

**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 LWFRFC, four unsold parcels will go back out for round two bidding at a lower minimum price approved by LWFRFC.

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