

**Minutes of the February 7, 2024 meeting of the Sawyer County
Public Works Committee
Of the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors
Board Room; Sawyer County**



Voting Committee Members Present:

- ☒ Chair: Ron Kinsley
- ☒ Ed Peters– Vice Chair
- ☒ Marc Helwig
- ☐ Chris Rusk
- ☒ Brian Bisonette

Others Present:

Andy Albarado
John Pinnow
Lynn Fitch
Derek Leslie
Linda Zillmer

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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 Comments – Linda Zillmer, Elizabeth Crawford

Minutes from the previous meeting dated: January 10, 2024

Motion to approve made by: Mr. Helwig Second by: Mr. Peters
Motion carried without negative vote.

Maintenance Department Report -

A written report was provided and included projects completed, including collaboration with contractors on remodeling projects yet to complete. A new roof has been installed on the maintenance garage and two of the pursuit vehicles ordered for the Sheriff's Department for 2024 have been delivered to General Communications for upfitting.

Sawyer County Airport Report -

A written report was provided and reviewed. Airport operations are down due to the unseasonal weather but this will also reduce operational costs on site. A design review meeting for the runway rehabilitation was held and a schedule for the project was identified in the report. A list of 68 residents within 500' of airport property was identified to receive the invitation to the March Public meeting.

Highway Commissioner's Report -

A written report was provided. The winter maintenance budget is in line and they are considering purchasing a new skid steer to complete brushing at the airport and along roadways. Signs on STH 48 from STH 40 to the Washburn County line will be replaced this summer. A new bridge inspector contractor has been hired. There was a PIM meeting on February 1st at the Radisson town hall to discuss reconstruction of STH 40 at Elm Creek that is scheduled for 2027. Mr. Pinnow has been working with LCO on the Safe Streets for All grant.

Resolution to Allow Work to be Completed for Towns – Rolled into item c.

Ordinance Development and Fees for Permits - Mr. Albarado explained that the ordinance establishes the County's role in issuing permits. The ordinance would go to the board for approval. They did work with legal counsel in the development of these documents. A motion was made by Mr. Helwig to approve the Resolution Approving Highway Ordinances and forward to County Board; second by Mr. Peters. Motion carried without negative vote. Mr. Albarado presented the Resolution Establishing Highway Permit Fees. A motion was made by Mr. Peters to approve the Resolution Establishing Highway Permit Fees and forward to County Board; second by Mr. Helwig. Motion carried without negative vote.

Seasonal Road Ban – Mr. Albarado advised that communications were made with a garbage contractor regarding the road bans. LCO has passed another resolution that will give them the authority to make decisions on roads within the reservation and allow them to issue their own permits. A separate issue arose in having access to roads for the LCO Health Center build so it can continue moving forward; it was concluded that LCO will cover any road repair damages that result from overweight vehicles accessing the Health Center driveway from County Roads B & K. A letter was drafted to this effect and included in the packet. LCO has provided positive comments about working with Mr. Pinnow. He continues to work with surrounding counties regarding access with road bans on.

Courtroom Remodeling Update -

Ribbon Cutting – Mr. Albarado provided a review of projects completed; a date for the ribbon cutting ceremony has not yet been established.

Future Agenda Items – Roundabout

Correspondence, reports from conferences and meetings -

Adjournment – 7:10 pm

Next Meeting: March 13, 2024 **Time:** 6:30 pm **Location:** Board Room
Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk