Minutes of the December 16th 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-3 & 4
☒ Jason Weaver	05	T Hayward W-5 & 6
☒ Marc D. Helwig	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 - Virtual	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 was taken; quorum was met.

Certification of Compliance with the open meeting law was met.

Appointments – Pursuant to Rule 1 of the Sawyer County Board Policy and Procedure Manual to fill a supervisor vacancy, Chair Shuman entertained a motion to approve the appointment of Jason Weaver for District 5 for the remainder of this electoral term. A motion was made by Mr. Duffy; second by Mr. Paulsen to approve this appointment. Motion carried without negative vote.

Chair Shuman entertained a motion to appoint Supervisor Weaver to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, the Public Safety Committee, the Economic Development/UW-Extension Committee and as the LCO Library Liaison. A motion was made by Mr. Duffy; second by Mr. Paulsen to approve these appointments. Motion carried without negative vote.

Pursuant to Statute §17.21(3), Chair Shuman reported on the process for filling the temporary vacancy for County Treasurer. A motion was made by Mr. Kinsley; second by Mr. Olson to approve the appointment for the remaining time period through December 2024 at which time the position would be on the ballot for the November 2024 Fall election. Motion carried without negative vote. Chair Shuman advised that an internal candidate has been chosen to fill this vacancy. Janeen Abric of the Sawyer County Highway Department has been recommended. A motion was made by Ms. Hessel; second by Mr. Paulsen to approve this appointment to County Treasurer. Motion carried without negative vote.

Due to the resignation of Emergency Management Director, Pat Sanchez, a recommendation has been made to appoint Nate Dunston as the new director of Emergency Management. Nate would fulfill his current role as Ambulance Service Director and Emergency Management Director. A motion was made by Mr. Buckholtz; second by Mr. Duffy to approve this appointment. Motion carried without negative vote.

Mr. Paulsen presented a recommendation to renew the Housing Authority 5-yr appointment for Mr. William Lewis. A motion was made by Mr. Schleeter; second by Mr. Buckholtz to approve this appointment. Motion carried without negative vote.

Public Comments – Louise Ladenthin, Joan Cervenka

Minutes – A motion was made by Mr. Olson; second by Mr. Duffy to approve the minutes of the November 9th County Board meeting. Motion carried without negative vote.

Clerk Fitch advised that the 2022-23 Board of Canvassers has been appointed and documented in the agenda attachment.

Zoning Committee Chair Report – Mr. Buckholtz presented the zoning report. There is one zoning request recommended from the Zoning Committee. Case #21-010 in the name of Janet K. Thompson Revocable Trust for a change in A-1 to RR-1 for the purpose of dividing the property into three or four smaller lots was heard. A motion was made by Mr. Boettcher; second by Ms. Hessel to approve this request. Motion carried without negative vote.

Public Safety Report – Mr. Buckholtz presented the annual Joint Powers 911 Emergency System Agreements to provide county services to municipalities as is required by state statute. A motion was made by Mr. Buckholtz; second by Mr. Kinsley to approve these agreements. Motion carried without negative vote.

Public Works Committee Chair Report – Mr. Kinsley presented a brief update on the remodeling project. Minutes of the recent meeting are attached. David Keating of Miron Construction explained that due to the long lead times required for steel and roofing supplies, these bids were sent out prior to the others and the net result if accepted is $30,000 under projected budget for these two portions of the project. A motion was made by Mr. Buckholtz; second by Mr. Peters to accept the steel bid. Motion carried without negative vote. A motion was made by Ms. Hessel; second by Ms. Petit to accept the roofing bid. Motion carried without negative vote.

Land, Water and Forest Resources -- Mr. Paulsen presented an over-the-counter land sale #008-937-01-4207 in the Town of Edgewater. A motion was made by Mr. Buckholtz; second by Mr. Boettcher to approve this sale. Motion carried without negative vote.

Health and Human Services – Mr. Schleeter advised that the current view of the HHS Committee is to continue use of the Oasis building as it is now until further consideration. Mr. Hoff presented the opioid settlement agreement, indicating that the County share of the settlement depends on the number of participants in the suit. A motion was made by Mr. Schleeter; second by Mr. Helwig to approve the Resolution Authorizing Sawyer County to Enter the Opioid Settlement. Motion carried without negative vote.

Municode Codification – Mr. Hoff presented the final draft of the Municode Codification document which will bring all of our ordinances up to code. This will be reviewed by departments. He recognized Ms. Roeker's part in completing this detailed process.

Finance Committee Chair Report – Mr. Paulsen recognized Ms. Ince for her 23 years of service to the County. A request to change signers on the accounts for the new County Treasurer was presented. A motion was made by Mr. Kinsley; second by Mr. Buckholtz to approve this request. Motion carried without negative vote.

A Resolution Authorizing Use of ARPA Funds for Hayward Lakes Visitors and Convention Bureau funding in the amount of $40,000 was presented. A motion was made by Ms. Hessel; second by Mr. Helwig to approve this resolution. A roll call vote was taken, passing 11 to 4 with “aye” votes from Boettcher, Shuman, Hessel, Weaver, Helwig, Duffy, Bisonette, Van Etten, Olson, Kinsley and Buckholtz. “Nay” votes from Schleeter, Paulsen, Petit and Peters.

Economic Development-UW Extension -- Mr. Duffy advised that the Town of Hayward will be presenting a letter of support for a TAP Grant application for bike routes to the January committee meeting for approval. The request requires no county funding.

County Administrator’s Report – Mr. Hoff provided highlights of his written report, and noted that the TAD planning grant has been approved by the DOT and we will receive $136,000 in funding toward coordinated efforts with JusticePoint. He also announced his retirement effective February, 2022.

Ad Hoc Recruitment Committee Creation – Ms. Roeker explained the provisions required to establish an ad hoc recruitment committee for the new administrator. A motion was made by Mr. Buckholtz; second by Mr. Paulsen to form the members of this ad hoc committee at the January 13, 2022, Administration Committee meeting. Motion carried without negative vote.

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, January 20, at 6:30 pm in the Large Courtroom.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm
Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk

County Board Member Roll Call

Date of County Board Meeting : 12/16/2021

Agenda Item : Motion to approve the Resolution Authorizing Use of ARPA Funds - Hayward Lakes Visitors and Convention Bureau

Motion by: Ms. Hessel   Second by: Mr. Helwig

District	Name	Present	Yes	No	Abstain
1	Dale Schleeter			x	
2	Jesse Boettcher		x		
3	Tweed Shuman		x		
4	Stacey Hessel		x		
5	Jason Weaver		x		
6	Marc D. Helwig		x		
7	Thomas W. Duffy		x		
8	Bruce Paulsen			x	
9	Brian Bisonette		x		
10	Chuck Van Etten		x		
11	Dale Olson		x		
12	Dawn Petit			x	
13	Ron Kinsley		x		
14	Ron Buckholtz		x		
15	Ed Peters			x	
	Total		11	4	

Carried	Carried 11-4
Defeated	
Amended	

Voice Vote	
Roll Call	Roll Call