

**Minutes of the August 8, 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
- ☒ Tom Duffy
- ☒ Jeff Hoehne

Others Present:

Andy Albarado
Lynn Fitch
Mike Markgren
Ron Kinsley
Ron Buckholtz
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 – Linda Zillmer

Minutes from the previous meeting dated: July 11, 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. Elected Official Deputy, Samantha Stuhr, was hired to replace Lauralee Kane, who is retiring in September. An update of property taxes was included.

Finance Department Report -

Sales Tax Distribution – The July sales tax figure should be high due to high traffic in the area.

Budget Updates – A written report was provided and revenue/expenses are both on target. Each year we are getting close to actual figures when setting our annual budgets. The 2025 budget general fund entries are completed and he provided a verbal update on expectations. He anticipates that there will not be many adjustments after it is presented to the committee and board.

Capital Improvement Plan Update – A total of \$61,941.83 was used in July for expenses including jail cameras, courthouse door controls, and the Sheriff video system.

Act 10 Update -

Mr. Albarado provided a recap of Act 10 as it stands now. A Dane County Circuit Court Judge has denied a motion to dismiss and hints at overturning the Act 10 decision. A summary of this court case will be included in the packet. This is still in the preliminary stages at Dane County.

Investment Update -

Written reports were provided showing a total YTD interest earned of \$621,549. Our recent lock in with a CD resulted in good decision since rates dropped right after.

EMS-Ambulance -

A written report was provided and reviewed by Mr. Markgren, and in the last three months the aging report has improved. Average calls per month remain consistent and amount billed per month is down slightly. John Froemel continues to work with the billing company to ensure we are billing at the right rates. We are seeing progress in the

percent collected per month. The income statement is showing an \$86,000 loss at this time. Mr. Markgren reviewed the new County Month-end Report.

Radio Communications Project Update -

Mr. Albarado provided a brief update and advised that a presentation will be made at full County Board meeting next week. Legal counsel has been involved in this review. September 10th is the date that Bug Tussel wants a decision which may require a special County Board meeting to be called in early September.

Future Agenda Items –

Correspondence, reports from conferences and meetings -

Adjournment – 9:16 am

Next Meeting: September 12, 2024

Time: 8:30 am

Location: Board Room

Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk