

**Minutes of the March 13, 2025 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-Virtual
- ☒ Vice Chair: Stacey Hessel
- ☒ Marc Helwig
- ☒ Tom Duffy
- ☒ Jeff Hoehne

Others Present:

Andy Albarado
Liz Klein
Mike Markgren
Ron Kinsley
Ron Buckholtz
Brian Lehner

Call to Order – Vice Chair Hessel 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 – Approved on a motion by Mr. Helwig Second by: Mr. Duffy Motion carried without negative vote.

Public Comments – None

Minutes from the previous meeting dated: February 13, 2025

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

Treasurer's Report –

Mr. Lehner provided a written report: the February Settlement was received from all municipalities for a total of \$7,317,569.50 and there are currently 418 tax delinquent parcels.

Finance Department Report -

Sales tax reports compared months over a six year period with 2025 coming in higher overall monthly. 2024 and 2025 General Fund Budget Performance reports were reviewed. There is a surplus of revenue and lower expenses at the end of 2024 in the General Fund. February CIP Purchases totaled \$35,619.23 for ambulance and IT work. Mr. Markgren presented a proposal to allocate surplus funds to balance department budgets.

A motion to approve Resolution Designating Fund Balance and forward to County Board by: Mr. Hoehne

Second by: Mr. Helwig

Motion carried without negative vote

Department Financial Updates –

Mr. Markgren provided a proposed annual schedule of department financial reports and brought the committee up to date on reports as follows:

January:43

Ambulance

2024- 91% revenues, 89% expenses

2025- 11% revenues, 17% expenses

EMSMC Report- Ambulance billing, collections, and losses were reviewed in detailed reports from EMSMC. These reports will be presented quarterly going forward.

Administration

2024- 92% expenses, Wellness 45% expenses

2025- 18% expenses, Wellness 4% expenses

Finance

2024- 96% expenses

2025- 14% expenses

Human Resources

2024- 95% expenses

2025- 12% expenses

February

Land Records

2024- 68% revenues, 97% expenses

2025- 0% revenues, 19% expenses

Surveyor

2024- 606% revenues, 103% expenses

2025- 114% revenues, 16% expenses

Zoning

2024- 90% revenues, 87% expenses

2025- 15% revenues, 12% expenses

Forestry

2024- 119% revenues, 100% expenses

2025- 0% revenues, 7% expenses

March

Health and Human Services

2024- 89% revenues, 105% expenses

2025- 7% revenues, 14% expenses

Mental Health Report 2024- Projected annual expenses of \$2,725,951.20

Youth Justice Report 2024- 35 ongoing cases

HHS Year-Over-Year Analysis- table showing budget vs annual expenses 2019-2025

Child Support

2024- 69% revenues, 97% expenses

2025- 27% revenues, 17% expenses

Investments Review and Update -

January Investment Report- interest rates are going down; \$9M in CDs are performing well.

ARPA, Opioid Settlement and LATCF fund balances presented.

Contract(s) for Services with External Organizations--

Mr. Albarado presented a plan to draft contracts with four agencies to formalize the county's relationship: EDC, Sawyer County Fair, HLVCB and SRC for discussion.

Correspondence, Reports from Conferences and Meetings – None

Future Agenda Items – Contracts for services

Adjournment – 9:43 am on a motion from Mr. Duffy Second by: Mr. Helwig Motion carried without negative vote.

Next Meeting- April 10, 2025

Time: 8:30 am

Location: Board Room

Minutes recorded by Liz Klein, County Clerk