current

Created On: 5/19/2016 1:37:15 PM

 Description Updated: 1/21/2026

Tax ID: 42335
PIN: 57-004-2-38-08-02-3 04-000-000070
Legacy PIN: 004838023407
Map ID:
Municipality: (004) TOWN OF COUDERAY
STR: S02 T38N R08W
Description: PRT SESW LOT 2 CSM 34/90 #8108 K E
 ATHERTON - LE
Recorded Acres: 6.450
Lottery Claims: 1
First Dollar: Yes
Waterbody: Couderay River
Zoning: (A-1) Agricultural One
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STEPHEN H ATHERTON III COUDERAY WI
RUSSELL & LAURIE KEY COUDERAY WI

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G6-PRODUCTIVE FOREST	3.450	5,100	0

2-Year Comparison	2025	2026	Change
Land:	13,600	13,600	0.0%
Improved:	45,600	45,600	0.0%
Total:	59,200	59,200	0.0%

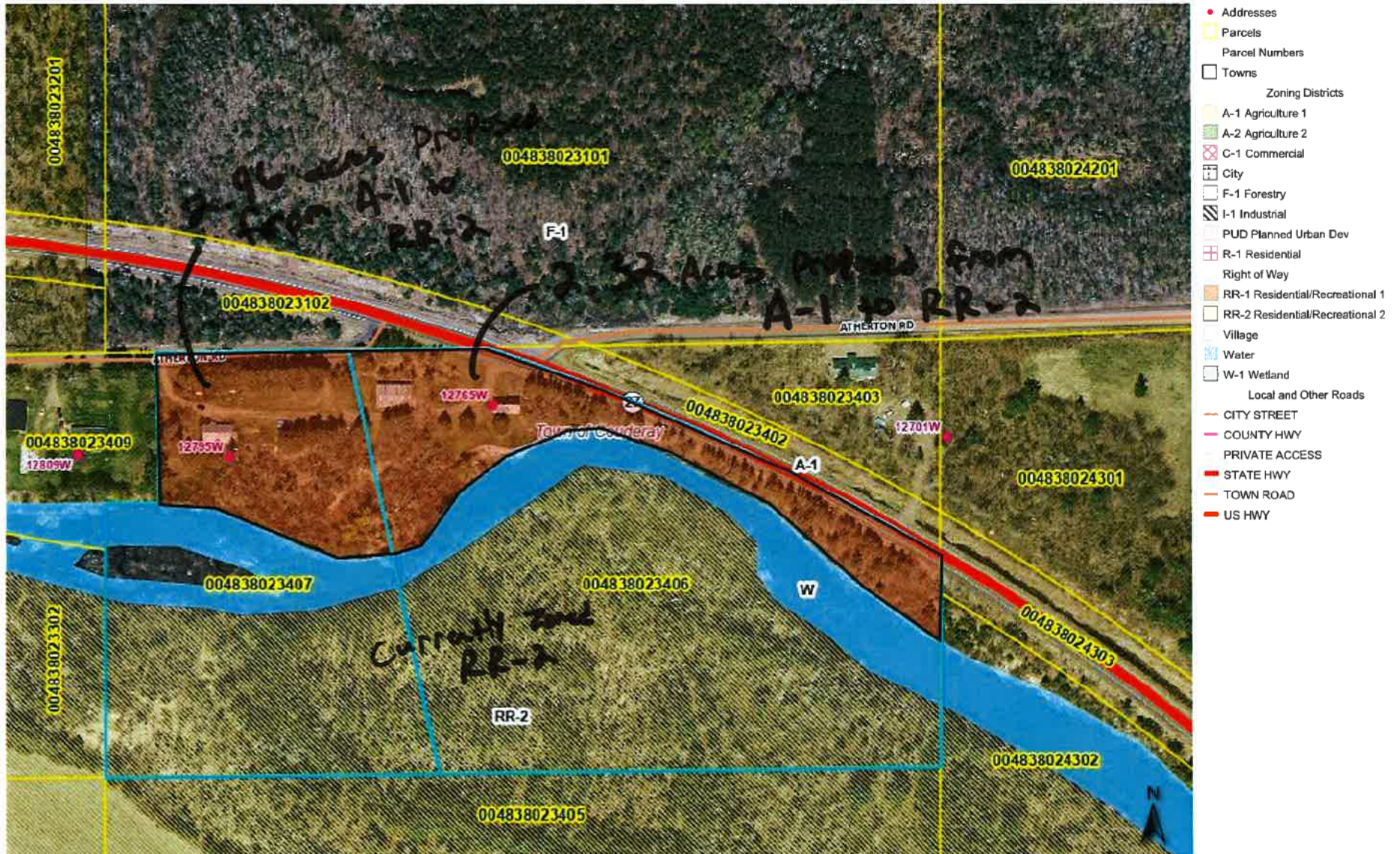
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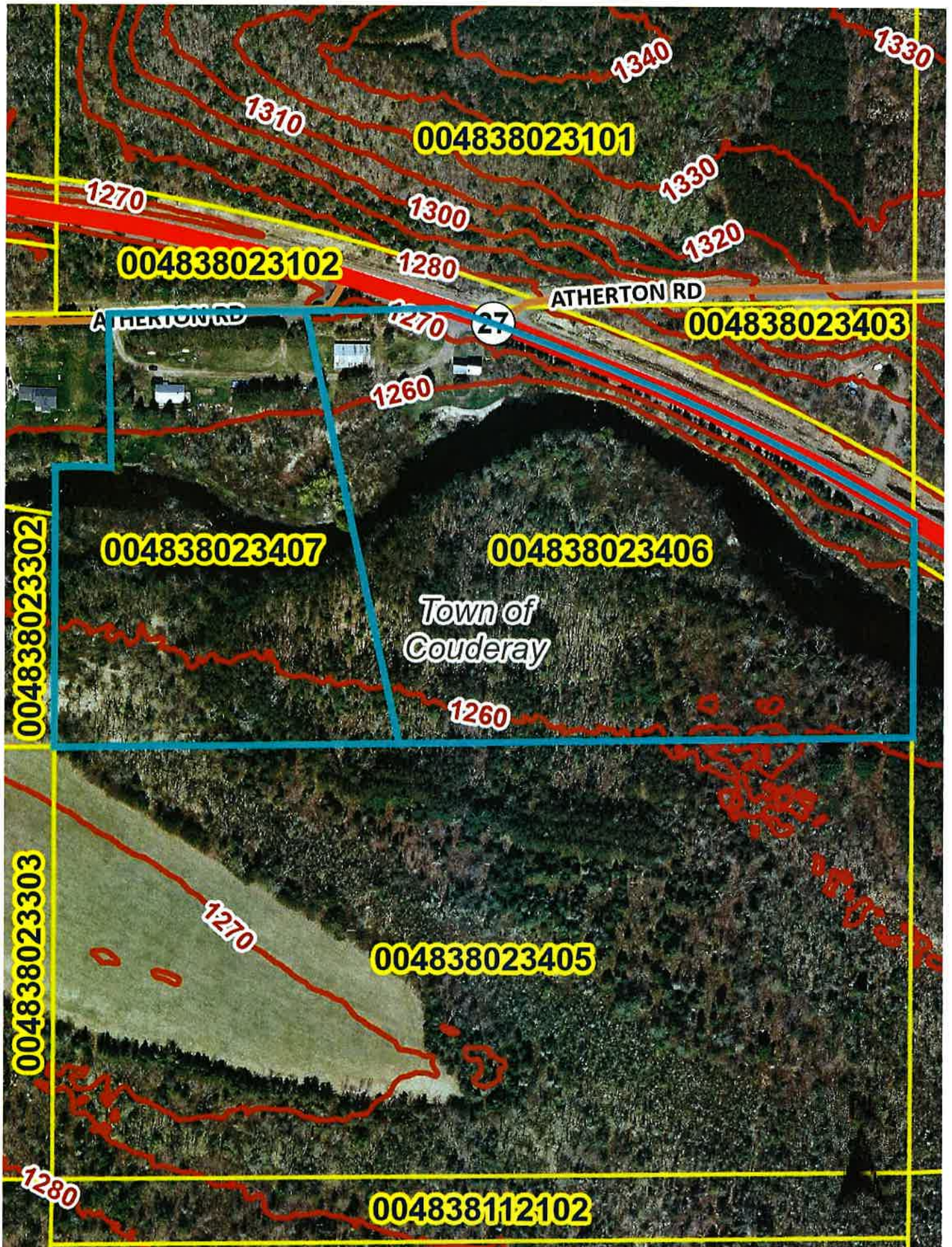
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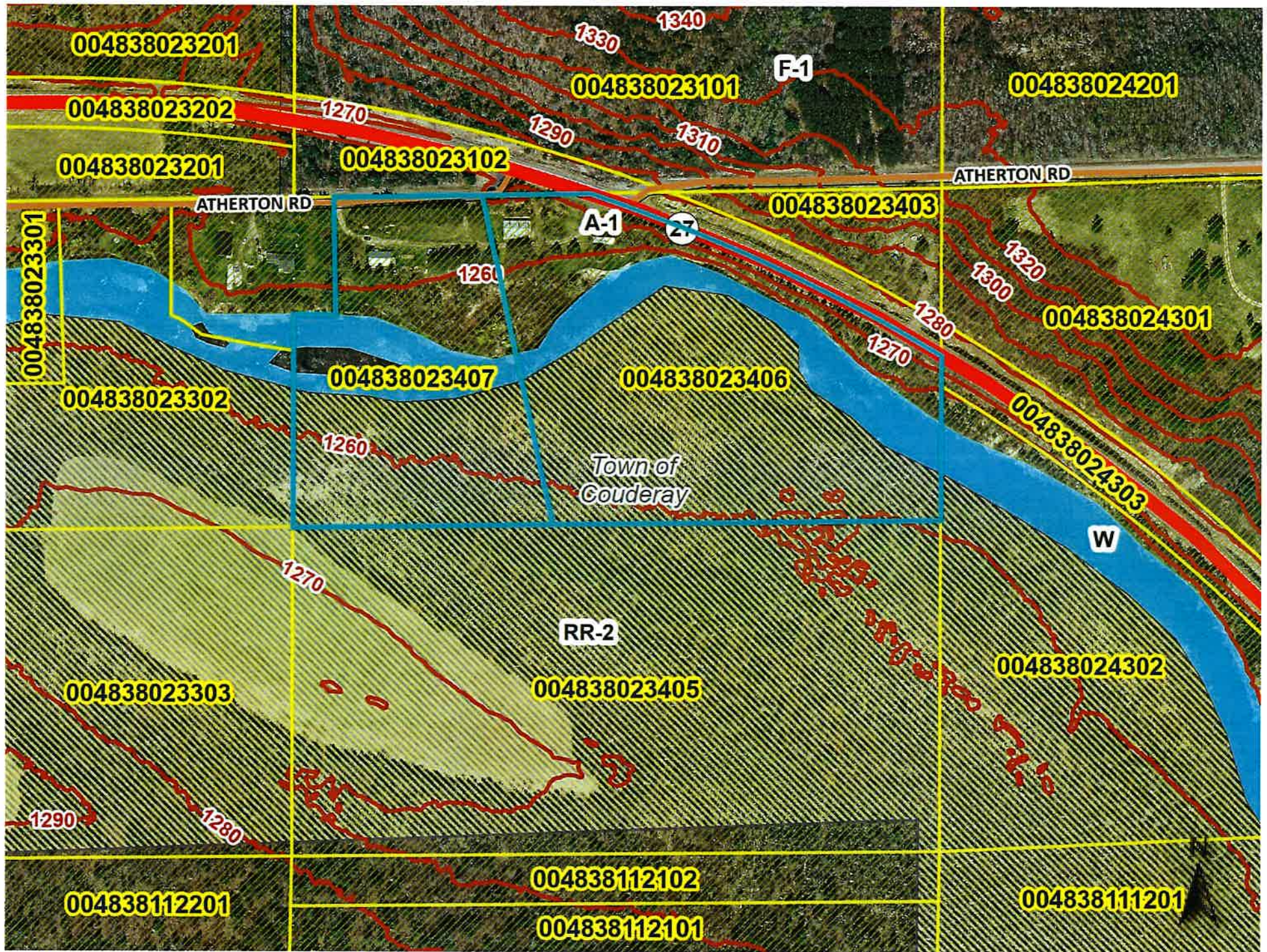
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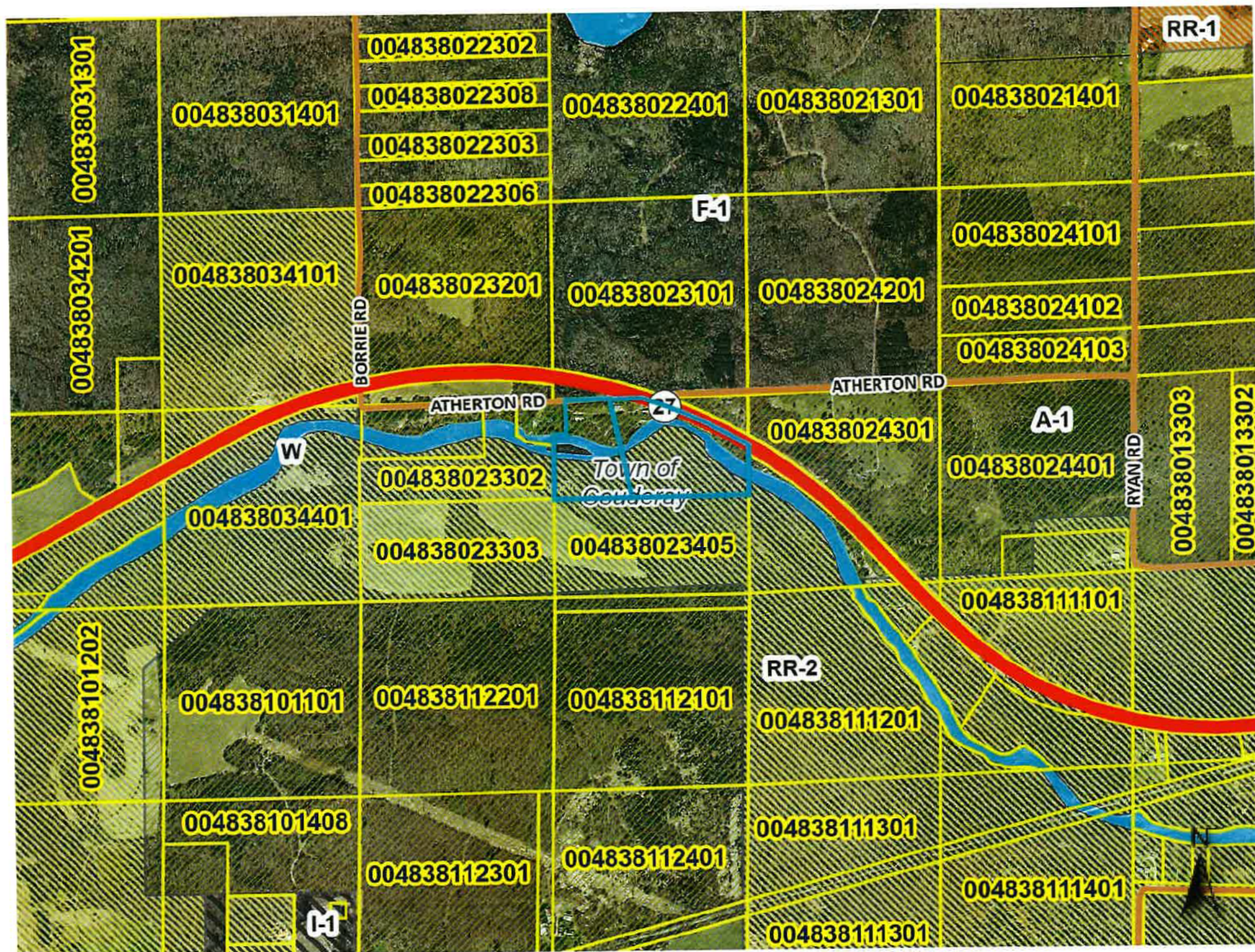
42335 This Parcel  Parents  Children



total of 5.28 acres subject to rezone request







**SAWYER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
RESOLUTION NO. _____**

Case #26-007 Owner Name: Russell & Laurie Key

RESOLUTION TO AMEND SAWYER COUNTY OFFICIAL ZONING MAP

WHEREAS, Wisconsin law permits Sawyer County (the "County") to adopt certain zoning ordinances and amend its existing zoning ordinances, including amendments to the County's official zoning map, Part of the SE ¼ of the SW ¼, Lot 1 CSM 34/90 #8108 and Lot 2 CSM 34/90 #8108; Both in S02, T38N, R08W; Parcel #'s 004-838-02-3406 & 004-838-02-3407; Tax ID #'s 42334 & 42335; 10.62 and 6.45 for a total of 17.07 total acres; Zoned Agricultural One (1) and Residential/Recreational Two (RR-2). Both split zoned. (the "Property"), and as more fully described as set forth in Exhibit A, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein, requested a rezoning of the Property's zoning designation from Agricultural One (A-1) to Residential/Recreational Two (RR-2). (the "Zoning Designation Amendment");

WHEREAS, the Sawyer County Zoning Committee (the "Zoning Committee"), at its meeting on April 17, 2026, reviewed the proposed Zoning Designation Amendment for the Property;

WHEREAS, the Zoning Committee voted to recommend approval/denial of the proposed Zoning Designation Amendment to the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors ("County Board"); as determined by findings of Fact included as Exhibit B.

WHEREAS, the County Board determined, at its meeting on May 21, 2026, that adopting the proposed Zoning Designation Amendment for the Property is warranted to protect the health, welfare and safety of its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors approves the following:

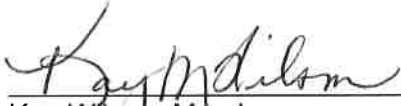
1. Amendment to Official Zoning Map. The Property's zoning designation shall be amended to Residential/Recreational Two (RR-2).
2. Additional Actions. The Sawyer County Department of Zoning and Conservation Administrator (or his/her designee) shall take all necessary steps to ensure that the amendment adopted herein is completed.

This Resolution is recommended for adoption by the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors at its meeting on May 21, 2026, by this Sawyer County Zoning Committee on this April 17, 2026., 2024.



Ronald Buckholtz, Chairman

Tweed Shuman, Vice Chairman



Kay Wilson, Member



Steve Kariainen, Member

Dale Magnuson, Member



Marshal Savitski, Member

This Resolution is hereby adopted by the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors this 21st day of May, 2026

Ronald Kinsley,
Sawyer County Board of Supervisors Chairman

Elizabeth Klein,,
County Clerk

EXHIBIT A

Property Description

Case #RZN 26-007

Owner: Russell & Laurie Key

Property Description: . Part of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$, Lot 1 CSM 34/90 #8108 and Lot 2 CSM 34/90 #8108; Both in S02, T38N, R08W; Parcel #'s 004-838-02-3406 & 004-838-02-3407; Tax ID #'s 42334 & 42335; 10.62 and 6.45 for a total of 17.07 total acres; Zoned Agricultural One (1) and Residential/Recreational Two (RR-2). Both split zoned.

**SAWYER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
RESOLUTION NO. _____**

**RESOLUTION TO AMEND SAWYER COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES –
APPENDIX D, SECTION 2.0 DEFINITIONS & SECTION 17.6(B) – COMMERCIAL
ONE ZONE DISTRICT (C-1) -CONDITIONAL USES**

WHEREAS, Wisconsin law permits Sawyer County (the “County”) to adopt certain zoning ordinances and amend its existing zoning ordinances to ensure planned and orderly land use development, protect property values, and ensure that future growth is appropriate for the land's character and adaptability.

WHEREAS, the County desires to amend its existing Sawyer County Code of Ordinance – Appendix D, Section 2.0 Definitions & Section 17.6 (B) – C-1 Commercial One Zone District - Conditional Uses.

WHEREAS, the Sawyer County Zoning Committee (the “Zoning Committee”), at its meeting on April 17, 2026, reviewed the proposed Ordinance revisions to section 2.0 Definitions, 17.6 (B) Conditional Uses Revisions are attached hereto and incorporated into this Resolution as Exhibit A;

WHEREAS, the Zoning Committee voted to recommend approval of the Ordinance Revisions to the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors (“County Board”); and

WHEREAS, the County Board determined, at its meeting on May 21, 2026 that adopting the Ordinance Revisions in the form set forth in Exhibit A are warranted to encourage planned and orderly land use development, protect property values, and ensure that future growth is appropriate for the land's character and adaptability.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors that the Sawyer County Ordinances shall be amended as follows:

1. Adoption of Exhibit A shall be adopted in the County Zoning Ordinance as Sawyer County Code of Ordinances-Appendix D Section 2.0(7) for a new definition with renumbering subsections & Section 17.6(B)(13)
2. Additional Actions. The Sawyer County Department of Zoning and Conservation Administrator (or his/her designee) shall take all necessary steps to ensure that the Ordinance Revisions adopted herein are completed.

This Resolution is recommended for adoption by the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors at its meeting on May 21, 2026 by this Sawyer County Zoning Committee on this April 17, 2026.



Ronald Buckholtz, Chairman

Tweed Shuman, Vice-Chairman

Kay Wilson, Member



Steve Kariainen, Member

Dale Magnuson, Member



Marshal Savitski, Alternate Member

This Resolution is hereby adopted by the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors this 21st day of May, 2026.

Ronald Kinsley,
Sawyer County Board of Supervisors Chairman

Elizabeth Klein,
County Clerk

EXHIBIT A

Proposed Zoning Ordinance Revision/Amendment

(May be attached as separate document)

Section 2.0 Definitions

- (7) *Apartment*: A self-contained dwelling unit within a building that houses multiple units, intended for use by one family and providing facilities for living, cooking, sleeping, and sanitation. The rental of an apartment unit must be greater than 30 consecutive days.

Section 17.6 - C-1: Commercial - One District

B) *Uses authorized by Conditional Use.*

- 13) Apartments; provided that each apartment unit contains a minimum of 10,000 sq ft of land area within the Commercial-One District. Prohibited within the Shoreland District.

**SAWYER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
RESOLUTION NO. _____**

**RESOLUTION TO AMEND SAWYER COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES –
APPENDIX D, SECTION 2.0 DEFINITIONS & SECTION 17.7(B) – INDUSTRIAL-ONE
ZONE DISTRICT (I-1) -CONDITIONAL USES**

WHEREAS, Wisconsin law permits Sawyer County (the “County”) to adopt certain zoning ordinances and amend its existing zoning ordinances to ensure planned and orderly land use development, protect property values, and ensure that future growth is appropriate for the land's character and adaptability.

WHEREAS, the County desires to amend its existing Sawyer County Code of Ordinance – Appendix D, Section 2.0 Definitions & Section 17.7 (B) – I-1 Industrial-One Zone District - Conditional Uses.

WHEREAS, the Sawyer County Zoning Committee (the “Zoning Committee”), at its meeting on April 17, 2026, reviewed the proposed Ordinance revisions to section 2.0 Definitions, 17.7(B) Conditional Uses Revisions are attached hereto and incorporated into this Resolution as Exhibit A;

WHEREAS, the Zoning Committee voted to recommend approval of the Ordinance Revisions to the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors (“County Board”); and

WHEREAS, the County Board determined, at its meeting on May 21, 2026 that adopting the Ordinance Revisions in the form set forth in Exhibit A are warranted to protect the health, welfare and safety of its citizens, encourage planned and orderly land use development, protect property values, and ensure that future growth is appropriate for the land's character and adaptability.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors that the Sawyer County Ordinances shall be amended as follows:

1. Adoption of Exhibit A shall be adopted in the County Zoning Ordinance as Sawyer County Code of Ordinances-Appendix D Section 2.0(23) for a new definition with renumbering subsections & Section 17.7(B)(12) use authorized by Conditional Use Permit
2. Additional Actions. The Sawyer County Department of Zoning and Conservation Administrator (or his/her designee) shall take all necessary steps to ensure that the Ordinance Revisions adopted herein are completed.

This Resolution is recommended for adoption by the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors at its meeting on May 21, 2026 by this Sawyer County Zoning Committee on this April 17, 2026.


Ronald Buckholtz, Chairman

Tweed Shuman, Vice-Chairman

Kay Wilsont, Member


Steve Kariainen, Member

Dale Magnuson, Member


Marshal Savitski, Alternate Member

This Resolution is hereby adopted by the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors this 21st day of May, 2026.

Ronald Kinsley,
Sawyer County Board of Supervisors Chairman

Elizabeth Klein,
County Clerk

EXHIBIT A

Proposed Zoning Ordinance Revision/Amendment

(May be attached as separate document)

Proposed Amendment to Sawyer County Zoning Ordinance for Data Centers Sawyer County Code of Ordinances – Appendix D

Section 2.0 Definitions

(23) *Data Center*: A physical facility used to house computing infrastructure, storage systems, networking equipment, and associated components to store, manage, and deliver digital data and applications.

Section 17.7 - I-1: Industrial - One District

B) *Uses authorized by Conditional Use.*

12) Data Center; provided that there are at least 160 acres of contiguous land and prohibited within the Shoreline District. A minimum of 160 acres is due to the following:

- a) Adequate separation distances between mechanical equipment and neighboring residences to mitigate noise, vibration, and light impacts associated with 24-hour operations.
- b) Accommodate required electrical substations, transmission interconnection facilities, and associated utility corridors.
- c) Allow on-site stormwater infiltration and groundwater protection measures due to the large amount of impervious surface.
- d) Security perimeters and emergency response access around critical infrastructure.
- e) Allow for vegetative buffers, berms, and screening sufficient to maintain rural character and minimize visual impacts.
- f) Ensure adequate setbacks from adjacent properties, public roads, and environmentally sensitive areas.
- g) Prevent piecemeal expansion and land use conflicts with agricultural and residential uses.

**SAWYER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
RESOLUTION NO. _____**

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT SAWYER COUNTY SOLAR ENERGY ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, Wisconsin law permits Sawyer County (the “County”) to adopt certain zoning ordinances and amend its existing zoning ordinances;

WHEREAS, the County desires to adopt the Sawyer County Solar Energy Ordinance

WHEREAS, the Sawyer County Zoning Committee (the “Zoning Committee”), at its meeting on April 17, 2026, reviewed the proposed Ordinance adoption which is attached hereto and incorporated into this Resolution as Exhibit A;

WHEREAS, the Zoning Committee voted to recommend approval/denial of the Ordinance Adoption to the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors (“County Board”); and

WHEREAS, the County Board determined, at its meeting on May 21, 2026 that adopting the Ordinance in the form set forth in Exhibit A are warranted to protect the health, welfare and safety of its citizens.

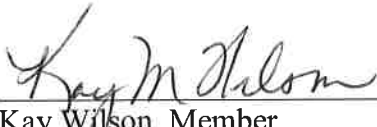
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors that the Sawyer County Solar Energy Ordinance shall be amended as follows:

1. Adoption of the new County Solar Energy Ordinance shall be adopted in its entirety.
2. Additional Actions. The Sawyer County Department of Zoning and Conservation Administrator (or his/her designee) shall take all necessary steps to ensure that the new Ordinance adopted herein are completed.

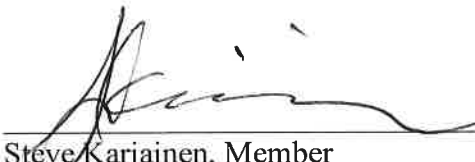
This Resolution is recommended for adoption by the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors at its meeting on May 21, 2026 by this Sawyer County Zoning Committee on this May 17, 2024.

Ronald Buckholtz, Chairman

Tweed Shuman, Vice-Chairman



Kay Wilson, Member



Steve Kariainen, Member

Dale Magnuson, Member



Marshall Savitski, Alternate Member

This Resolution is hereby adopted by the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors this 21st day of May, 2026.

Ronald Kinsley,
Sawyer County Board of Supervisors Chairman

Elizabeth Klein,,
County Clerk

EXHIBIT A

Proposed Solar Energy Ordinance

Please see attached

EXHIBIT A

Proposed Sawyer County Solar Energy System Ordinance

Section 1. Purpose, Intent and Authority

A. The purpose of this ordinance is to establish clear, consistent, and enforceable standards for the siting, development, operation, and decommissioning of solar energy systems and battery energy storage systems in Sawyer County

B. The intent of this ordinance is to adopt and incorporate the requirements and standards set forth in Wis. Stat. § 66.0401 and Wis. Stat. § 66.0403, to preserve and protect the public health or safety while ensuring that the ordinance restrictions do not significantly increase the cost of the system, do not significantly decrease the system's efficiency, and the ordinance restrictions allow for an alternative system of comparable cost and efficiency. The ordinance is intended to require a case by case approach regulatory scheme, thereby allowing uniform development while also considering the particular characteristics of a proposed solar energy system.

C. The ordinance prioritizes regulation of community-scale, mid-scale, and large-scale solar energy systems while maintaining streamlined allowances for personal-use (accessory) solar energy systems.

D. This ordinance is adopted pursuant to Sawyer County's zoning authority under Wis. Stat. §§ 59.69, 66.0401, and 66.0403, and are intended to protect public health, safety, welfare, agricultural resources, natural resources, infrastructure, and community character, while allowing responsible renewable energy development, as more particularly described in this ordinance.

Section 2. Applicability

This ordinance applies to all Solar Energy Systems and Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) located within Sawyer County, subject to applicable state and federal law. Where state or federal law preempts county regulation, such law shall control. This ordinance shall not apply to solar energy systems lawfully installed prior to the effective date of this ordinance, except for decommissioning and safety provisions.

Section 3. Definitions

A. For purposes of this ordinance, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated. Where terms are not defined herein, they shall be interpreted consistently with common usage, other provisions of the Sawyer County Zoning Ordinance, and applicable Wisconsin Statutes.

1. Abandonment: The cessation of operation of a solar energy system for a continuous period of twelve (12) months or more.

2. Accessory Solar Energy System: A solar energy system that is clearly incidental and subordinate to a permitted principal use on the same parcel, is designed primarily to offset on-site electricity consumption, and is not intended for commercial use, energy sales, or off-site distribution as its main function. An accessory solar energy system shall have a maximum nameplate capacity of less than fifty (50) kilowatts, shall not be established on a parcel without an existing principal structure, and shall not be operated as a principal use, community-scale, mid-scale, or large-scale solar energy system.

3. Agrivoltaics: The co-location of solar energy generation with agricultural activities, including but not limited to crop production, grazing, pollinator habitat, apiaries, or other agricultural uses compatible with solar infrastructure.

4. Battery Energy Storage System (or BESS): One or more devices, systems, or facilities that store electrical energy for later use through chemical, mechanical, or other means. A Battery Energy Storage System may be integrated co-located with a solar energy system or developed as a standalone facility and shall be regulated as a principal use.

5. Community-Scale Solar Energy System: A solar energy system occupying less than twenty (20) acres, regulated as a principal use, and designed primarily to provide electricity to a defined local community, development, group of subscribers, public facility, or cooperative within Sawyer County. Community-scale solar energy systems are not intended primarily for wholesale electric generation.

6. Decommissioning: The removal of all solar energy system components and restoration of the site to a condition compatible with surrounding land uses.

7. Floodplain: Any area designated as a floodplain pursuant to county, state, or federal regulation.

8. Glare: The reflection of sunlight from solar panels that causes visual discomfort or impairment to motorists, pilots, or neighboring properties.

9. Ground-Mounted Accessory Solar Energy System: An accessory solar energy system mounted on the ground or on poles and serving a principal use on the same parcel.

10. Large-Scale Solar Energy System: A solar energy system with a nameplate capacity greater than one hundred (100) megawatts.

11. Mid-Scale Solar Energy System: A ground-mounted solar energy system that occupies more than one (1) acre of land or has a nameplate capacity greater than fifty (50) kilowatts, but does not meet the definition of a Large-Scale Solar Energy System.

12. PSCW: The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin.

13. Roof-Mounted Accessory Solar Energy System: An accessory solar energy system mounted on a roof that is not a structural component of the building and does not increase the height of the structure.

14. Solar Array / Collector: One or more photovoltaic panels and related mounting structures used to collect solar energy.

15. Solar Energy System: Equipment that directly converts and then transfers solar energy into useable forms of thermal or electrical energy. A solar energy system includes solar collectors, frames, supports, mounting hardware, battery storage equipment, convertors, or invertors.

16. Viewshed: The area visible from a particular vantage point, including public roadways and residential properties.

Section 4. Use and Permit Requirements

A. Accessory Solar Energy Systems

- A. Roof-mounted accessory solar energy systems are permitted in all zoning districts and do not require a county permit, provided the system is not a structural component and does

not increase building height. If the roof-mounted array is a structural component or does increase the building height a Land Use Permit is required.

- B. Ground-mounted accessory solar energy systems are permitted in all zoning districts as accessory structures and require a Land Use Permit with applicable setbacks per accessory structures of that zone district. Accessory structures are not allowed on vacant property unless the requirements under Sawyer County Code of Ordinance – Appendix D - Section 4.26 can be met.

B. Community-Scale Solar Energy Systems

Community-Scale Solar Energy Systems are principal uses and may be permitted only by conditional use permit in all zoning districts to account for the unique impacts of the particular Community-Scale Solar Energy System being proposed and shall be determined upon the merits of the application for the proposed Community-Scale Solar Energy System and other evidence presented to the County Zoning Committee for consideration. Community-Scale Solar Energy Systems shall be less than 20 acres in size.

C. Mid-Scale Solar Energy Systems

1. Mid-Scale Solar Energy Systems are permitted as a conditional use and require issuance of a conditional use permit in the following zoning districts: (a) Agricultural-One (A-1); (b) Agricultural-Two (A-2); (c) Commercial-One (C-1); and (d) Industrial-One (I-1).

2. A conditional use permit shall be required to account for the unique impacts of the particular Mid-Scale Solar Energy System being proposed and shall be determined upon the merits of each application for the proposed Mid-Scale Solar Energy System and other evidence presented to the County Zoning Committee for consideration.

D. Large-Scale Solar Energy Systems

1. Large-Scale Solar Energy Systems are permitted in the following zoning districts and upon issuance of a certificate of public convenience and necessity under Wis. Stat. §196.491 by the PSCW: (a) Agricultural-One (A-1); (b) Agricultural-Two (A-2); (c) Commercial-One (C-1); and (d) Industrial-One (I-1).

E. Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS)

2. Battery Energy Storage Systems are permitted as a conditional use and require issuance of a conditional use permit in the following zoning districts: (a) Agricultural-One (A-1); (b) Agricultural-Two (A-2); (c) Commercial-One (C-1); (d) Industrial-One (I-1); and (e) Forestry-One (F-1).

3. A conditional use permit shall be required to account for the unique impacts of the particular Battery Energy Storage Systems being proposed and shall be determined upon the merits of the application for the proposed Battery Energy Storage Systems and other evidence presented to the County Zoning Committee for consideration.

Section 5. General Standards for Solar Energy Systems and Battery Energy Storage Systems.

- A. A Solar Energy System and Battery Energy Storage System shall comply with applicable building, electrical, fire, and safety codes.
- B. A Solar Energy System and Battery Energy Storage System shall not be located within regulated floodplains or designated wetlands.
- C. A Solar energy system shall be designed to minimize glare impacts on adjacent properties and public roadways.
- D. Emergency access and system labeling shall be provided as required by applicable law and industry standards for a Solar Energy System and Battery Energy Storage System.
- E. Coordination with electric utilities shall be required prior to interconnection of any Solar Energy System or Battery Energy Storage System.
- F. Facility identification signage with fire identification number for a Solar Energy System or Battery Energy Storage System is required with 24/7 emergency contact information.
- G. An owner or operator of a Solar Energy System or Battery Energy Storage System shall compensate the County for any damage, destruction or other expenses incurred as a result of the construction, operation or decommissioning of a Solar Energy System or Battery Energy Storage System.

H. The County shall not be responsible or have any obligation for the performance, coordination, oversight, accounting or other involvement with any portion or all of the construction, maintenance, operation or decommissioning or any portion or all of the Solar Energy System or Battery Energy Storage System. If the County is ordered to participate in any portion of the Solar Energy System or Battery Energy Storage System construction, maintenance, operation or decommissioning, whether by court order, the PSCW, or other applicable law, or the County otherwise incurs any costs or expenses associated with any part of the solar energy system or Battery Energy Storage System construction, maintenance, operation or decommissioning, the owner shall reimburse the County for all the County's actual costs and expenses incurred. In the event the County incurs costs or expenses relating to the decommissioning of the Solar Energy System or Battery Energy Storage System, the amount owed pursuant to this Section _____ shall be offset by any amounts actually received by the County from the financial assurance described in Section _____.

Section 6. Requirements and Design Standards for Community-Scale and Mid-Scale Solar Energy Systems

- A. Setbacks: The project boundary shall be a minimum 250 feet from residential dwellings, 150 feet from public road rights-of-way, and a minimum of 20' from adjacent property lines. The perimeter fencing is the outer extension of the project boundary.
- B. Height: Maximum array height of eighteen (18) feet at maximum tilt.
- C. Fencing: Perimeter fencing shall be required and shall utilize wildlife-friendly designs.
- D. Screening and Visual Impacts:
 - 1. Visual screening shall be required where a Community-Scale Solar Energy System or Mid-Scale Solar Energy Storage System is visible from a public roadway or any property containing a residence.
 - 2. Screening may include vegetative buffers, fencing, berms, architectural treatments, or a combination thereof, as approved by the County Zoning Committee.

E. Fire Safety and Emergency Access

1. Any Community-Scale Solar Energy System or Mid-Scale Solar Energy Storage System shall comply with all applicable state and local fire codes, building codes, and manufacturer safety standards.
2. Site plans shall clearly identify emergency access routes, fire apparatus access, and required clearances.
3. The applicant shall provide documentation demonstrating coordination with local emergency responders prior to final approval of the conditional use permit.

F. Emergency Response Plan

1. An Emergency Response Plan shall be submitted as part of the conditional use permit application for any Community-Scale Solar Energy System or Mid-Scale Solar Energy Storage System.
2. The Emergency Response Plan shall include, at a minimum:
 - a. Identification of potential hazards associated with the Community-Scale Solar Energy System or Mid-Scale Solar Energy Storage System.
 - b. Emergency shutdown and isolation procedures.
 - c. Fire suppression, containment, and mitigation measures.
 - d. On-site and off-site emergency contact information.
 - e. Procedures for coordination with local emergency responders.
3. The Emergency Response Plan shall be updated as necessary to reflect material changes to the facility or applicable safety standards.

G. Noise: Any Community-Scale Solar Energy System or Mid-Scale Solar Energy Storage System shall comply with best practices based on current industry noise standards. Any cooling, ventilation, or operational noise shall be mitigated to prevent adverse impacts on neighboring properties.

H. Lighting: Lighting associated with any Community-Scale Solar Energy System, Mid-Scale Solar Energy System shall be limited to safety and security purposes. All lighting shall be fully shielded and directed downward to minimize off-site impacts.

Section 6A. Requirements and Design Standards for Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS)

A. Applicability:

The standards of this section apply to all Battery Energy Storage Systems permitted as a conditional use, whether developed as a standalone facility or integrated with a solar energy system.

B. Setbacks:

1. Minimum five hundred (500) feet from residential dwellings.
2. Minimum one hundred (100) feet from public road rights-of-way.
3. Minimum fifty (50) feet from boundary of the solar energy project site, unless increased as a condition of approval of a conditional use permit.

C. Location Restrictions. Battery Energy Storage Systems shall not be located within:

1. Regulated floodplains
2. Designated wetlands

D. Height: The maximum height of any Battery Energy Storage System structure shall not exceed twenty (20) feet, unless increased as a condition of approval of a conditional use permit.

E. Screening and Visual Impacts:

1. Visual screening shall be required where a Battery Energy Storage System is visible from public roadways or properties containing a residence.
2. Screening may include vegetative buffers, fencing, berms, architectural treatments, or a combination thereof, as approved by the Zoning Committee.

F. Fire Safety and Emergency Access:

1. Battery Energy Storage Systems shall comply with all applicable state and local fire codes, building codes, and manufacturer safety standards.
2. Site plans shall clearly identify emergency access routes, fire apparatus access, and required clearances.
3. The applicant shall provide documentation demonstrating coordination with local emergency responders prior to final approval of the conditional use permit.

G. Emergency Response Plan:

1. An Emergency Response Plan shall be submitted as part of the conditional use

permit application.

2. The Emergency Response Plan shall include, at a minimum, all of the following:

- a. Identification of potential hazards associated with the Battery Energy Storage System.
- b. Emergency shutdown and isolation procedures.
- c. Fire suppression, containment, and mitigation measures.
- d. On-site and off-site emergency contact information.
- e. Procedures for coordination with local emergency responders.

3. The Emergency Response Plan shall be updated as necessary to reflect material changes to the facility or applicable safety standards.

H. Noise:

Battery Energy Storage Systems shall comply with best practices based on current industry noise standards. Any cooling, ventilation, or operational noise shall be mitigated to prevent adverse impacts on neighboring properties.

I. Lighting:

Lighting associated with Battery Energy Storage Systems shall be limited to safety and security purposes. All lighting shall be fully shielded and directed downward to minimize off-site impacts.

Section 7. Agricultural and Rural Land Protections

- A. A site and soil assessment identifying prime farmland soils shall be required for community-scale, mid-scale, and large-scale solar energy systems.
- B. Use of prime farmland soils shall be avoided or minimized where feasible.
- C. Optional mitigation measures may include agrivoltaics, conservation easements, interim land use designation, or equivalent measures approved by the County Zoning Committee.
- D. Drainage infrastructure shall be identified and protected. Damaged systems shall be repaired at the solar energy system's owner's expense.

- E. Sites shall be maintained in perennial vegetative cover throughout operation.
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Section 8. Application and Review Procedures and Requirements

A. All applications regulated by this ordinance may be subject to additional conditions and restrictions, which shall be determined on a case-by-case basis taking into consideration the particular facts set forth in the application. In addition, any additional conditions or restrictions shall satisfy one of the following conditions:

1. Serves to preserve or protect public health or safety.
2. Does not significantly increase the cost of the system or significantly decrease its efficiency,
3. Allows for an alternative system of comparable cost and efficiency.

B. Conditional Use Permit Requirements.

1. Any Community-Scale Solar Energy System requires a conditional use permit prior to installation, construction, or expansion to address the proposed system's unique and particular impacts.
2. Any Mid-Scale Solar Energy System requires a conditional use permit prior to installation, construction, or expansion to address the proposed system's unique and particular impacts.
3. Any Battery Energy Storage System not associated with a Large Scale Solar Energy System shall –require a conditional use permit prior to installation, construction, or expansion.
4. Each conditional use permit for a Mid-Scale Solar Energy System, a Community-Scale Energy System, or a Solar Energy System and Battery Energy Storage System may require a conditional use agreement between the owner, operator and the County to memorialize the terms and conditions of the conditional use permit approval.

C. Application Requirements. An application for a Conditional Use Permit for a Mid-Scale Solar Energy, Community-Scale Solar Energy System, and Battery Energy Storage System shall include the following:

1. Site plan with all existing and proposed improvements, structures, topography, fencing, utilities, components, wetlands, waterways, drainage features, floodplain, roads, access points, and setbacks.
2. Proposed construction transportation routes and equipment.
3. Drainage plan addressing maintenance and repairs.
4. Construction schedule with major milestones.
5. Vegetation management plan.
6. Grading plan.
7. Decommissioning plan with financial assurance and recycling/disposal methods.
8. Lighting plan.
9. Erosion control and stormwater management plan.
10. Screening plan.
11. Airport notification documentation.
12. Fencing plan meeting wildlife-friendly standards.
13. Insurance.
14. Additional documentation as required by the Zoning Administrator or Zoning Committee to address the unique and particular components, features, and impacts of the proposed Mid-Scale Solar Energy System, Community-Scale Solar Energy System, or Battery Energy Storage System.

D. Conditional Use Permit Review Criteria

1. In addition to general conditional use permit review standards, the County Zoning Committee shall consider the following criteria when considering an application for a Mid-Scale Solar Energy System, Community-Scale Solar Energy System, or Battery Energy Storage System.

- a. Dual land use and agrivoltaics where feasible.
- b. Preservation of prime agricultural soils and impacts on the County Farmland Preservation Plan.
- c. Preservation of environmental features and protection of natural resources such as water quality, air quality, and potential contamination considerations.
- d. Construction standards and mitigation of impacts.
- e. Road protection and maintenance.
- f. Construction-phase financial assurance.
- g. Adequacy of decommissioning and restoration plans.

2. Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) – Additional Review Criteria. For Conditional Use Permit applications involving a Battery Energy Storage System, the Zoning Committee shall additionally consider the following:

- a. Whether the proposed location, setbacks, and site design adequately protect adjacent residential property owners, public roadways, and adjacent land uses.
- b. Whether the proposed Battery Energy Storage System complies with applicable state and local fire codes, building codes, manufacturer safety standards, and standards set forth by the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin and the National Fire Protection Association.
- c. Whether the submitted Emergency Response Plan provides reasonable and adequate procedures for emergency shutdown, fire suppression, hazard mitigation, and coordination with local emergency responders.
- d. Whether proposed screening, lighting, and noise mitigation measures are sufficient to minimize visual, noise, and operational impacts on neighboring properties.
- e. Whether the proposed decommissioning plan and financial assurance adequately provide for the safe removal, disposal, or recycling of battery components at the end of the facility's useful life.

E. Local Operating Agreement for Large Scale Solar Energy System. Prior to the start of construction of a Large Scale Solar Energy System, the owner, operator, and County shall enter into a mutually-agreeable Local Operating Agreement to address mitigation of the unique and

particular impacts the Large Scale Solar Energy System may have on surrounding properties and the community, such as road use, emergency response, and decommissioning. Prior to being effective, the Local Operating Agreement shall be reviewed by the County Zoning Committee with a recommendation to the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors and approved by the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors.

Section 9. Decommissioning and Financial Assurance

- A. A decommissioning plan with timeline is required for a Battery Energy Storage System, Community Scale Solar Energy System or Mid-Scale Solar Energy System.;
- B. Decommissioning is required upon abandonment or cessation of any operations for twelve (12) months.
- C. All equipment and infrastructure shall be removed from the project site and the entire solar energy system site restored as required by the conditional use permit or joint development agreement. All solar equipment must be decommissioned and disposed of in accordance with applicable Federal, State, and local laws, regulations, orders, directives and rules.
- D. Under no circumstances shall any portion of the solar energy system, facilities, or equipment be buried on or adjacent to the project site as part of the decommissioning.
- E. Financial assurance shall be provided prior to construction. The decommissioning cost estimate shall be prepared by a qualified, independent professional, including but not limited to a Wisconsin-licensed professional engineer, certified professional estimator, or other individual with demonstrated experience in utility-scale solar or battery energy storage system decommissioning. The estimate shall include all costs associated with removal of facilities, site restoration, disposal or recycling of materials, and any related labor, equipment, and transportation costs. The Zoning Administrator may retain, at the applicant's expense, an independent third-party professional to review the decommissioning cost estimate for reasonableness and completeness and reviewed.

F. Financial assurance for decommissioning shall be reviewed and, if necessary, updated at least once every five (5) years, or more frequently if required by the County Zoning Administrator due to:

1. Changes in project scope or size;
2. Material changes in decommissioning methodology;
3. Inflation or demonstrated increases in decommissioning costs; or
4. Modifications to applicable state or federal requirements.

G. Insufficient Financial Assurance. If the County determines that financial assurance is insufficient to cover the updated decommissioning cost estimate, the owner or operator shall, within ninety (90) days of written notice, provide additional financial assurance in an amount sufficient to cover the revised estimate. Failure to provide updated financial assurance within the required timeframe shall constitute a violation of this ordinance and may result in enforcement action under Section 10. Sawyer County shall not be responsible for any decommissioning costs exceeding the amount of financial assurance provided.

Section 10. Enforcement

Violations of this ordinance or permit conditions shall be enforced under the Sawyer County Code of Ordinances. Adoption of this chapter in no way precludes the adoption of any other ordinance or providing for the enforcement of any other law or ordinance relating to the same or any other matter. The issuance of a citation for a violation of this chapter in no way precludes the proceeding under any other law or ordinance relating to the same or any other matter.

Section 11. Severability

If any provision of this ordinance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions.

Section 12. Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption and publication as provided by law.

SAWYER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AMENDMENT TO SAWYER COUNTY ORDINANCES

RESOLUTION NO. _____

WHEREAS, Wisconsin law permits Sawyer County (the “County”) to adopt and enforce certain ordinances addressing solar energy systems and battery energy storage systems; and

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. § 59.69(4) permits the County to adopt a moratorium that is not development moratorium;

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. § 59.02 permits the County to amend its existing County Ordinances;

WHEREAS, on August 21, 2025, the County Board of Supervisors (“County Board”) approved Resolution No. 2025-33, which adopted the County Solar Energy System and Battery Energy Storage System Moratorium Ordinance (“Moratorium Ordinance”), a copy of which is incorporated herein as Exhibit A;

WHEREAS, the Moratorium Ordinance set forth a nine (9) month moratorium with respect to the acceptance of any application to operate a solar energy system or battery energy storage system and consideration and/or issuance of zoning permits, building permits, conditional use permits and zoning approvals for a solar energy system or a battery energy storage system under the Sawyer County Ordinances or any other provision of applicable law (collectively, the “Moratorium”);

WHEREAS, since adoption of the Moratorium Ordinance, the County Zoning and Conservation Department Administrator (“Zoning Administrator”) and the County Zoning Committee (“County Zoning Committee”), have taken various actions as described in the Moratorium Ordinance, have evaluated various aspects of solar energy systems and battery energy storage systems and considered the impacts such systems may have on public health, welfare and safety, and evaluated methods of regulation of such systems to ensure that any County regulation adopted will promote and preserve the public health, welfare and safety of County residents, property, natural resources, businesses and visitors in a legally sound manner and in accordance with existing Wisconsin law; specifically, at the County Zoning Committee meeting on December 19, 2025, the Zoning Administrator presented information for consideration by the County Zoning Committee to assist in determining whether the County should amend the current County Zoning Ordinance to include regulations addressing solar energy systems and battery energy storage systems; thereafter on January 16, 2026, February 20, 2026, and March 20, 2026, the County Zoning Committee reviewed and discussed a draft Solar and Battery Energy Storage System Ordinance; and on February 20, 2026 and March 20, 2026, the County Zoning Committee directed the Zoning Administrator and the County’s outside legal counsel to complete revisions to the draft ordinance in order to achieve a comprehensive regulatory ordinance addressing the location, development, construction or operation of solar energy systems and battery energy storage systems within the County;

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48 **WHEREAS**, on March 20, 2026, the County Zoning Committee reviewed a final draft of
49 the Sawyer County Solar Energy Ordinance, a copy of which is incorporated herein as Exhibit B
50 (“Draft Solar Ordinance”), and voted to send the Draft Solar Ordinance to the towns subject to
51 County zoning for consideration;
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53 **WHEREAS**, on April 17, 2026, the County Zoning Committee reviewed a final draft of
54 the Draft Solar Ordinance, and voted to recommend approval of the Draft Solar Ordinance to the
55 County Board;
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57 **WHEREAS**, on May 21, 2026, the County Board may discuss and consider adoption,
58 modification, or rejection of the Draft Solar Ordinance;
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60 **WHEREAS**, because the County Board has not finalized its review and determination of
61 the appropriate method of regulating the location, development, construction or operation of solar
62 energy systems or battery energy storage systems, because the Moratorium Ordinance is effective
63 until May 21, 2026, and because it is unknown what action(s) the County Board may direct at its
64 meeting on May 21, 2026 regarding the Draft Solar Ordinance, on May 15, 2026, the County
65 Zoning Committee considered whether to amend the Moratorium Ordinance and extend the
66 duration thereof for another six (6) months to allow the County Board time to take action on the
67 Draft Solar Ordinance, and such amendment of the Moratorium Ordinance would, in effect, extend
68 the Moratorium through November 21, 2026;
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70 **WHEREAS**, on May 15, 2026, the County Zoning Committee voted to recommend that
71 the County Board approve amendment of the Moratorium Ordinance and extend the duration
72 thereof for another six (6) months to allow the County Board time to take action on the Draft Solar
73 Ordinance, or take other action the County Board deems necessary for the appropriate regulation
74 of solar energy facilities and battery energy storage systems within the County; and
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76 **WHEREAS**, on May 21, 2026, the County Board considered whether to amend the
77 Moratorium Ordinance and extend the duration thereof for another six (6) months so the County
78 Board may have sufficient time to consider, discuss and take action on the Draft Solar Ordinance,
79 or take any other action the County Board may deem necessary and appropriate for the regulation
80 of solar energy systems and battery energy storage systems within the County.
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82 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors
83 determines, adopts and directs the following:
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- 85 1. Recitals. The Recitals set forth above are true and accurate, and are therefore
86 incorporated into the Resolution and shall be used not just for reference.
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88 2. Amendment to the Solar Energy System and Battery Energy Storage System
89 Moratorium Ordinance. The Sawyer County Board of Supervisors directs that that
90 Section 4 of the Solar Energy System and Battery Energy Storage System Moratorium
91 Ordinance, as set forth in Exhibit A, be amended as follows:
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Sec. 4. Duration of Moratorium. This moratorium shall be in effect for an additional (6) six months following the effective date of this ordinance or until the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors makes a final decision on the appropriate Sawyer County regulation of solar energy systems and battery energy storage systems, whichever is earlier.

3. Ratification. Subject to the amendment set forth herein, the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors hereby ratifies, approves, and readopts the remaining provisions set forth in the Solar Energy System and Battery Energy Storage System Moratorium, as set forth in Exhibit A.
4. Health, Welfare and Safety. The Sawyer County Board of Supervisors finds that the County's amendment of the Solar Energy System and Battery Energy Storage System Moratorium Ordinance as set forth herein is beneficial to, and in the best interest of, the health, welfare, safety and other interests of Sawyer County's residents, natural resources, property, businesses and visitors.
5. Additional Actions. The Sawyer County Zoning Committee, the Sawyer County Department of Zoning and Conservation Administrator, the Sawyer County Administrator, and Sawyer County's outside legal counsel are hereby authorized to take all necessary steps to ensure that Sawyer County Board of Supervisor's action and decision set forth herein is completed.

This Resolution is hereby recommended for approval by the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors at its meeting on _____, 2026, by the Sawyer County Zoning Committee at its meeting on May 15, 2026.

Ron Buckholtz, Member/ _____ Steve Kariainen, Member

John Minto, Member Jim Evans, Member

Kay Wilson, Member

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141 This Resolution amending the Solar Energy System and Battery Energy Storage System
142 Moratorium Ordinance, as set forth in Exhibit A and as amended herein, is hereby adopted by the
143 Sawyer County Board of Supervisors this _____ day of _____, 2026.
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146 _____
147 Ron Kinsley, Liz Klein,
148 Sawyer County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sawyer County Clerk
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150 Exhibit A: Solar Energy System and Battery Energy Storage System Moratorium Ordinance
151 Exhibit B: Sawyer County Solar Energy Ordinance

Exhibit A

Sawyer County

Board of Supervisors

ORDINANCE NO. ____

WHEREAS, a “solar energy system” is an electricity generating facility consisting of one or more arrays of solar energy collection cells, panels, mirrors or lenses under common ownership or operating control, and includes, necessary structures, braces, plumbing, substations, cables/wires, electrical transformers, transformer pads, and other buildings accessory to such facility, whose main purpose is to supply electricity to off-site customer(s); and

WHEREAS, a “battery energy storage system,” also known as a “BESS,” is an electronic storage resource capable of receiving electric energy from the grid or other electric resource and storing it for later injection of electric energy back to the grid; and

WHEREAS, it is believed that there is an interest in establishing solar energy systems and battery energy storage systems in Sawyer County; and

WHEREAS, there exists potential health and safety issues related to the construction of solar energy systems and battery energy storage systems including, but not limited to, electrical connections, electric and magnetic fields, structure failure, chemical exposure, toxic gases, impacts on air quality, and fire hazards, all of which are documented in scientific studies, research and analysis of solar energy systems and battery energy storage systems; and

WHEREAS, the potential secondary effects of solar energy systems and battery energy storage systems resulting from the operation as set forth above may affect property values in Sawyer County and may be detrimental to the public health, safety and general welfare of Sawyer County’s residents, natural resources, property, businesses and visitors; and

WHEREAS, Sawyer County does not currently have an ordinance regulating the location, development, construction or operation of solar energy systems or battery energy storage systems, and believes such an ordinance is necessary to protect the public health and safety of Sawyer County residents, businesses and visitors and otherwise preserve the value of properties in Sawyer County; and

WHEREAS, Sawyer County believes it would be beneficial to research and establish consistent zoning and/or regulatory standards to be applied to solar energy systems and battery energy storage systems in accordance with the authority granted to Sawyer County under applicable law including, without limitation, § 59.03 (2)(a), Wis. Stat. § 59.69 (1), and Wis. Stat. § 59.69(4); and

WHEREAS, a nine-month moratorium on Sawyer County's consideration of any application to develop, construct or operate a solar energy system or a battery energy storage system and/or issuance of any permits or approvals for solar energy systems and battery energy storage systems is necessary to allow the Sawyer County Zoning Committee, the Sawyer County Public Works Committee, and the Sawyer County Zoning and Conservation Department Administrator, time to research and study how solar energy systems and battery energy storage systems operate, evaluate how risks and hazards may be mitigated, to determine whether a regulatory ordinance should be enacted to address solar energy systems and battery energy storage systems, and therefore to protect the public health, safety and general welfare of Sawyer County's residents, natural resources, property, businesses and visitors.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors does hereby ordain as follows:

Sec.1. Declaration of Moratorium. A moratorium is hereby declared with respect to the acceptance of any application to operate a solar energy system or battery energy storage system and consideration and/or issuance of zoning permits, building permits, conditional use permits and zoning approvals for a solar energy system or a battery energy storage system under the Sawyer County Ordinances or any other provision of applicable law.

Sec. 2. Purpose of Moratorium. The purpose of the moratorium is to provide Sawyer County with adequate time to assess the impacts of the secondary effects of solar energy systems and battery energy storage systems, assess the proper method of regulation of solar energy systems and battery energy storage systems, and promote meaningful development and implementation of Sawyer County's Ordinances with regard to solar energy systems and battery energy storage systems. This moratorium is necessary to protect the health, safety and general welfare of Sawyer County's residents, natural resources, property, businesses and visitors.

Sec. 3. Authority. Sawyer County relies on the authority granted pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 59.69 (1), Wis. Stat. § 59.69(4), and Wis. Stat. § 59.03 (2)(a), and all other sources of authority that authorize the adoption of this ordinance.

Sec. 4. Duration of Moratorium. This moratorium shall be in effect for nine (9) months following the effective date of this ordinance or until an amendment to the Sawyer County Ordinances relating to solar energy systems and battery energy storage systems is adopted and takes effect, whichever is earlier.

Sec. 5. Direction to Develop Solar Energy System and Battery Energy System Ordinances. During the period of this moratorium, the Sawyer County Zoning Committee ("SCZC"), and the Sawyer County Zoning and Conservation Department Administrator (the "SCZC Administrator"), or the SCZC Administrator's delegate(s), are directed to research and draft an ordinance providing comprehensive and appropriate regulations of solar energy systems and battery energy storage systems to protect the health, safety and general welfare of Sawyer County's residents, natural resources, property, businesses, visitors and the public. It is the intention of the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors to amend the Sawyer County Ordinances or

adopt a new subsection in the Sawyer County Ordinances pertaining to solar energy systems and battery energy storage systems before the expiration of this moratorium.

Sec. 6. Subjects for Consideration. In preparing an amendment to the Sawyer County Ordinances or adopting a new subsection in the Sawyer County Ordinances related to solar energy systems and battery energy storage systems, the SCZC and the SCZC Administrator shall review the possible impacts that solar energy systems and battery energy storage systems may have on the health, safety and general welfare of the residents, natural resources, property, businesses and visitors of Sawyer County. The SCZC Administrator may, in his discretion, consult with other counties and municipalities and review and research appropriate studies and information pertaining to solar energy systems and battery energy storage systems, and then report back to the SCZC. The SCZC Administrator may also, in his discretion, consult with any experts or scholars with knowledge about the possible impacts of these systems, including but not limited to engineers, lawyers, law enforcement officers, fire fighters and those with specialized knowledge in the fields of geology, soils, or other public health or environmental protection issues, and then report back to the SCZC. The SCZC shall provide opportunities for public participation throughout this process and consider the public health, safety and general welfare of Sawyer County's residents, natural resources, property, businesses and visitors throughout the process.

Sec. 7. Severability. If a section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

Sec. 8. Construction. If the provisions of this Ordinance are found to be inconsistent with other provisions of the Sawyer County Code of Ordinances, this ordinance is deemed to control.

**Minutes of the May 13, 2026 Meeting of the Sawyer County
Public Works Committee
of the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors
Board Room; Sawyer County**



Voting Committee Members Present:

- ☒ Ron Kinsley
- ☒ Marc Helwig
- ☒ Randy Neumann
- ☒ Chuck Van Etten
- ☒ Jim Evans

Others Present:

Mike Markgren
Liz Klein
Derek Leslie
John Pinnow
Bill Kern

Tim Davison
Jayne Schroeder
Sheriff Mrotek
Bryan Deyo

Call to Order – Clerk Klein 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.

Election of Committee Chair & Vice Chair— Mr. Helwig nominated Mr. Kinsley for Chair. Mr. Kinsley thanked the committee. No other nominations being received, voting proceeded by secret ballot. Ballots were collected by Deputy Clerk Bruce, tallied by Clerks Klein and Bruce, and Mr. Kinsley was unanimously elected Chair of the Public Works Committee. Mr. Evans nominated Mr. Helwig for Vice Chair. Mr. Helwig accepted the nomination. No other nominations being received, voting proceeded by secret ballot. Ballots were collected by Deputy Clerk Bruce, tallied by Clerks Klein and Bruce, and Mr. Helwig was elected Vice Chair of the Public Works Committee.

The meeting was turned over to Chairman Kinsley.

Meeting Agenda – Set

Public Comments- None

Minutes from the previous meeting dated: April 8, 2026

Motion to approve by: Mr. Neumann

Second by: Mr. Evans

Motion carried without negative vote.

Change Meeting Day and Time—

Motion to change the Public Works Committee meeting time to 5:00 pm by: Mr. Van Etten

Second by: Mr. Evans

Motion carried without negative vote.

Maintenance- Mr. Schmidt provided a written report on April County maintenance projects. Mr. Markgren added that Maintenance is currently remodeling the Clerk and ROD offices for privacy.

Sawyer County Airport Report- Mr. Leslie provided the April Airport report. Sawyer County Airport won Project of the Year for its runway resurfacing project, announced at the BOA conference in April. Mr. Markgren attended the conference with Mr. Leslie. A 30 year hangar lease renewal will be coming up in June, as well as a potential transfer of a hangar lease. Mr. Leslie stated that the Airport Master Plan may be further delayed.

Highway Department- Commissioner Pinnow updated the committee on April patching on State Road 70, clearing culverts due to high beaver activity, frost damage to roads, and right-of-way acquisition efforts for the CTH E North project. CTH D bridge work continues.

Mr. Kern spoke to the committee with an update to the equipment management plan that is ongoing. The Highway Department is paring its fleet, increasing hours on equipment to generate revenue, improving operations and working

on moving away from DOT guaranteed cost reliance. If properly implemented, the plan is a 3-6 year process that will move the department from a backlog of aging equipment to a self-funding replacement schedule that generates revenue for the county. Progress is already evident in the first steps that have been taken this year.

Annual Renewal of County ATV/UTV Routes—

Mr. Pinnow presented a list of 82 county highway segments that were previously approved for ATV/UTV routes.

Sheriff Mrotek gave the committee a report on complaints and crashes since the ATV/UTV routes have been in use. Before the approval, there were 101 ATV/UTV complaints, of which half were for illegal operation on the roads. This year there have been a total of 19 complaints. Accidents were mostly on trails, only four were on roads. Deputies stopped 83 ATV/UTV drivers for violations and continue to enforce regulations, stating that the combination of enforcement and education is yielding safe operations.

Motion to approve the 2026-2027 ATV/UTV Routes by: Mr. Neumann Second by: Mr. Evans
Motion carried without negative vote.

The Ad-hoc committee worked with LCO Tribal Members to open new routes on county roads within the LCO Tribal boundary, approved by the Lac Courte Oreilles Tribal Governing Board. The proposed routes were presented to the committee with the following restrictions: 10pm-6am time of operation, and use between May 1-October 31.

Motion to approve the new ATV/UTV routes with the restrictions by: Mr. Neumann
Second by: Mr. Helwig
Motion carried without negative vote.

Mr. Kinsley thanked Ms. Schroeder and Mr. Davison for their work with the committee.

Board Appointed Committee Updates-- None

Correspondence, reports from conferences and meetings – The Ad-hoc committee meeting was rescheduled from May 11 to May 18 at LCO Conservation Office at 11:30am

Future Agenda Items – Renewal of Hannah Bay Holdings Lease, Possible Transfer of Hangar Lease

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm Next Meeting: June 10, 2026 Time: 5:00 pm Location: Board Room
Minutes recorded by Liz Klein, Sawyer County Clerk

Sec. 28-3-3. - Designated routes.

- (a) The following segments of Sawyer County highways are designated as ATV/UTV routes:
- (1) County Road B (Chippewa Trail-east to CTH K)
 - (2) County Road B (Frogg Road to Richardson's Bay Road)
 - (3) County Road B (Forest Road 319 to Musky Tale Resort)
 - (4) County Road B (Fishtrap Road to STH 70)
 - (5) County Road BB (Washburn County line to STH 70)
 - (6) County Road C (STH 27/70 to Chafer Road)
 - (7) County Road C (13116 CTH C to STH 48)
 - (8) County Road CC (Flowage Road to CTH B)
 - (9) County Rd CC (CTH B to Carpenter Lake S)
 - (10) County Road D (STH 40 - STH 27)
 - (11) County Road E (STH 27/70 to Thors Lane)
 - (12) County Road E (Williams Rd. to Tribal Boundary by Norwis Rd.)
 - (13) County Road EE (Forest Road 161 to Price County line)
 - (14) County Road F (Right-of-Way Road to STH 27/70)
 - (15) County Road F (Badger Bay Lane to Chapel Road)
 - (16) County Road F (Stoney Hill Road to Rusk County line)
 - (17) County Road G (CTH W to STH 27/70)
 - (18) County Road GG (STH 70 to Ashland County line)
 - (19) County Road H (STH 27/70 to Beaverbrook Road)
 - (20) County Road K (CTH KK to Indian Dr.)
 - (21) County Road KK (Circle Drive to CTH K)
 - (22) County Road M -north (CTH W to STH 70)
 - (23) County Road M (S. side of Flambeau River bridge to N. side of Flambeau River Bridge)
 - (24) County Road M (Bebak Road to CTH W)
 - (25) County Road OO (USH 63 to Northern Lights Road)
 - (26) County Road S (Moose Lake Road-west to Moose Lake Road-east)
 - (27) County Road S (Moose Lake Road to STH 77)
 - (28) County Road T (Nelson Lake Road - STH 27)
 - (29) County Road W-south (Crawford Street to Price County Line)
 - (30) County Road W-north (STH 70 to CTH B)

(31) Sawyer County highways designated as ATV/UTV routes with all or a portion within the boundaries of the Lac Courte Oreilles Band of the Lake Superior Chippewa Indians (LCO):

(32) County Road H (Blueberry Fire Lane to Blueberry Avenue)

(33) County Road NN (Green Lake Road to Chief Lake Road)

NOTE: County Road NN from Green Lake Rd to Gurno Lake Rd is a temporary bypass and will be closed to use after both sections of trail 777 (from Green Lake Rd to Indian Lake Rd, and from Indian Lake Rd to Gurno Lake Rd) are rehabilitated so they are safe and passable for the majority of ATV users.

(34) County Road CC (CTH B to Flowage Rd is whole route, Carpenter Lake S to Flowage Rd within tribal boundaries)

(35) County Road E (CTH K to Williams Road is whole route, CTH K to Tribal boundary N by Norwis Rd.) County Road K (County Road E to Indian Drive)

(36) County Road S (CTH B to Reservation boundary)

(37) County Road NN (Chief Lake Rd. to Gurno Lake Rd.)

(38) CTH C (State Highway 48 to Fire #13116)

(39) CTH CC (Devils Lake Road to Ryan Road) temporary route during construction of County C bridge

(40) CTH DD (CTH F to Washburn County Line)

(41) CTH F (Right of Way Road to Chapel Road)

(42) CTH F (Stoney Hill Road to Tuscobia Trail)

(43) County Road GG (State Highway 70 to Ashland County Line)

(44) County Road H (State Highway 27/70 to Beaverbrook Road)

(45) County Road K (County Road KK to Drive)

(46) County Road KK (County Road K to Circle Drive)

(47) County Road M (County Road W to State Highway 70)

(48) County Road M (N Side Flambeau River Bridge to S Side Flambeau River Bridge)

(49) County Road M (County Road W to Bebak Road)

(50) County Road OO (State Highway 63 to Northern Lights Road)

(51) County Road S (West Moose Lake Road to East Moose Lake Road)

(52) County Road S (Moose Lake Road to State Highway 77)

(53) County Road T (Nelson Lake Road to State Highway 27)

(54) County Road W (Crawford Street to Price County Line)

(55) County Road W (State Highway 70 to County Road B)

- (56) County Road CC Temp Route (LCO Tribal Boundary to Devils Lake Road)
 - (57) County Road CC (LCO Tribal Boundary Carpenter Lake to Flowage Road)
 - (58) County Road E (LCO Tribal Boundary Norwis Road to County Road K)
 - (59) County Road H (Blueberry Fire Lane to Blueberry Ave)
 - (60) County Road K (County Road E to LCO Tribal Boundary Indian Drive)
 - (61) County Road NN (Gurno Lake Road to Chief Lake Road)
 - (62) County Road NN (Green Lake Road to Gurno Lake Road)
 - (63) County Road S (County Road B to LCO Tribal Boundary)
 - (64) County Road A (County Road B to State Highway 77)
 - (65) County Road AA (State Highway 70 to Washburn County Line)
 - (66) County Road B (Fish Trap Lake Road to Musky Tale Resort)
 - (67) County Road B (Forest Road 319 to Moreland Road)
 - (68) County Road B (Frogg Road to County Road K)
 - (69) County Road B (County Road K to West Chippewa Trail)
 - (70) County Road C (State Highway 48 to Jos Chafer Road)
 - (71) County Road CC (State Highway 27/70 to LCO Reservation Boundary)
 - (72) County Road E (Thors Lane to LCO Reservation Boundary)
 - (73) County Road E (County Road B to Williams Road)
 - (74) County Road EE (State Highway 70 to Fire Lane 161)
 - (75) County Road H (Beaver Brook Road to LCO Reservation Boundary)
 - (76) County Road K (State Highway 77 to County Road B)
 - (77) County Road K (County Road B to LCO Reservation Boundary)
 - (78) County Road K (State Highway 27 to County Road KK)
 - (79) County Road M (Bebak Road to Rusk County Line)
 - (80) County Road NN (County Road B to LCO Reservation Boundary)
 - (81) County Road OO (State Highway 77 to Northern Lights Road)
 - (82) County Road S (County Road B to Moose Lake Road)
- (b) The County Public Works Committee may amend the designated ATV/UTV routes on adoption of a committee resolution which adds or removes segment from the routes listed in Section 28-3-3(a). Such committee resolution shall be effective immediately and the Clerk shall cause to be posted and published an amended listing of ATV/UTV designated routes in at least one public place and on the County website.

(Ord. of 4-18-2023, § 3, 4-18-2023; Res. No. 2023-23, 10-19-2023; Res. No. 24-19, 5-16-2024)

Route LEGAL as of Date:

ATV ROUTE PROJECT CHECKLIST

Date		ROUTE NAME CTH CC West to CTH N/NN at 6 Mile			
APRIL 23, 2026		<i>Route description & details:</i>			
Requestor Name/Contact Info:		The proposal route is from CTH CC at New Post, West to the CTH N at 6 Mile including CTH H 1 mile.			
		This route will assist with East-West connectivity of Sawyer County.			
		Total Mileage is 7.5 miles.			
Sponsoring Club:					
Sawyer County Snowmobile & ATV Alliance					
Gov. Com. Project Workers:					
Jayne Schroeder					
Tim Davison					
PROJECT REQUIREMENTS					
Need	Done	Desc	Need	Done	Desc.
X		Route Details; measurements/maps/photos/etc			County Forestry Approval
		Neighborhood survey-done by Township			USDA Forest Approval
		Neighborhood survey done by Alliance/club			WiDNR Approval
		Alliance Approval (if needed)			Landowner Easements
		Approval-Township1:			Other Easements
		Approval-Township2:		X	Tribal Notification
		Approval-Township3:			Township Ordinances
X		County Highway Dept. Approval	X		Signage
X		Public Works Approval (LOU Date:)	X		Alliance Map Committee
		WiDOT Approval			Other:
SAWYER COUNTY GOVERNMENT MEETINGS					
Date	Name of Government Entity/Township		Denied	Approved	Decision Date
04/13/2026	Lac Courte Oreilles Tribal Governing Board			X	04/13/2026
05/13/2026	County Public Works				
☐ ROUTE Approved ☐ Route NOT Approved, Reason:					
ROUTE SIGNAGE (IF ROUTE IS APPROVED)					
Alliance/Club Installed Signs		Government Installed Signs		Cost Breakdown	
# Route/Arrows:		# Route/Arrows:		Total Cost: \$	
# Regulatory:		# Regulatory:		Requestor Pays \$	
# Metal Posts/Hdwre:		# Metal Posts/Hdwre:		Alliance/Club Pays \$	
# Wood Posts/Hdwre:		# Wood Posts/Hdwre:		Other Pays\$	

Record additional notes on back. Attach route info/maps and all related paperwork to this sheet.

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Route LEGAL as of Date:

ATV ROUTE PROJECT CHECKLIST

Date	ROUTE NAME CTH NN, N and CC to State Rd 27/70				
April 23, 2026	<i>Route description & details:</i>				
Requestor Name/Contact Info:	The proposed route is from CTH B, South on CTH NN to the CTH N/NN intersection, then continue on CTH N to CTH CC, south to State Highway 27/70.				
	This Route will provide North-South connectivity in Sawyer County.				
	Total mileage is 14.4 miles.				
Sponsoring Club:					
Sawyer County Snowmobile and ATV Alliance					
Gov. Com. Project Workers:					
Jayne Schroeder					
Tim Davison					

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS					
Need	Done	Desc	Need	Done	Desc.
X		Route Details; measurements/maps/photos/etc			County Forestry Approval
		Neighborhood survey-done by Township			USDA Forest Approval
		Neighborhood survey done by Alliance/club			WIDNR Approval
		Alliance Approval (if needed)			Landowner Easements
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		Approval-Township3:			Township Ordinances
X		County Highway Dept. Approval	X		Signage
X		Public Works Approval (LOU Date:)	X		Alliance Map Committee
		WIDOT Approval			Other:

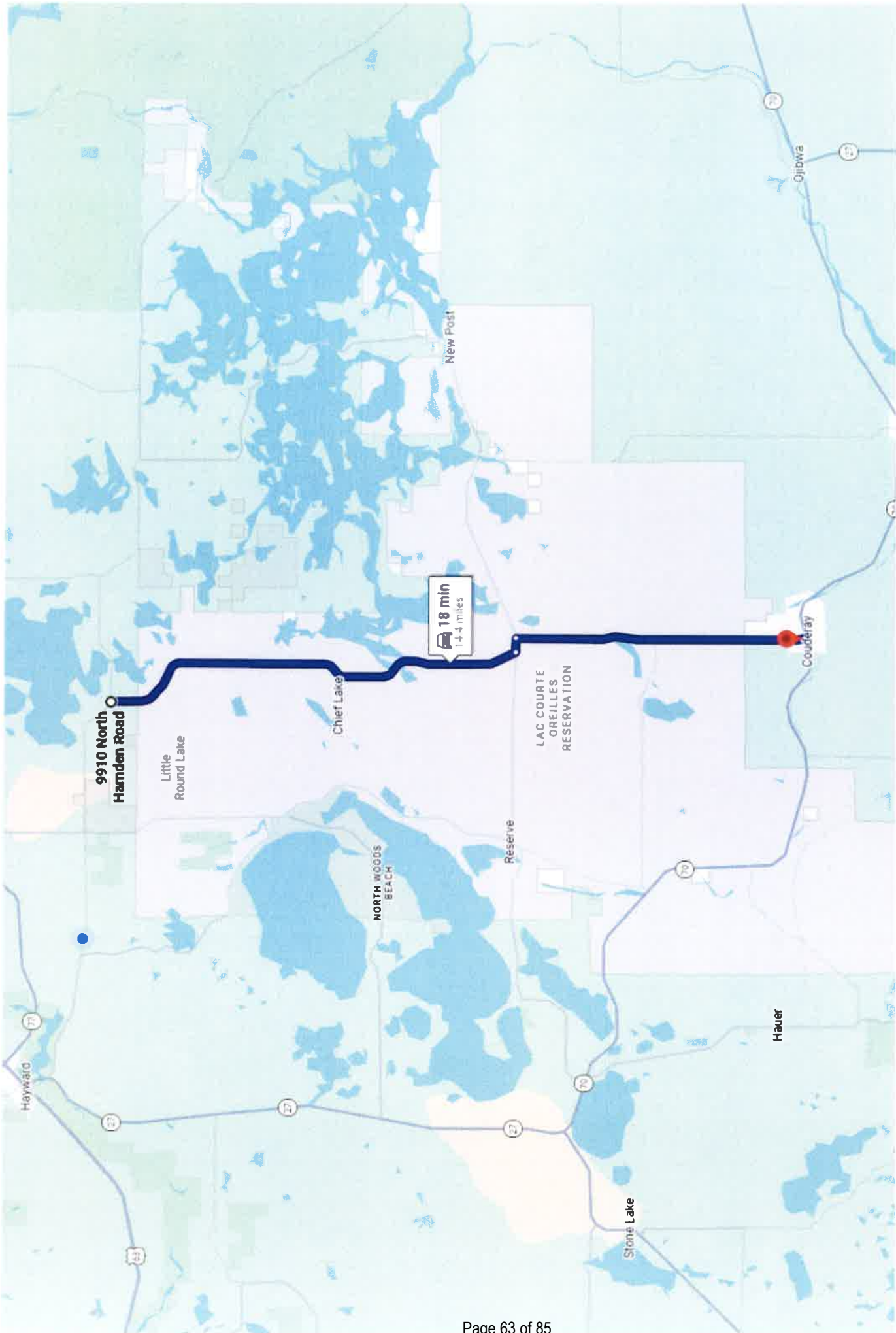
SAWYER COUNTY GOVERNMENT MEETINGS				
Date	Name of Government Entity/Township	Denied	Approved	Decision Date
04/13/2026	Lac Courte Oreilles Tribal Governing Board		X	April 13, 2026
05/13/2026	County Public Works			

☐ ROUTE Approved ☐ Route NOT Approved, Reason:

ROUTE SIGNAGE (IF ROUTE IS APPROVED)		
Alliance/Club Installed Signs	Government Installed Signs	Cost Breakdown
# Route/Arrows:	# Route/Arrows:	Total Cost: \$
# Regulatory:	# Regulatory:	Requestor Pays \$
# Metal Posts/Hdwre:	# Metal Posts/Hdwre:	Alliance/Club Pays \$
# Wood Posts/Hdwre:	# Wood Posts/Hdwre:	Other Pays\$

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Dispatch and Emergency Management –

Dispatch- Ms. Ripczinski summarized the written reports. A quarterly dispatch meeting was held, two dispatchers became Field Training Officers making a total of five on the department. A Peer Support Team is being assembled. The department would like to thank Maintenance for updating the breakroom and Back the Blue for the purchase of new furniture and a refrigerator for the breakroom.

Emergency Management- A written report was provided. An annual update of the County Emergency Operations Plan is underway. LEPC met April 15 and is planning an open house in July. A Courthouse Emergency Operations Plan is being updated and radio project updates were provided at the Fire Association meeting.

Code Enforcement- Ms. Olson reviewed her written report for the committee on dog licenses and admissions to the pound. No TRH violations were reported in April and four potential Human Health Hazard Complaints were investigated and closed with no finding of hazard.

Child Support Department Report – A written report was provided.

Emergency Services— Mr. Froemel reviewed his written report on EMS calls and run times. Mental Health calls are increasing, as well as calls for Adult and Child Protective Services

Towers- Mr. Markgren updated the committee that the WOJB tower agreement is pending. The Bug Tussel tower in Meadowbrook has stalled and the county is looking to build a tower instead. Mr. Markgren reviewed the projected cost of \$250,000 and recommended passing a resolution to fund the project at that amount with the idea that some funding will be available from other sources to cover part of the expense. Leasing space to a cellular phone company is a potential revenue source.

A motion to approve Resolution 2026-____ Meadowbrook Public Safety Radio Tower Upgrade Project at \$250,000 contingent upon approval by Zoning was made by: Mr. Helwig Second by: Mr. Savitski
Motion carried without negative vote.

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Update – No update

Board Appointed Committee Updates—None

Correspondence, Reports from Conferences and Meetings— None

Future Agenda Items – Towers, Invite GenComm to June 4 meeting

Meeting Date/Time – The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be June 4, at 9:00 am in the Board Room.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 am

Minutes recorded by Liz Klein, Sawyer County Clerk

RESOLUTION 26-_____

MEADOWBROOK RADIO TOWER FOR THE PUBLIC SAFETY RADIO TOWER SYSTEM UPGRADE

WHEREAS, Sawyer County operates a Public Safety Radio System, and

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Radio System provides a communication network for all emergency services within Sawyer County, including the Sheriff's Department, Hayward Police, LCO Police, local fire departments, and County Ambulance Service, and

WHEREAS, it has been deemed necessary to undertake improvements to the network to provide adequate and necessary radio coverage and reliability, and

WHEREAS, these improvements include equipment upgrades and new tower locations, and

WHEREAS, the improvements as outlined in the accompanying proposal from GenComm will achieve the desired 90% radio coverage of the County with 95% reliability.

WHEREAS, an additional tower is need in Meadowbrook Township to replace what was to be a leased tower, and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost of the additional radio system tower is \$250,000.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors does hereby approve proceeding with the additional Public Safety Radio System tower, to be financed through Contingency Funds from the Public Safety Radio System Project and additionally by Resource Development Funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that County Administration enters into any contracts necessary to proceed with the project as proposed.

This Resolution is recommended for adoption by the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors at its meeting on May 21, 2026, by this Sawyer County Public Safety meeting this 7th Day of May, 2026.

Ron Buckholtz, Member

Jim Evans, Member

Marc Helwig, Member

Jeff Hoehne, Member

Marshal Savitski, Member

And by the Sawyer County Finance Committee meeting this 14th day of May, 2026

John Righeimer, Member

Marc Helwig, Member

Stacey Hessel, Member

Jeff Hoehne, Member

Steve Kariainen, Member

This Resolution is hereby adopted by the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors this 21st day of May, 2026.

Ron Kinsley, Chair, Sawyer County Board of Supervisors Liz Klein, County Clerk

**Minutes of the May 13, 2026 Meeting of the Sawyer County
Land, Water & Forest Resources Committee
of the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors
Board Room, Sawyer County**



Voting Committee Members (X) Present:

- ☒ Steve Kariainen
- ☒ Randy Neumann
- ☒ Kay Wilson
- ☒ Marshal Savitski
- ☒ Steve Longtine
- ☐ Allison Jonjak- Absent

Others Present:

Mike Markgren	Jayne Schroeder
Liz Klein	Tim Davison
Jay Kozlowski	Craig Morris
Greg Peterson	Kimberly Peterson- Virtual
Brian DeVries	Rachel Thompson
Brian Lehner	Chris Gregory
	Tristan Wirkus- Virtual

Call to Order – Clerk Klein called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

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

Election of Chair & Vice Chair— Mr. Neumann nominated Mr. Kariainen for Chair. No other nominations being received, voting proceeded by secret ballot. Ballots were collected by Deputy Clerk Bruce, tallied by Clerks Klein and Bruce, and Mr. Kariainen was unanimously elected Chair of the LWFRC Committee. Mr. Kariainen nominated Mr. Neumann for Vice Chair. No other nominations being received, voting proceeded by secret ballot. Ballots were collected by Deputy Clerk Bruce, tallied by Clerks Klein and Bruce, and Mr. Neumann was unanimously elected Vice Chair of the LWFRC Committee.

The meeting was handed over to Chair Kariainen.

Public Comments – Linda Zillmer

Minutes from the previous meeting dated: **April 8, 2026**

Motion to approve made by: Mr. Neumann Second by: Mr. Savitski
Motion carried without negative vote.

Events—

No applications were received

Register of Deeds Update--

A written report for April was provided. Ms. Thompson reviewed 2026 and 2025 numbers; the number of recorded documents has increased, collected fees have increased, and requests for vital records have increased since 2025. A candidate has been interviewed for the open deputy position.

Land Records and County Surveyor Department Report –

Land Records—A written RPL report was provided.

Surveyor—A written surveyor report was provided.

Forestry –

County Forestry Report—

Mr. Peterson reported that four sales were active in April. There is approximately \$4M in sold-uncut timber on file at the time of the report- that is now \$5.3M with the addition of the Spring timber sale bids. The County is currently in oak wilt restriction through July 15. ATV/UTV and Snowmobile Trail Aids Grants were submitted. Mountain bike and ATV trails are open.

Mr. Peterson presented the 2026 SCF Spring Timber Sale Bids to the committee for approval. The report shows aspen prices are up this year.

Motion to accept the 2026 SCF Timber Sale Bids by: Mr. Neumann Second by: Mr. Savitski
Motion carried without negative vote.

Mr. Peterson presented a request for a Low Use Access Permit to grant access to a landlocked 40 acre parcel through county forest land to Todd Goold with a correction to the legal description- the access would be in the SWNE quadrant off existing woods road number 452, non-transferable, sixteen foot wide with no gate, for five years commencing January 1, 2026 for a fee of \$25.00.

Motion to grant the LUAP (Low Use Access Permit) by: Mr. Savitski Second by: Ms. Wilson
Motion carried without negative vote.

DNR Report—Mr. Morris reported on April DNR activity, including timber sale prep and prescribed burning. Fire danger is high and burning permits are suspended.

USFS Report— No report

Recreational Trails Report—Mr. Davison reported on efforts to consolidate trail opening dates between the county, DNR and USFS. Tuscobia Trail needs work: 90 culverts have been rated for prioritizing grant-funded replacement. The Alliance is also working on a downed/leaning tree removal grant.

Treasurer tax deeded land sales-

Wis. Statute 75.69 authorizes the LWFR committee to accept bids below appraised value. The history of Parcel #36265 was discussed. Treasurer Lehner recommended accepting a \$500 bid by the Fandrys to purchase the parcel.

Motion to accept the Fandry bid of \$500 for parcel #36265 by: Mr. Neumann Second by: Ms. Wilson
Motion carried without negative vote.

Wis. Statute 75.69 and Sawyer County Ordinance 2025-18 authorize the LWFR to accept lower minimum bids on unsold tax deeded parcels previously advertised at appraised value. Treasurer Lehner made a request to list four unsold parcels with tax ID Numbers 43192, 27571, 27581, and 37131 at lower minimum bids.

Motion to accept the lower minimum bids on remaining county tax deeded parcels by: Mr. Savitski
Second by: Mr. Longtine
Motion carried without negative vote.

Zoning/Conservation Department – Mr. Kozlowski reported that on the tree sale, spring dam checks, bi-annual non-metallic mine inspections, Winter School Envirothon and a Land Conservation Committee training scheduled after the LWFR meeting in June.

Price Dam update- Neil Magnuson repaired a lower hinge mechanism that was seized and the gate now functions correctly, saving the county \$38,000 on a crane rental and thousands more if the dam needed replacing due to the sidewalls pinching the gate. The factory sealed part may be replaced with one that has a

grease fitting to prevent recurring problems. The contracts were signed with the State Geological Survey for the groundwater mapping project. The project, concurrent with LCO groundwater mapping, is starting with well mapping and will take 18-24 months to complete. Mr. Kozlowski stated that municipalities and the county will be able to use the groundwater data to enact protective ordinances to safeguard municipal wellheads.

Board Appointed Committee Updates – None

Correspondence, Reports from Conferences and Meetings – None

Future Agenda Items – None

Adjournment – 9:17am

Next Meeting: June 10, 2026 Time: 8:30am Location: Board Room
Minutes recorded by Liz Klein, County Clerk

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**Minutes of the May 14, 2026 Meeting of the Sawyer County
Finance Committee of the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors
Board Room; Sawyer County**



Voting Committee Members (X) Present:

- ☒ John Righeimer
- ☒ Stacey Hessel
- ☒ Marc Helwig
- ☒ Steve Kariainen
- ☒ Jeff Hoehne

Others Present:

Mike Markgren
Liz Klein
Ron Buckholtz
Rhandi Ehn
Brian Lehner

Call to Order –Clerk Klein 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.

Election of Finance Chair & Vice Chair— Ms. Hessel nominated Mr. Righeimer for Chair. Mr. Righeimer accepted the nomination. No other nominations being received, voting proceeded by secret ballot. Ballots were collected by Deputy Clerk Bruce, tallied by Clerks Klein and Bruce, and Mr. Righeimer was unanimously elected Chair of the Finance Committee. Mr. Righeimer nominated Ms. Hessel for Vice Chair. Ms. Hessel thanked the committee for the consideration. No other nominations being received, voting proceeded by secret ballot. Ballots were collected by Deputy Clerk Bruce, tallied by Clerks Klein and Bruce, and Ms. Hessel was elected Vice Chair of the Finance Committee.

The meeting was turned over to Chairman Righeimer.

Meeting Agenda – Set

Public Comments – None

Minutes from the previous meeting dated: April 9, 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.

The In Rem "Notice of Commencement" on Delinquent 2021-2022 parcels was published April 27th, 2026. Fifty-one certified notification letters were sent out: the final redemption date is July 10, 2026.

Tax deeded land sales- one bid was accepted by LWFRF, four unsold parcels will go back out for round two bidding at a lower minimum price approved by LWFRF.

Finance Department Report -

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

Department Financial Updates--

Circuit Court Department---Ms. Ehn reviewed April 2026 financials for the Circuit Court Department. April numbers are on track for this department.

Criminal Justice Department—Ms. Ehn reviewed April 2026 Financials for the Criminal Justice Department. April numbers are track for this department.

Family Court Department—Ms. Ehn reviewed April 2026 Financials for the Family Court Department. There is currently no Family Court Commissioner so revenues and expenses are at zero for this department.

District Attorney Department—Ms. Ehn reviewed April 2026 Financials for the Criminal Justice Department. This department has Victim Witness Grant Revenue that comes in July for the first half of the year and January for the second half.

Investments Review and Update—

The March investment report was provided: interest rates are dropping; County CD investments are still holding above 4% and interest is \$16,000 above April 2025 numbers.

2027 Budget Timeline- Ms. Ehn presented the timeline and parameters of the 2027 Budget work to the committee.

Meadowbrook Radio Tower- Mr. Markgren updated the committee that the Bug Tussel tower in Meadowbrook has stalled and the county is looking to build a tower instead. Mr. Markgren reviewed the projected cost of \$250,000 and recommended passing a resolution to fund the project at that amount with \$167,000 from contingency funds leftover from the Radio project issue, and the remaining \$83,000 can be drawn from Resource Development. Leasing space to a cellular phone company is a potential revenue source.

Motion to approve Resolution 2026-____ Meadowbrook Public Safety Radio Tower Upgrade Project at \$250,000 was made by: Ms. Hessel Second by: Mr. Hoehne
Motion carried without negative vote.

The Resolution is contingent upon approval by Zoning in June.

Board Appointed Committee Updates— None

Correspondence, Reports from Conferences and Meetings – Ms. Ehn attended the WGFOA spring conference in Oshkosh and was awarded a National GFOA scholarship to obtain CPFO certification for government finance officials.

Future Agenda Items – None

Adjournment – 9:06 am

Next Meeting- June 11, 2026

Time: 8:30 am

Location: Board Room

Minutes recorded by Liz Klein, County Clerk

**Minutes of the May 12, 2026 Meeting of the Sawyer County
Health and Human Services Committee
of the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors
Board Room, Sawyer County**



Voting Committee Members Present:

- ☒ Kay Wilson
- ☒ Jim Miller
- ☐ John Minto- Absent
- ☒ Chuck Van Etten- Virtual
- ☒ Jeff Hoehne
- ☐ Lorraine Gouge- Absent
- ☒ Dawn Petit- Virtual
- ☒ Pam Mueller
- ☒ Dr. Sabrina Dunlap

Others Present:

Liz Klein
Julia Lyons
Julie McCallum
Hailey Sands
Alicia Carlson- Virtual
Carrie Mann- Virtual
Shawna White- Virtual
Caitlan Myren- Virtual
Sarah Inczauskis- Virtual

Call to Order – Clerk Klein called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

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

Election of Chair & Vice Chair— Mr. Hoehne nominated Ms. Wilson for Chair. No other nominations being received, voting proceeded by secret ballot. Ballots were collected by Deputy Clerk Bruce, tallied by Clerks Klein and Bruce, and Ms. Wilson was unanimously elected Chair of the HHS Committee. Mr. Miller nominated Mr. Van Etten for Vice Chair. No other nominations being received, voting proceeded by secret ballot. Ballots were collected by Deputy Clerk Bruce, tallied by Clerks Klein and Bruce, and Mr. Van Etten was unanimously elected Vice Chair of the HHS Committee.

The meeting was handed over to Chair Wilson.

Meeting Agenda – Set

Public Comments – None

Minutes from the previous meeting dated: April 6, 2026

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

Second by: Mr. Miller

Change meeting day and time—After discussion, the HHS meeting was changed to the second Thursday before County Board at 5:00pm on a motion by: Mr. Van Etten
Motion carried without negative vote.

Second by: Mr. Miller

HHS will now meet on the same Thursday as Public Safety, which is the second Thursday before County Board, at the new start time of 5:00pm.

Outside Committee Reports-

LCO Liaison— No report

Senior Resource Center— A written report was provided by Director Johnson. There will be an open house cookout on Friday, May 15th from 5-7pm.

Administration—

The HHS Acronym/Terms glossary and HHS organizational chart have been included as standing agenda items. Ms. Lyons reviewed the Org chart and discussed several staff changes due to retirements and resignations. The HHS Bylaws were included for information and will be reviewed and discussed in June. Ms. Lyons reviewed the HHS Strategic Plan and updated the committee on progress toward each goal.

Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC)—

Ms. Lyons presented informational flyers on ADRC services.

Behavioral Health—

A written report was provided and reviewed by Ms. Carlson.

Mobile Crisis-Ms. Myren reviewed the Community Support and Mobile Crisis reports. Ms. Myren answers calls from Law Enforcement 24/7 and can consult by phone or make in-person assessments at the ER.

Mental Health Expense reports were provided.

Children, Youth & Family Services—

Child Protective Services- Ms. Lyons reported that the program is working well and the case numbers reflect children going into permanent placement.

Youth Justice- YJ had 3 referrals in March; there are 29 active clients. The program is fully staffed and the caseload is decreasing. Diversion staff are working with children and families to address truancy; 64% of enrolled students have 80% attendance or better. Eight students have 100% attendance to date.

Children's Support Services- Hailey Sands introduced herself to the committee and reviewed referral numbers and enrollment timelines for CLTS. Birth to 3 is planning a Wilderness Walk Playgroup to take place in July.

Economic Support—

Ms. White updated the committee on the Northern Income Maintenance Consortium written report data. In March there were 1,085 FoodShare recipients, 21 Child Care families served and 1,337 BadgerCare Plus clients served. The call center answered 6,917 calls with a 95.43% answer rate. The Consortium had the shortest wait time in the state and a good review showing a low/zero error rate in various areas that are audited. Staff attended an all-staff meeting in Medford, State funding for quality assurance came through and will create positions for five staff members.

Public Health--

Ms. McCallum provided a written report for April, the 2025 Annual Report, and recognized the Medical Reserve Corps volunteers for their good work.

Fiscal—

Ms. Lyons provided the HHS fiscal reports and reviewed purchased services and state receipts.

Board Appointed Committee Updates— None**Correspondence, Reports from Conferences and Meetings— None****Future Agenda Items— Review HHS Bylaws**

Meeting Date/Time – The next meeting of the Health and Human Services Board will be **Thursday, June 4, 2026, at 5:00pm** in the Board Room.

Meeting adjourned at 7: 42pm
Minutes recorded by Liz Klein, County Clerk

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**Minutes of the May 11, 2026 Meeting of the Sawyer County
Economic Development and UW-Extension Committee
of the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors
Board Room; Sawyer County**



Voting Committee Members Present:

- ☒ John Righeimer
- ☒ Stacey Hessel
- ☒ Jim Miller
- ☒ Steve Longtine
- ☒ Randy Neumann

Mike Markgren
Laura Bruce
Mindy Simons
Lori Baltrusis

Others Present:

Brian Priester
Adam Lamoureaux
Sheldon Johnson
Donna Knuckey
Tawonga Zakeyu

Call to Order – Elected Official Deputy Clerk Laura Bruce called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

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

Election of Committee Chair & Vice Chair— Ms. Hessel nominated Mr. Righeimer for Chair, second by Mr. Longtine. No other nominations being received, voting proceeded by secret ballot. Ballots were collected by Clerk Klein, tallied by Clerks Klein and Bruce, and Mr. Righeimer was unanimously elected Chair of the Economic Development/UWEX Committee. Mr. Longtine nominated Ms. Hessel for Vice Chair, second by Mr. Righeimer. No other nominations being received, voting proceeded by secret ballot. Ballots were collected by Clerk Klein, tallied by Clerks Klein and Bruce, and Ms. Hessel was unanimously elected Vice Chair of the Economic Development/UWEX Committee.

The meeting was handed over to Chairman Righeimer'

Meeting Agenda -- Set

Public Comments – None.

Minutes from the previous meeting dated: April 6, 2026

Motion to approve made by: Mr. Neumann Second by: Ms. Hessel

Motion carried without negative vote.

University of Wisconsin-Extension Report—Ms. Baltrusis welcomed the new board members and gave a brief introduction of what the department does. She spoke of the Strategic plan and introduced Ms. Zakeyu and Ms. Knuckey. Ms. Knuckey spoke of PYD (positive youth development) and the 4-H Beyond Ready Framework, and updated the board on upcoming events.

Hayward Lakes Visitors & Convention Bureau Report—

Ms. Simons reported on the Governor's Fishing Opener, which included list of weekend activities and attendance.

NWRPC Report— Mr. Johnson gave a brief introduction to the committee on what NWRPC does and an update on current projects. He discussed the CDBG program ending and a new program contracted with Douglas County beginning July first. The new program will be a zero percent interest, twenty-year loan for income qualified applicants.

SC Economic Development Corporation Report— Mr. Lamoureaux said goodbye to the board and introduced Mr. Priester as his replacement. He reported as of the April meeting, the committee name will no longer include LCO . Mr. Priester introduced himself to the committee.

Trail Reports--

Motorized— Mr. Neumann stated there was no report as the trails do not open until May 15th.

Non-Motorized trails—Mr. Miller had nothing to report.

Board Appointed Committee Updates –

No reports

Correspondence, Reports from Conferences— None

Future Agenda Items – None

Adjournment – 9:28 am

Meeting Date/Time – The next meeting of the Economic Development and UW-Extension Committee will be Monday, June 8, 2026 at 8:30 am in the Board Room.

Minutes recorded by Laura Bruce, Elected Official Deputy Clerk

**Minutes of the Meeting of the May 14, 2026 Sawyer County
Administration Committee of the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors
Board Room; Sawyer County**



Voting Committee Members (X) Present:

- ☒ Chair: Ron Kinsley
- ☒ Vice Chair: Ron Buckholtz
- ☒ Marshal Savitski
- ☒ John Righeimer
- ☒ Stacey Hessel

Mike Markgren
Liz Klein
Gary Elliot
Rose Lillyroot

Others Present:

Mike Coleson
Nicole Clapero- Virtual
Kay Wilson- Virtual
Carson Kipfer

Call to Order –Chair Ron Kinsley called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

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

Meeting Agenda – Set

Public Comments –

Minutes from the previous meeting dated: April 9, 2026

Motion to approve by: Mr. Buckholtz

Second by: Mr. Righeimer

Motion carried without negative vote.

County Clerk Report-

Ms. Klein provided a written department report and updated the committee on April department revenues.

Veterans Service Office Report -

Mr. Elliot provided a written report of April department activity: 499 phone calls, 1,157 letters/emails/faxes sent and 232 office visits. 65 disability claims have been filed to date with \$241,664.06 awarded in Veterans' favor. The department is co-hosting counseling sessions at La Crosse Vet Center and Coffee & Conversation; the social media report was provided. Mr. Elliot and Ms. Clapero attended a spring conference. The workload for disability claims continues to increase.

Veteran's Tribute Update-

Design/construction update- Quotes were received for flatwork and lighting. An issue arose with the site grade and an architect is needed to proceed. A nearby project was proposed to the public and local stakeholders by Carson Kipfer that could potentially impact the original tribute plan. Mr. Kipfer was invited to have a discussion with the Admin committee and explore the possibility of collaboration.

Mr. Kipfer presented his idea for a pedestrian plaza that would restore a greenspace and historical gateway to Main St.; his plan involves keeping the fountain in its original location. Ms. Hessel objected to changing the design and the timeline on the county project because it has already been approved and is in progress.

Mr. Kipfer concluded that the projects are two separate concepts and could proceed separately, and if the fountain is spoken for, the plaza can proceed without that element.

Ms. Hessel raised objections to the Administrator's role and stated the Supervisors voted to proceed with the first design.

Information Technology Department Report -

Mr. Coleson provided a written IT report on ongoing IT projects and updated the committee on upgrading internet at satellite sites, email security, and TRH billing.

Human Resources Report -

A written report was provided on staffing and recruiting for open positions within the county.

Ms. Lillyroot provided an update to the personnel policy manual regarding county staff use of AI platforms.

A motion was made by Ms. Hessel to approve the policy, second by Marshal Savitski. Following brief discussion that included board policy, Clerk Klein asked for clarification on which policy was being approved because the next item was the Supervisors Policy and Procedure Manual.

Discussion followed: proposed Board Policy and Procedure changes were discussed.

Ms. Hessel rescinded her motion and amended to table the personnel policy updates until June, second by Mr. Buckholtz.

Motion carried without negative vote.

Clerk Klein stated that revisions should be made and reviewed prior to committee action on the Supervisors Policy and Procedures Manual.

Ms. Hessel moved to table the Supervisors Policy and Procedures Manual until June, second by Marshal Savitski. Motion carried without negative vote.

Resolution 2026-____ Requesting Greater Local Control for Wisconsin Counties was approved on a motion by: Mr. Righeimer Second by: Mr. Savitski

Motion carried without negative vote.

County Administrator's Report—Mr. Markgren updated the committee on planned leadership training for an upcoming Department Head meeting, economic development and marketing events, the upcoming audit and 2027 Budget preparation, collaborative efforts with LCO Tribal Members to open ATV/UTV routes on LCO land, attending a BOA airport conference where the county was awarded Project of the Year for the runway resurfacing project, a meeting with Anew on marketing carbon credits, the CJCC TAD grant application and shared that Judges Isham and Smith recognized Melinda Hoyos for great work on truancy and diversion efforts.

Board Appointed Committee Updates – Proposed new ATV/UTV routes were approved at Public Works and will go to the County Board

Correspondence, reports from conferences and meetings— Information requested on the fall WCA Conference

Future Agenda Items- Personnel Policy Manual, Board Policy and Procedures

Adjournment – 11:26 am

Next Meeting: June 11, 2026

Time: 10:00 am

Location: Board Room

Minutes recorded by Liz Klein, County Clerk

Resolution No.: 26-

RESOLUTION REQUESTING WISCONSIN COUNTIES ASSOCIATION LOBBY STATE LEGISLATURE AND GOVERNOR ON LEGISLATION FOR GREATER LOCAL CONTROL FOR WISCONSIN COUNTIES

WHEREAS, local governments in Wisconsin are closest to the people they serve and are best positioned to understand and address the unique needs, priorities, and challenges of their communities; and,

WHEREAS, public meetings and hearings held by local units of government allow for significantly more opportunity for public input than meetings and hearings held by the Public Service Commission in Madison; and,

WHEREAS, preserving local control is essential to maintaining accountability, transparency, and public trust in government, as well as ensuring that decisions reflect local values and conditions; and,

WHEREAS, statewide, one size fits all regulations do not always appropriately address the issues and needs of every Wisconsin community; and,

WHEREAS, a series of mandates and other agency actions have continuously shifted powers from the local to the state level; and,

WHEREAS, the geographic, environmental, and demographic diversity across Wisconsin counties necessitates localized approaches to governance that reflect each county's unique characteristics; and,

WHEREAS, state legislators have been making attempts to return local control to cities, villages and towns over large-scale wind and solar projects in several bills; and

WHEREAS, such attempts should also be applied to counties and county boards who are democratically elected bodies that directly represent the interests and values of their constituents; and,

WHEREAS, significant negative impacts on environmental habitats, public health, road infrastructure, and property values and taxes due to large-scale wind and solar projects in those areas where they exist are well established and documented; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors hereby requests the Wisconsin Counties Association consider this issue and/or adopt this resolution and lobby the Wisconsin State Legislature and Governor to support any and all efforts and legislation that would give local elected bodies greater control in regulating large scale wind and solar projects to in the best interest of their communities; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Wisconsin Towns Association, all local and state legislators who represent citizens across Sawyer County the Governor, and all county boards in Wisconsin for consideration, support, and action.

This Resolution is recommended for adoption by the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors at its meeting on May 21, 2026, by this Sawyer County Administrative Committee this 14th Day of May, 2026

Ron Kinsley, Chair

Stacey Hessel, Member

Ron Buckholtz, Vice Chair

Marshal Savitski, Member

John Righeimer, Member

This Resolution is hereby adopted by the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors this 21st day of May, 2026.

Ron Kinsley, Chair,
Sawyer County Board of Supervisors

Liz Klein, County Clerk

County Administrator's Report

May 2026



Personnel

We will be holding a Department Head Meeting on May 21st. Part of the focus is a presentation by our Employee Achievement Program provider REALiving. They will be presenting on the various leadership coaching sessions available to staff. Leadership is neither a title nor a destination; it is a journey of lifetime learning in which we never arrive. My hope is that all department heads take advantage of this opportunity to grow their leadership skills.

Economic Development/Marketing

The 60th Annual Governor's Fishing Opener was a great success. I was able to attend the Friday night banquet and went over to the Lake Hayward beach on Saturday to participate in the activities there.

I had a great, 90-minute meeting with the new Sawyer County Economic Development Executive Director Brian Priester. He is very passionate about his new role and helping Sawyer County existing and prospective business owners make the connections they need to accomplish their goals.

Finance

The audit will begin shortly. And hard to believe, but the preliminary 2027 budget process kicked off at Finance Committee.

Connections

The Sawyer County/LCO TGB had a productive meeting on April 27th. Decisions were made regarding UTV/ATV routes.

I attended the Wisconsin Airports Seminar on April 22-23 along with Airport Manager Derek Leslie. I learned a lot, met a few key people, and had a meeting with our consultant and a representative from the State. The Sawyer County Airport runway project from last summer won state project of the year!

Public Safety Radio Network

Work is underway. We continue to meet bi-weekly. We are making progress on the WOJB tower lease. The TGB has expressed that public safety is their priority.

I will be attending the Town of Meadowbrook's meeting on May 20th to discuss the emergency services tower proposal.

Carbon Credits

Greg Peterson and I had to answer a few more questions for marketing purposes. We want these to be of the highest quality.

CJCC

The Committee approved the TAD Grant Pre-Application of \$100,000 for the Diversion program and \$150,000 for Treatment Court program.

Both Judge Isham and Judge Smith mentioned that Melinda Hoyos is doing a great job with the Youth Truancy and Diversion programs. The students and families are responding very well to her.

**Minutes of the May 13, 2026 Meeting of the Sawyer County
Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee
of the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors
Board Room; Sawyer County**



Voting Committee Members Present:

1. ☐ Julia Lyons- Excused
2. ☒ Judge Elaine Smith
3. ☐ Dave Dixon- Absent
4. ☒ Mike Markgren
5. ☒ Mike Woller
6. ☒ Lorraine Gouge- Late
7. ☒ Doug Mrotek
8. ☒ Bruce Poquette
9. ☒ Katie Belanger- Virtual
10. ☐ Judge John Yackel- Absent
11. ☒ Marc Helwig
12. ☒ Judge Monica Isham
13. ☒ Marshal Savitski
14. ☒ Kathy McCoy
15. ☐ Bill Trepanier- Absent
16. ☒ Amanda Lokker- Virtual

Others Present:

Liz Klein
Becky Barry- Virtual

Call to Order—Clerk Klein called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

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

Election of CJCC Chair & Vice Chair— Judge Smith nominated Ms. Lyons for Chair. Ms. Lyons previously stated she would accept a nomination for Chair. No other nominations being received, voting proceeded by secret ballot. Ballots were collected by Deputy Clerk Bruce, tallied by Clerks Klein and Bruce, and Ms. Lyons was unanimously elected Chair of the CJCC Committee. Ms. McCoy nominated Judge Smith for Vice Chair. Judge Smith accepted and thanked the committee. No other nominations being received, voting proceeded by secret ballot. Ballots were collected by Deputy Clerk Bruce, tallied by Clerks Klein and Bruce, and Judge Smith was unanimously elected Vice Chair of the CJCC Committee.

The meeting was handed over to Vice Chair Smith.

Meeting Agenda – Set

Public Comments – None

Minutes from the previous meeting dated: April 8, 2026

Motion to approve made by: Mr. Savitski

Second by: Mr. Helwig

Motion carried with one abstaining.

CJCC Executive Committee Report— The CJCC Bylaws were reviewed. Ms. McCoy asked Judge Isham if the Circuit Court judges could appoint designees to represent them when they cannot attend. It was agreed it would be the Judicial Assistants; once formally designated, they would be able to join the committee members at the table and be counted for quorum.

Judge Smith asked to schedule the next Executive Committee meeting when a possible date can be determined.

Jail Report-- Lt. Woller reviewed a written jail report for March with arrest data by race and gender. There was an average of 62 inmates incarcerated with a 70% unemployment rate at the time of booking, 0 on electronic monitoring. Lt. Woller reviewed a written jail report for March with arrest data by race and gender. Ms. Barry answered a question raised about mental health programs in the jail; suggestions for applicants to run volunteer programs may be directed to Ms. Barry for screening.

Justice Point—

Ms. Barry updated the committee on Justice Point programs and statistics. There are 110 active pre-trial clients with 11 successful completions, 11 active Diversion clients, and 3 active Treatment Court clients in April. Deflection funding application to Reentry Navigator was made on March 31st was not awarded; the grant is highly competitive and only four programs were awarded funding in the state. The program will continue to offer donated outreach programming.

TAD Recovery and Treatment Court-

Ms. Barry presented the 2027 TAD Pre-application Form to the committee for discussion. This form is required to be approved by the CJCC as part of the grant application process. The requested grant amount for Deflection was changed from \$150, 000 to \$100,000.

The 2027 Pre-Application Form to request \$100,000 for Diversion and \$150,000 for Treatment Court was approved on a motion by: Judge Isham Second by: Mr. Savitski
Motion carried without negative vote.

Jail Programs- Ms. Barry reviewed current jail programs. 18 inmates received GEDs in the 25-26 school year.

HHS—

The 2025 Adult Protective Services Report was reviewed.
Youth Justice, Behavioral Health and Truancy & Diversion reports were reviewed.

The statistics show Sawyer County Diversion efforts are working to reduce truancy; the judges confirmed the program is making a difference for children and families and stated Melinda Hoyos is very good at working with truancy cases. The Hayward School District zero tolerance policy was discussed.

Community Services Updates- No report

Outside Committee Reports – None

Correspondence, reports from conferences and meetings –Some Sawyer County and LCO staff attended WATCP and some will attend AllRISE in July in Nashville.

Future Agenda Items – Auralea Carrell from Northwood Tech will speak in June; representatives from Salvation Army and LCO programs may be invited to speak and these updates could fall under the Community Services Updates heading for flexibility on agendas

Motion to adjourn at 12:53pm by Mr. Savitski Second by: Judge Isham Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting: June 10, 2026 Time: 12:00 pm Location: Board Room
Minutes recorded by Liz Klein, County Clerk