

**Minutes of the November 9th meeting of the Sawyer County
Board of Supervisors
Large Courtroom; Sawyer County Courthouse/Virtual**



Voting Committee Members

Present (X)	District	Wards
☒ Dale Schleeter	01	T Lenroot W-1, T Hayward W-7, C Hayward W-5 & 6
☒ Jesse Boettcher	02	T Lenroot W-2, T Round Lake W-1
☒ Tweed Shuman	03	T Hayward W-1 & 2
☒ Stacey Hessel	04	T Hayward W-1 & 3
☒ James H. Schlender, Jr.	05	T Hayward W-5 & 6
☒ Marc D. Helwig – Virtual @ 7:20 when first acknowledged	06	C Hayward W-1 & 2
☐ Thomas W. Duffy	07	C Hayward W-3 & 4
☒ Bruce Paulsen	08	T Bass Lake W-1 & 2
☒ Brian Bisonette-Virtual	09	T Bass Lake W-3 & 4
☒ Chuck Van Etten	10	T Sand Lake, T Edgewater W-1
☒ Dale Olson	11	T Edgewater W-2, T Bass Lake W-5, T Hayward W-8, T Meteor, T Couderay, V Couderay
☒ Dawn Petit-Virtual	12	T Spider Lake, T Round Lake, W-2, T Winter W-1
☒ Ron Kinsley	13	T Hunter, T Radisson W-1, T-Ojibwa W-1, V Radisson
☒ Ron Buckholtz	14	T Radisson W-2, T Ojibwa W-2, T Weirgor, V Exeland, T Meadowbrook
☒ Ed Peters	15	T Winter W-2, T Draper, V Winter

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance– Chair Tweed Shuman called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Roll Call taken; quorum was met.

Certification of Compliance with the open meeting law was met.

Public Comments – Karen Duffy, Gayle Johnson, Amanda Wilson, Donna Knuckey, Kathy McCoy, Sherry Machones, and Linda Zillmer

Public Hearing on Final County Supervisory Redistricting Plan – At 6:49 pm Mr. Kinsley made a motion to enter Public Hearing for the purpose of the Final County Supervisory Redistricting Plan; second by Mr. Olson. Motion carried without negative vote. Hearing no discussion, at 6:50 pm, Mr. Kinsley motioned to go out of Public Hearing; second by Mr. Schleeter. Motion carried without negative vote.

Clerk Fitch advised that according to the November 9th Legislative Update, Sawyer County remained unchanged in the Seventh Congressional District in that it encompasses the whole of Sawyer County. In Assembly Districts, the 74th Assembly District includes the towns of Lenroot and Spider Lake, and the 87th Assembly District includes all 19 remaining towns, villages and the City of Hayward. For Congressional District 7, Sawyer County remains whole within this District. Ms. Fitch presented the Resolution Approving the 2020 Final Sawyer County Supervisory District Plan using Map 3, Version 2 as has been previously published. A motion was made by Mr. Kinsley; second by Mr. Schleeter to approve this Final Plan. Motion carried without negative vote.

Minutes – A motion was made by Mr. Olson; second by Mr. Boettcher to approve the minutes of the October 21st County Board meeting. Motion carried without negative vote. A motion was made by Mr. Kinsley; second by Mr. Schlender to approve the minutes of the October 28th Public Hearing meeting. Motion carried without negative vote.

Zoning Committee Chair Report – No report this month.

Public Safety Report – Jail staff is still short but we are interviewing. Mr. Schlender reported on the two meetings recently held and acknowledged the work and service of retiring EMS manager, Pat Sanchez.

Sheriff Mrotek spoke to the topic of the Cooperative Law Enforcement Agreement stating that if the Agreement remains unsigned by the end of day Friday, November 12th, the grant funds of \$49,000 from the DOJ will likely not be approved for Sawyer County. Sheriff Mrotek has met with Tribal Governing Board members. Mr. Bisonette relayed concerns from the TGB regarding the version they had reviewed. Ms. Roeker provided an update stating that the newest version on which she and tribal legal counsel worked on yesterday seems more in line with addressing TGB concerns but the full board and the TGB have not seen that version yet. A motion was made by Mr. Kinsley; second by Mr. Schleeter to approve the agreement upon contingencies being reached by both legal counsels and that a meeting be held between Mr. Buckholtz, Mr. Schleeter, two tribal governing members, Mr. Hoff and the Sheriff to see if agreement can be reached. Roll call vote was taken and passed 9 – 5. “Aye” members include: Schleeter, Boettcher, Shuman, Hessel, Helwig, Bisonette, Olson, Kinsley and Peters. “Nay” votes include: Schlender, Paulsen, Van Etten, Petit and Buckholtz.

Public Works Committee Chair Report – Mr. Kinsley presented three airport road easements for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Schleeter; second by Mr. Peters to approve these easements. Motion carried without negative vote.

Mr. Kinsley presented a new hangar lease application for Ziegler Aviation, LLC. A motion was made by Mr. Peters; second by Mr. Buckholtz to approve the Resolution Approving Sawyer County Airport Hangar Ground Lease Agreement for Ziegler Aviation LLC and its Personal Guaranty. Motion carried without negative vote.

A 10-year hangar lease extension request was presented from William J. Wascher (WJW Enterprises). A motion was made by Mr. Buckholtz; second by Mr. Peters to approve this 10-year extension for William J. Wascher. Motion carried without negative vote.

Minutes for the recent courthouse remodeling committee meeting are attached to this Board packet.

Land, Water and Forest Resources -- Mr. Paulsen presented two over-the-counter land sales recommended by Sawyer County Treasurer D. Ince. A motion was made by Mr. Buckholtz; second by Mr. Boettcher to approve the OTC Land Sale #002-121-11-0103 in the Town of Bass Lake. Motion carried without negative vote. A motion was made by Mr. Buckholtz; second by Ms. Petit to approve the OTC Land Sale #030-190-04-0302 in the Town of Weirgor. Motion carried without negative vote.

Health and Human Services – Mr. Schleeter advised that the Senior Resource Center voted to approve Option A plan for the Winter Meal site in which meals will be made available in-person on Tuesdays and Thursdays and the home delivery and carryout options remain intact.

A motion was made by Mr. Schlender; second by Mr. Shuman to investigate the likelihood of the DOJ grant funds to be used in the HHS department should the Cooperative Law Enforcement agreement not move forward. Roll call vote was taken. “Aye” votes include: Boettcher, Shuman, Hessel, Schlender, Helwig, Bisonette, Van Etten, Petit and Buckholtz. “Nay” votes include: Schleeter, Paulsen, Olson, Kinsley and Peters. The motion carried 9-5.

A recess was taken from 7:45 to 7:53 pm. Back in session at 7:53 pm.

Resolution Denouncing Healthcare Choice Discrimination – Mr. Boettcher presented Resolution 2021- Affirmation to Denounce Healthcare Choice Discrimination Against Citizens by Sawyer County Government, Businesses, and

Employers for discussion, needing a two-thirds vote to discuss. A motion was made by Mr. Paulsen; second by Ms. Hessel to discuss. A roll call vote was taken and passed 14-0 to approve discussion of the resolution. "Aye" votes include: Schleeter, Boettcher, Shuman, Hessel, Schlender, Helwig, Paulsen, Bisonette, Van Etten, Olson, Petit, Kinsley, Buckholtz and Peters. A motion was made by Mr. Boettcher; second by Ms. Hessel to approve the Resolution as presented and passed without negative vote. Mr. Olson recommended sending this resolution to the WCA.

Economic Development and UW Extension Committee – Mr. Schlender advised that a motion had been passed at the Economic Development/UWEX Committee meeting to use \$40,000 of ARPA funds to meet the request to bring funding for Hayward Lakes Visitors and Convention Bureau to its original \$50,000 requested level.

Finance Committee Chair Report – Mr. Paulsen presented a CDGB land short sale for property #10-SC-27. The current renters have made an offer of \$20,000 plus two years of back taxes to purchase this property. We would have to forgive approximately \$21,000 of loan balance and reduce our revolving loan fund by that amount. A motion was made by Mr. Kinsley; second by Ms. Hessel to approve this request. Motion carried without negative vote.

County Administrator's Report – A written report was provided. Mr. Hoff advised that they are reviewing the vaccine mandate rules as it applies to County staff. The opioid settlement ruling should be available for us at the December Board meeting. The airport has contracted out services to use a grader for better snowplowing at the runways for this year.

Mr. Schlender noted that at the Administration Committee meeting, a motion was made to change the LCO Library funding request to match its last year's level.

Resolution to Adopt the 2022 Sawyer County Budget and the 2021 Property Tax Levy to be Collected in 2022, the 2022 Compensation Plan, the 2022 Authorized Employees, The 2022 Fee Schedule and the 2022 Capital Improvement Plan – A motion was made by Mr. Paulsen to approve the budget resolution at the level submitted by the County Administrator; second by Mr. Schleeter. Mr. Boettcher made a motion; second by Ms. Hessel to amend Mr. Paulsen's original motion to accept the County Administrator's budget and to offset the HLVCB increase of \$40,000 for a total of \$50,000 to HLVCB with ARPA funds. Roll call vote was taken and passed 11 – 3. "Aye" Votes include: Boettcher, Shuman, Hessel, Schlender, Helwig, Bisonette, Van Etten, Olson, Kinsley, Buckholtz and Peters. "Nay" votes include: Schleeter, Paulsen, and Petit.

Mr. Buckholtz made a motion to amend Mr. Paulsen's original motion; second by Mr. Peters to increase the LCO Library's funding to last year's amount of \$25,802. Roll call vote was taken and carried 12 – 2. "Aye" votes include: Boettcher, Shuman, Hessel, Schlender, Helwig, Bisonette, Van Etten, Olson, Petit, Kinsley, Buckholtz and Peters. "Nay" votes include: Schleeter and Paulsen.

A motion was made by Mr. Paulsen to amend his original recommendation to adopt the County Administrator's budget and to add \$10,000 to the Sherman Weiss Library budget request bringing them to \$210,000 in 2022; second by Mr. Olson. Roll call vote was taken and carried 11 – 3. "Aye" votes include: Shuman, Hessel, Schlender, Helwig, Paulsen, Bisonette, Olson, Petit, Kinsley, Buckholtz and Peters. "Nay" votes include: Schleeter, Boettcher and Van Etten.

A motion was made by Mr. Schlender; second by Mr. Olson, to amend Mr. Paulsen's motion and to maintain the Sheriff's budget at the original amount projected by the Administrator in the event of a potential \$49,000 shortfall. Roll call vote was taken and passed 14 – 0. "Aye" votes include: Schleeter, Boettcher, Shuman, Hessel, Schlender, Helwig, Paulsen, Bisonette, Van Etten, Olson, Petit, Kinsley, Buckholtz and Peters.

A motion was made by Mr. Paulsen; second by Mr. Schleeter to approve the Administrator's budget as amended with the increase of \$40,000 funded by ARPA funds, to fund the LCO Library at the 2021 level of \$25,802, to add \$10,000 to the Sherman Weiss Library budget, and to maintain the Sheriff's budget as projected in the event of a potential \$49,000 shortfall. Roll call vote was taken and carried without negative vote. "Aye's include: Schleeter, Boettcher, Shuman, Hessel, Schlender, Helwig, Paulsen, Bisonette, Van Etten, Olson, Petit, Kinsley, Buckholtz and Peters.

These adjustments will slightly increase the 2022 tax rate.

Correspondence, Reports from Conferences and Meetings, Other Matters for Discussion --

Meeting Date/Time – The next meeting of the County Board of Supervisors will be Thursday, December 16, at 6:30 pm in the Large Courtroom.

Meeting adjourned at 9:14 pm

Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk

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