

**Minutes of the April 11, 2024 meeting of the Sawyer County
Finance Committee
Of the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors
Assembly Room; Sawyer County**



Voting Committee Members (X) Present:

- ☒ Chair: **Ron Kinsley**
- ☒ Vice Chair, John Righeimer
- ☒ Stacey Hessel
- ☒ Tom Duffy
- ☐ Dale Schleeter - excused

Others Present:

Andy Albarado
Lynn Fitch
Mike Markgren
Linda Zillmer
Tweed Shuman
Ron Buckholtz

Call to Order –Chair Kinsley 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 –

Minutes from the previous meeting dated: March 14, 2024

Motion to approve made by: Mr. Righeimer Second by: Mr. Duffy

Motion carried without negative vote.

Treasurer's Report -

Finance Department Report -

Sales Tax Distribution – A written report was provided and reviewed. Mr. Markgren reported a strong sales tax month.

Budget Updates – A written report was provided and reviewed by Mr. Markgren. We are one-quarter of the way through the budget year and expenses are on target. Human services department is running a little under budget at this time. Highway department revenue is at 19% and expenses at 15%.

Capital Improvement Plan Update – A written report was shown reporting \$42,659.72 in CIP monthly purchases.

Attorneys' Fees Analysis – Mr. Markgren handed out a YTD 2024 report of legal fees expended showing a total of \$19,277.43 to date.

Investment Update -

A written report was provided in the packet and reviewed. There was approximately \$92,000 in interest earned last month. We have been consolidating and closing some bank accounts to clean up the portfolio. Mr. Markgren got quotes on 12-month CD rates from various financial institutions but no action will be taken today. Our current MMDA rate is approximately 5.40%.

EMS-Ambulance -

A written report was provided and reviewed. Our current aging report is very low, partly due to the change in software system at LifeQuest, thus there will be a catch-up amount later. The *Over 180* days collections are now over \$150,000. The average billed per month the 12-month cycle is down from last year but still higher than a couple years ago. The dollars billed and collected per call is down a bit. Revenues through February are at -\$75,279.54 and

thus, the anticipated revenue amount has been decreased by approximately \$300,000. Write-offs have been ticking upward since last September and we've put approximately \$600,000 in collections.

Future Agenda Items – Investment Changes, Wellness Committee Update

Correspondence, reports from conferences and meetings -

Adjournment – 9:08 am

Next Meeting: May 9, 2024 **Time:** 8:30 am **Location:** Board Room
Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk

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