

**Minutes of the December 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

Others Present:

Andy Albarado
Lynn Fitch
Mike Markgren
Ron Kinsley
Ron Buckholtz
April Anderson

Call to Order – Chair Righeimer called the meeting to order at 8:30 am. Clerk Fitch demonstrated how to access the new agenda software from our website.

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: November 7, 2024

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

Audit Report -

Ms. April Anderson of CLAAconnect presented the audit report. We received the highest rating possible for this audit. The two material weaknesses found are limiting segregation of duties and there were some material audit adjustments. She reviewed the financial statement notations that were included in the report. General obligation debt as percent of debt limitation is 4.6%, within the recommended range. The report will also be reviewed at full Board meeting next week.

Treasurer's Report –

A written report was provided. There are approximately 49 parcels with 2020 delinquent taxes in comparison to last year at this time, of approximately 47 parcels with 2019 delinquent taxes. Abstract Fee Notices and property tax statements were mailed November 21, 2024, to 37 property owners with 2020 delinquent taxes. Sawyer County will soon begin the In REM process. The majority of the 2024 tax bills have been picked up by municipalities and have been mailed.

Finance Department Report -

Written reports were provided and reviewed by Mr. Markgren. Sales tax dipped a little in November but we remain on pace for \$3M. Revenues projections look good as well as expenses in all departments. We may need to transfer funds for Highway and HHS pending expenses. Grant funds coming in are strong but Medicaid repayments are lagging behind and he may recommend doing a general fund balance transfer to account for the shortage in HHS. We did not have a lot of activity from monthly CIP, but did have some Highway expenses.

Investment Update -

Written reports were provided; YTD interest earned is \$1,034,678 with \$79,131 this past month. He recommends keeping funds where they are currently and review again next month.

EMS-Ambulance -

Written reports were provided and reviewed. The new billing company is quicker in providing reports, however, data changes quickly. We continue to move in the right direction with the aging report collections. Average calls per month are starting to level out compared to previous years as are the average billed per month and average collected per month. The percent collected is 36.16% with a goal being 50%. The dollars billed and collected per call is at an all-time high this month. We continue to rely heavily on Medicaid/Medicare repayment which is historically low.

Board Appointed Committee Updates -

Future Agenda Items – none

Correspondence, reports from conferences and meetings –

Adjournment – 9: am28 am

Next Meeting: January 9, 2025

Time: 8:30 am

Location: Board Room

Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk