

**Minutes of the April 9, 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: **March 12, 2025**

Motion to approve by: Mr. Neumann

Second by: Mr. Van Etten

Motion carried without negative vote.

Maintenance Department Report -

A written report was provided by Mr. Hagberg. Mr. Albarado summarized projects started or completed in March: new roof on Sheriff's Dept., HVAC work, Justice Point offices, Child Support offices, DA window, and Clerk's office wall.

Sawyer County Airport Report-

A written report was provided. Mr. Leslie spoke with state BOA officials at an aviation conference who approved the C2 runway classification for forwarding to the FAA for completing the Airport Layout Plan, before the Master Plan can be completed next year. The C2 classification is based on FAA statistical aircraft use and is not discretionary. The Sawyer County Airport has continued to see growth compared to other airports trending downward across the state. The Airport runway project is scheduled to start May 5 and is expected to be completed in June; there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony. Mr. Kinsley pointed out that the Master Plan is a plan, not a project: the airport is not currently in the process of expanding.

Highway Department-

Commissioner Pinnow updated the committee on current road projects: patching, brushing, crack sealing and culvert work is ongoing. A large portion of the Highway budget expense is salt. The frost tubes were clear today; the roads need to dry out for 1-2 weeks before the road bans will be lifted. The average number of days for road bans is 47 and the county is on track for that this year. The CTH E Spring Lake project is on hold pending DNR approval and may take place in 2027.

Asphalt bids were received from Monarch Paving Company. The committee reviewed the bid and **made a motion to award the bid and approve Type LT (regressed) Hot mix Asphalt at \$61.31 per ton, loaded into trucks in Winter for the County W LRIP project by: Mr. Van Etten**

Second by: Mr. Neumann

Motion carried without negative vote.

Closed Session—

At 7:00 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. Helwig Second by: Mr. Neumann

A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Kinsley yes, Mr. Helwig yes, Mr. Neumann yes, Mr. Van Etten yes, Mr. Evans yes.
Motion carried.

At 7:12 a motion to reconvene in open session was made by: Mr. Neumann Second by: Mr. Evans
Motion carried

Chair Kinsley stated that no action was taken.

Closed Session—

At 7:13 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, on a motion by: Mr. Van Etten Second by: Mr. Neumann

A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Kinsley yes, Mr. Helwig yes, Mr. Neumann yes, Mr. Van Etten yes, Mr. Evans yes.
Motion carried.

At 7:26 a motion to reconvene in open session was made by: Mr. Neumann Second by: Mr. Van Etten
Motion carried

Chair Kinsley stated that no action was taken.

Board Appointed Committee Updates – None**Correspondence, reports from conferences and meetings – None****Future Agenda Items – Airport Ribbon Cutting in June, ATV Route Renewals****Meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm**

Next Meeting: May 7, 2025

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Board Room

Minutes recorded by Liz Klein, County Clerk