

**Minutes of the May 8, 2025 Meeting of the Sawyer County  
Finance Committee of the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors  
Board Room; Sawyer County**



**Voting Committee Members (X) Present:**

- ☐ Chair: John Righeimer- Excused
- ☒ Vice Chair: Stacey Hessel
- ☒ Marc Helwig
- ☒ Tom Duffy
- ☒ Jeff Hoehne

Mike Markgren  
Liz Klein  
Brian Lehner  
Ron Kinsley  
Ron Buckholtz

**Others Present:**

John Pinnow

**Call to Order** – Ms. 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** – Set

**Public Comments** – Linda Zillmer

**Minutes from the previous meeting dated:** **April 10, 2025**

Motion to approve made by: Mr. Duffy                      Second by: Mr. Hoehne

Motion carried without negative vote.

**Treasurer's Report –**

Mr. Lehner provided a written report on In Rem proceedings and PILT received from towns.

**Finance Department Report -**

Monthly Sales Tax Reports—

Mr. Markgren reviewed sales tax revenues for April, Budget Performance Reports for 2024 and 2025, and April CIP purchases.

2026 Budget Timeline—

Mr. Markgren provided a timeline and parameters for the 2026 Budget.

**Department Financial Updates--**

**Circuit Court** --Mr. Markgren reviewed 2024 financials and assessed April 2025 revenues and expenses for Circuit Court.

**Criminal Justice**—Mr. Markgren reviewed the 2024 financials and assessed April 2025 revenues and expenses for Criminal Justice.

**Family Court**—Mr. Markgren reviewed the 2024 financials and assessed April 2025 revenues and expenses for Family Court.

**District Attorney** --Mr. Markgren reviewed the 2024 financials and assessed April 2025 revenues and expenses for the District Attorney.

**Investments Review and Update—**

March Investment report was provided: interest rates are holding above 4%.

The Frandsen \$3M CD has matured and three options to reinvest it were compared based on interest rates.

Mr. Markgren recommended Ampersand, with the current highest interest rate.

**A motion to invest the funds from the Frandsen CD with Ampersand was made by: Mr. Helwig**

**Second by: Mr. Duffy**

**Motion carried without negative vote.**

**Correspondence, Reports from Conferences and Meetings – Mr. Markgren shared a housing report from the WGFO conference he attended; new construction costs have increased 84% since 2020, contributing to the affordable housing shortage.**

**Future Agenda Items – Potential Impacts of Act 10 changes, Public Safety Radio Network Financing**

**Adjournment – 9:12 am on a motion by Mr. Helwig Second by: Mr. Duffy Motion carried.**

**Next Meeting-** June 12, 2025

**Time:** 8:30 am

**Location:** Board Room

Minutes recorded by Liz Klein, County Clerk