

**Minutes of the December 8th meeting of the Sawyer County
Public Works Committee
Of the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors
Assembly Room; Sawyer County**



Voting Committee Members Present:

- ☒ Chair: **Ron Kinsley**
- ☒ Marc Helwig – Vice Chair
- ☒ Ed Peters
- ☒ Dale Olson
- ☒ Brian Bisonette - Virtual

Others Present:

Tom Hoff
Mike Coleson
Lynn Fitch
Don Mrotek
Andrew Daniels – Virtual
Donald Wirsing
Tim Davison
Tom Witt
Dale Vessel

Others Present:

Derick Leslie
Gary Gedart
Linda Zillmer
Kyle Marinoff – Virtual
David Keating – Virtual
Bill Noonan
Tony Slack
Barry Stack

Call to Order – Chair Ron Kinsley called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

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

Meeting Agenda –

Public Comment – Donald Wirsing, Bill Noonan, Tim Davison, Tony Slack, Don Mrotek, Tom Witt, Barry Slack, Dale Vessel

Minutes from the previous meeting – A motion was made by Mr. Helwig to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2021, meeting; second by Mr. Olson. Motion carried without negative vote.

Sawyer County Airport Report – A written report was provided. Mr. Leslie noted that the snowplowing arrangement with Thompson is going very well. Four federal grant opportunities have been passed that are helping fund projects on the premises. Bathroom remodel will be done this winter.

Highway Commissioner's Report – A written report was provided. Mr. Gedart is expected to return from leave of absence on December 7th. He presented a temporary snowmobile re-route on Hwy M due to Connor's Creek Bridge closing/repair. Public comments were heard. Mr. Helwig motioned to approve the trail detour; Mr. Peters seconded the motion. Mr. Olson recommended an amendment to the motion to include a duration of one year; second by Mr. Kinsley. The amendment passed without negative vote. The original motion to approve the re-route now for a period of one-year passed without negative vote.

A funds balance report was provided; additional DOT funds and a state aid check are coming in to fund projects.

Maintenance Department Report – A written report was provided.

Oasis Building – Mr. Hoff advised that the County owns the building and it's currently being used to house Northwest Journey and our own public health vaccine clinic. We have received word that the TAD grant for drug court planning was approved as well as the with the opioid settlement. These funds may require future use of the building for programming.

Steel and Roofing Bids – Mr. Keating explained the reasoning behind recommending the approval for the alternate bids for these to projects. Accepting these bids would also put our budget \$30,000 below anticipated level after the first round of bid packages. A motion was made by Mr. Helwig; second by Mr. Peters to accept the steel bid and forward to County Board for approval. Motion carried without negative vote. A motion was made by Mr. Olson; second by Mr. Peters to accept the roofing bid and forward to county board. Motion carried without negative vote.

Meeting Date/Time – The next meeting of the Public Works Committee will be Wednesday, January 12, at 6:30 pm in the Assembly Room.

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm

Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk

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