

**Minutes of the September 12, 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 excused

Others Present:

Andy Albarado
Lynn Fitch
Mike Markgren
Ron Kinsley
Ron Buckholtz

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: Next Month

Motion to approve made by:

Second by:

Motion carried without negative vote.

Treasurer's Report -

A written report was provided.

Finance Department Report -

Sales Tax Distribution – A written report was provided. Mr. Markgren advised that the state put out projections for the remainder of this year and 2025 which was \$2.9M+. Our estimates seem to be on target with state projections.

Budget Updates – Revenues and expenses look good. We are late on receiving HHS grant funds, and Highway department looks good.

Capital Improvement Plan Update – We bought one more squad and did courthouse door controls totaling \$85,282.17 in CIP purchases.

Attorney Fees Breakout – A written report was provided and to date we have spent \$137,521.92 on attorney fees for the past six months.

County Budget – Mr. Markgren provided a review of the 2025 proposed budget. There are six possible levy limit exemptions available to us, and we currently use four of them. New staff requests are coming in from the Sheriff's Department, Zoning and Highway. A fund balance draw in the amount of \$2,849,149 is projected with an adjusted draw amount of \$681,015. Total preliminary revenue of \$41,988,943 is projected with \$42,019,189 in expenditures. The resulting tax levy would be \$2.46.

Investment Update -

Written reports were provided showing a total YTD interest earned of \$740,993.

EMS-Ambulance -

A written report was provided and reviewed by Mr. Markgren, the last three months of the aging report have shown improvement with almost half being current.

Future Agenda Items –

Correspondence, reports from conferences and meetings -

Adjournment – 9:36 am

Next Meeting: September 12, 2024

Time: 8:30 am

Location: Board Room

Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk

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