

**Minutes of the September 19, 2024, meeting of the Sawyer County
Board of Supervisors Special Meeting
Sawyer County Courthouse/Virtual**



Voting Committee		Roll Call	
Members Present (X)		District	Wards
☐ Steve Kariainen-exc		01	T Lenroot W-1, T Hayward W-7, C Hayward W-5
☐ Kay Wilson - exc		02	T Lenroot W-2, T Round Lake W-1
☒ Tweed Shuman	YY	03	T Hayward W-1 & 2
☒ Stacey Hessel	YY	04	T Hayward W-3 & 4
☒ Randy Neumann	YY	05	T Hayward W-5 & 6
☒ Marc D. Helwig	YY	06	C Hayward W-1 & 2
☒ Thomas W. Duffy	YN	07	C Hayward W-3 & 4
☒ Marshal Savitski	YY	08	T Bass Lake W-1 & 2
☐ Brian Bisonette - exc		09	T Bass Lake W-3 & 4
☒ Chuck Van Etten @ 6:49 pm	YY	10	T Sand Lake, T Edgewater W-1
☒ Jeff Hoehne	YY	11	T Edgewater W-2, T Bass Lake W-5, T Meteor, T Couderay, V Couderay
☒ John Righeimer	YY	12	T Spider Lake, T Round Lake W-2, T Winter W-1
☒ Ron Kinsley	YY	13	T Hunter, T Radisson W-1, T-Ojibwa W-1, V Radisson
☒ Ron Buckholtz	YN	14	T Radisson W-2, T Ojibwa W-2, T Weirgor, V Exeland, T Meadowbrook
☒ John Suralski	YN	15	T Winter W-2, T Draper, V Winter

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance— Chair Kinsley called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Roll call was taken; quorum was met.

Certification of Compliance with the open meeting law was met.

Meeting Agenda –

Public Comments – Jim Strandlund, Mike Feldner, Louise Ladenthin, Linda Zillmer

Minutes from the previous meeting dated: August 15, 2024

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

Motion carried without negative vote.

Minutes from the previous meeting dated: September 5, 2024

Motion to approve made by: Mr. Buckholtz Second by: Ms. Hessel

Motion carried without negative vote.

Zoning Committee -

Chair Report – Mr. Buckholtz updated the Board on department approvals and unique conditions placed on the property. The zoning timelines will be discussed at a future meeting.

Zoning District Map Amendment RZN #24-011 Jason Turnbull – Mr. Kozlowski presented this request for 20-acre hobby farm. A motion was made by Mr. Shuman to approve the request; second by Ms. Hessel. Motion carried without negative vote.

Public Works Committee --

Chair Report – Vice Chair Helwig provided a verbal update of the September meeting. The airport master plan meeting will be October 9th starting at 4pm.

Fandler Airport Renewal – Mr. Albarado presented the 10-year hangar extension request from David Fandler. A motion was made by Mr. Helwig; second by Mr. Buckholtz. Motion carried without negative vote.

Public Safety Committee --

Chair Report – Mr. Buckholtz provided a verbal update. Our jail numbers have continued to decrease. Committee reports were reviewed; the National Night Out was a success. Two search and rescue calls ended with positive results. Narcan use continues to increase, as well as costs of our drugs for the ambulance service.

Resolution Adjusting Medical Examiner Fees – Mr. Albarado presented the resolution to adjust medical examiner fees that was passed at Committee. A motion was made by Mr. Shuman to approve the Resolution; second by Mr. Savitski. Motion carried without negative vote.

Land, Water, and Forest Resources Committee -

Chair Report – Mr. Suralski provided a review of the September meeting. The fall timber sale bids will go out in October; Bayfield County received their first carbon credit payment. Zoning continues to monitor water levels of dams.

Health and Human Services Board --

Chair Report – Mr. Savitski provided a verbal update. The HHS 2025 budget was approved at Committee level. MAPP payments through the state have been very confusing to consumers and they will be directed to Shawna White at HHS for assistance. Cleansweep will be on 9/25 at the fairgrounds.

Tourist Rooming House Ordinance Presentation – Mr. Albarado presented the topic to the Board. TRH data information, a FAQ sheet and the ordinance were shared and are attached to the agenda packet. This will be reviewed for discussion only tonight and will come back in October for a vote. Sawyer is third highest in all counties having TRH facilities. Matt McKay and Julie McCallum of HHS presented the ordinance, background and mechanisms to act. Ad hoc chair, Ginny Chabek spoke to her position on the committee and provided a review of key elements of the ordinance, including septic system requirements.

Finance Committee -

Chair Report – Mr. Righeimer provided a verbal report. Sales tax expectations remain on target. CIP expenses were \$85,000+ for the month used for one more squad and door lock systems.

2025 Preliminary Budget Update and Timeline - The 2025 presentation was included in the packet again. He provided an update on net new construction and personal property increase change. Transit is requesting an additional \$15,000 for their budget.

Economic Development & UW Extension Committee --

Chair Report – Mr. Righeimer provided a verbal report. The fair appeared to be a big success. Hayward School Education Director, Meredith Ingbreton, introduced the available services to the public. The SC/LCO Economic Development incubator is now ready for community use. Mr. Buckholtz left the meeting at 7:55 pm and returned at 7:56 pm.

Outside Committee Updates -

County Administrator Report -

Mr. Albarado provided a written report and verbal recap. The written report has been attached to the agenda.

Bug Tussell Financial Analysis and Agreement/Resolution – Mitchel from BugTussel was present at tonight's meeting. A revised proposal of reducing tower redundancy/reliability was shared, resulting in a \$10M bond issue instead of \$16M. At 8:09 Mr. Shuman left the meeting and returned at 8:10 pm. Board members reviewed options and posed questions to help make their decision.

Closed Session

Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(e) to enter closed session for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. - Public Safety Radio Network and BugTussel partnership a roll call vote was taken to enter closed session at 8:47 pm by Mr. Helwig; second by Mr. Shuman. Motion carried 12:0 with all "yes" votes. Closed session began at 8:48 pm.

At 9:25 pm a motion was made to leave closed session by Mr. Shuman; second by Mr. Savitski. Motion carried without negative vote. Open session started at 9:26 pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Righeimer to approve the \$10M option; second by Mr. Neuman. Motion failed 9:3 with "no" votes from Suralski, Buckholtz and Duffy.

Other Topics for Discussion Only –

Adjournment – 9:29 pm

Next Meeting: October 17, 2024 **Time:** 6:30 pm **Location:** Board Room
Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk