

**Minutes of the December 9th meeting of the Sawyer County
Finance Committee
Of the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors
Assembly Room; Sawyer County**



Voting Committee Members (X) Present:

- ☒ Chair: **Bruce Paulsen**
- ☒ Ron Kinsley, Vice Chair
- ☒ Dawn Petit – Virtual
- ☒ Tom Duffy
- ☒ Stacey Hessel

Tom Hoff
Lynn Fitch
Alex Butterfield
Linda Zillmer

Others Present:

Nate Dunston - 8:40 am
Dianne Ince
Mike Keefe

Call to Order – Chair Bruce Paulsen called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

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

Meeting Agenda –

Public Comments – Linda Zillmer

Minutes of the previous meeting – A motion was made by Mr. Duffy to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2021, meeting; second by Mr. Kinsley. Motion carried without negative vote.

Ambulance Fees & Billing -- Mr. Hoff provided an update on the billing of out-of-county entities that we service and the billing company we use. RFP's for billing have been sent out. Public comment was made by Linda Zillmer. Mr. Dunston provided an overview of the collection process and servicing of Edgewater area. This item will remain on the next month's agenda.

Budget Watch List – Mr. Keefe included a written report of revenues and discussed key components. 2021 has been a surprising year of unexpected revenues. The general fund is in excess of \$3M which is higher than last year at same point in time.

General Fund Balance – This month is the time to look at our trouble spots to see what we can do to help facilitate budget lines facing shortfalls. Mr. Keefe recommended that it may be wise to take some of the excess funds and designate them in the assigned fund balance account to help fill the out-of-county placement gap. Another option might be to fund the resource development fund balance for future dam projects. When this year closes out, Mike will have options available to review for assigned fund balance categories; this item will be revisited in January.

Resolutions – Mr. Hoff presented the Resolution Authorizing Use of ARPA Funds for Hayward Lakes Visitors and Convention Bureau. A motion was made by Ms. Hessel; second by Mr. Duffy to accept this resolution and forward to County Board for approval. A roll call vote was taken and passed 3 – 2; “aye” votes from Kinsley, Duffy and Hessel. “Nay” votes from Paulsen and Petit. In light of the additional funding that HLVCB has received since the last county board meeting, a Resolution to Encourage HLCVB to Forego Receiving 2022 ARPA Appropriation was presented by Mr. Paulsen. Roll call vote was taken and failed 2-3; “aye” votes from Paulsen and Petit; “nay” votes from Kinsley, Duffy and Hessel (Hessel voting “absolutely not and wishing that to be recorded”).

Future Agenda Items – Ambulance Fees and Billing Services; General Funds Appropriation Options

Meeting Date/Time – The next meeting of the Finance Committee will be Thursday, January 13, at 8:30 am in the Assembly Room.

Meeting adjourned at 9:34 am

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