

**Minutes of the November 7, 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 -exc
- ☒ Jeff Hoehne

Andy Albarado
Lynn Fitch
Mike Markgren
Ron Kinsley
Ron Buckholtz

Others Present:

Mindy Simons
Kerri Sabin-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: **October 10, 2024**

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

Treasurer's Report –

A written report was provided.

Finance Department Report -

Written reports were provided and reviewed by Mr. Markgren. Revenues are in good shape and expenses are in line, as well. We may have to make a small transfer to HHS to cover a deficit due to lag in some grant funding.

Capital Improvement Plan Update – A list of CIP purchases was included showing a total of \$121,793.30.

2025 Budget Presentation – Mr. Markgren reviewed highlights of the 2025 budget presentation. The transit request of \$15,000 additional funds was not approved; they have a healthy fund balance at this time. The anticipated 2025 levy is \$14,872,693; board expenditures of \$42,369,973. The adjusted CIP Issue is \$2,002,460. Proposed 2025 fee schedule was reviewed and now includes the revised HHS fees. A motion was made by Ms. Hessel to approve the fee schedule; second by Mr. Hoehne to approve the proposed fee schedule and forward to County Board. Motion carried without negative vote. A motion was made by Ms. Hessel; second by Mr. Helwig to approve the presented CIP summary. Motion carried without negative vote. A resolution to set the levy was presented. A motion was made by Mr. Helwig to adopt the 2025 budget resolution in the amount of \$14,872,693; second by Ms. Hessel. Motion carried without negative vote.

A resolution for a bank loan was presented; Ms. Hessel made a motion to approve the resolution; second by Mr. Hoehne to approve the resolution and forward to County Board. Motion carried without negative vote.

A draft resolution to allocate funds for a veteran's honor park was presented to transfer \$250,000 from the Resource Development Fund to a Veterans' Honor Park. A motion as made by Mr. Helwig to approve the request; second by Mr. Righeimer and forward the request to the Admin Committee and County Board. Motion carried without negative vote.

Investment Update -

Written reports were provided showing a total YTD interest earned of 955,547. We are getting good returns on funds in our Money Market accounts.

EMS-Ambulance -

Written reports were provided and reviewed. The aging report showed a good decrease. We had below-average write-offs last month. Reports from our billing agency were shared showing where billing reimbursements come from. A draft resolution showing ambulance fees and charges was shared; no action was taken on this item.

Future Agenda Items – none

Correspondence, reports from conferences and meetings –

Adjournment – 9:59 am

Next Meeting: December 12, 2024

Time: 8:30 am

Location: Board Room

Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk