

**Minutes of the June 13, 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: John Righeimer
- ☒ Vice Chair: Stacey Hessel
- ☐ Marc Helwig - excused
- ☒ Tom Duffy
- ☒ Jeff Hoehne

Others Present:

Andy Albarado
Lynn Fitch
Mike Markgren
Ron Kinsley @ 8:38 am
Ron Buckholtz @ 8:45 am
Mitch/Bug Tussel - Virtual

Call to Order – Chair Righeimer 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: May 13, 2024

Motion to approve made by: Ms. Hessel Second by: Mr. Duffy
Motion carried without negative vote.

Treasurer's Report -

A written report was provided.

Finance Department Report -

Sales Tax Distribution – A written report was provided and reviewed; we remain on track with tax revenue.

Budget Updates – A written report was provided and reviewed by Mr. Markgren. We are at 42% of budget on expense side and 39% net of transfer to HHS. HHS is showing a net loss but revenue lags in this area; highway is showing a profit but construction projects will begin to come in.

Capital Improvement Plan Update – A written report was provided showing a total of \$81,763.02 in expenses.

Budget Timeline and Parameters - New Staffing requests are due by June 30th. Mr. Markgren has entered a preliminary highway budget and the same with HHS. He is attempting to get proposed grant amounts to enter in the budget process. Health insurance is budgeted with a 5% increase and departments have been asked to present a thorough 5-year CIP so that we can effectively plan out long-term needs. A motion was made by Ms. Hessel to approve the timeline and guidelines as presented; second by Mr. Hoehne. Motion carried without negative vote.

Investment Update -

A written report was provided. Interest earned was \$109,134. We did purchase the \$3M CD as was previously approved.

EMS-Ambulance -

A written report was provided and reviewed. Mr. Markgren advised that the billing company reports will be changing and reports will likely change. The average billed per month is down as well as average collected. We are showing a loss in net income at this point. April dispatch calls were down from previous month and from the average. Over a 12-month cycle, we are about the same as previous years.

Bug Tussel Project -

Mr. Albarado presented the project that has already been heard at the Public Safety meetings. Our current radio system needs upgrading. The companies of GenComm and Bug Tussel have joined together to provide a joint proposal for these upgrades. The current cost proposed is between \$1.5M and \$2.4M. We've asked both companies to work together to improve coverage to reach our 100% coverage goal for the entire county so this will be on future agendas.

NWCEP Request for Assistance -

Due to financial difficulties, NWCEP is requesting an advance of \$5,000 on their annual support. Mr. Albarado advised that the entity is having meetings now to determine next moves so action is not yet needed on this item.

Future Agenda Items – Radio Communications Update**Correspondence, reports from conferences and meetings -****Adjournment – 9: 24 am**

Next Meeting: July 11, 2024 **Time:** 8:30 am **Location:** Board Room
Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk