

**Minutes of the March 12, 2025 Meeting of the Sawyer County
Public Works Committee
of the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors
Board Room; Sawyer County**



Voting Committee Members Present:

- ☒ Chair: Ron Kinsley
- ☒ Vice Chair: Marc Helwig
- ☐ Randy Neumann
- ☒ Chuck Van Etten
- ☒ Jim Evans

Others Present:

Andy Albarado
John Pinnow
Liz Klein
Derek Leslie

Call to Order – Chair Kinsley called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Certification of Compliance with the open meeting law was met. Roll Call was taken; quorum was met.

Meeting Agenda – Set

Public Comments- None

Minutes from the previous meeting dated: February 12, 2025

Motion to approve by: Mr. Helwig Second by: Mr. Evans

Motion carried without negative vote.

Maintenance Department Report -

A written report was provided by Mr. Hagberg; maintenance has been moving along on courthouse building projects.

Sawyer County Airport Report-

A written report was provided and Mr. Leslie advised the committee on upcoming airport project: waiting for BOA funding to develop the Airport Layout Plan, the spring runway project will begin when the road bans are lifted, there is a preconstruction meeting for airport stakeholders on April 2. The snow removal equipment will be coming in. Mr. Leslie is attending an annual Airports seminar that the board members are welcome to attend.

Highway Department-

Commissioner Pinnow updated the committee on current road projects: brushing, patching are underway. The crew hauled Birkie snow and will be reimbursed by the Birkie organization for their work. Two FLAP grants for work on S and GG will be submitted. Jump River is hosting an electrical safety class for road workers.

Pipestone Tower Road MOU with Town of Radisson-Mr. Albarado reported that the MOU to maintain Pipestone Tower Rd. has expired and needs to be renewed: no changes were recommended and it has been signed by the Town of Radisson already.

Motion to approve the resolution and pass on to the County Board by: Mr. Helwig **Second by:** Mr. Evans
Motion carried without negative vote.

Motion to approve Resolution to forward to County Board by: **Second by:**
Motion carried without negative vote.

Closed Session--

At 6:55 pm a motion to enter closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(e), “[d]eliberating 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,” to wit, for purposes of considering existing lease agreement terms for County property located at 10250 N. Tower Rd., Hayward and 10424W State Hwy 27/70,

Radisson, and discussion of possible extension terms and negotiation strategy that require a closed session to ensure the County's competitive and bargaining position" was made by: Mr. Van Etten Second by: Mr. Evans

A roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Kinsley aye, Mr. Helwig aye, Mr. Van Etten aye, Mr. Evans aye. Motion carried.

The committee reconvened in open session at 7:13 pm on a motion by Mr. Helwig Second by: Mr. Evans

Motion carried without negative vote.

No action was taken during the closed session.

At 7:14 pm a motion to enter closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(e), "[d]eliberating 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," to wit, for purposes of considering the potential purchase of property for possible expansion of County facilities that require a closed session to ensure the County's competitive and bargaining position" was made by: Mr. Van Etten Second by: Mr. Evans

A roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Kinsley aye, Mr. Helwig aye, Mr. Van Etten aye, Mr. Evans aye. Motion carried.

The committee reconvened in open session at 7:38 pm on a motion by Mr. Van Etten Second by: Mr. Evans

Motion carried without negative vote.

No action was taken during the closed session.

Board Appointed Committee Updates – None

Correspondence, reports from conferences and meetings – None

Future Agenda Items – Continue to update on Airport Master Plan

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 pm

Next Meeting: April 9, 2025

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Board Room

Minutes recorded by Liz Klein, County Clerk