

**Minutes of the April 10, 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	Andy Albarado
☒ Vice Chair: Stacey Hessel	Liz Klein
☒ Marc Helwig	Mike Markgren
☒ Tom Duffy	Ron Kinsley
☒ Jeff Hoehne	Ron Buckholtz

Others Present:

Brian Lehner

Call to Order –Chair Righeimer 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 – None

Minutes from the previous meeting dated: March 13, 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 attending the WCCO conference, tax bill write-offs, In Rem foreclosures, Lottery and Gaming Credit settlements, Delinquent Tax mailings, and a six-year chart of delinquent parcels showing a reduction of about 3,000 parcels in the first quarter of 2025.

Finance Department Report -

Monthly Sales Tax Reports—

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

A Resolution to Assign General Fund Balance was approved on a motion by: Ms. Hessel

Second by: Mr. Hoehne

Motion carried without negative vote.

2026 Budget Timeline—

Mr. Markgren provided a timeline for work on the 2026 Budget.

Department Financial Updates--

Ambulance--Mr. Markgren reviewed aging and collections on Ambulance billing; Medicaid and Medicare represent the bulk of revenues collected. Ambulance Budget Performance March 2025 was presented. The EMSMC monthly report was reviewed.

Highway—Mr. Markgren reviewed the 2024 and 2025 Highway Budget Performance Reports.

Investments Review and Update—

Interest rates are down 1% from last year. The Frandsen \$3M CD will mature in May and can be reinvested.

Financing Public Safety Radio System—

The fall 2024 GenComm proposal stayed relatively the same, with a proposed budget and contingency of \$2.8M. The plan includes a new tower in Draper and use of the Flambeau tower to provide coverage in the southeast corner of the county.

The project will be funded by debt service levy. Mr. Markgren provided a document for different loan options.

A Resolution Approving Budget and Financing for Public Safety Radio System Improvements to forward to the County Board was made by:

Mr. Helwig Second by: Mr. Righeimer

Motion carried without negative vote.

Correspondence, Reports from Conferences and Meetings – None

Future Agenda Items – Potential Impacts of Act 10 changes

Adjournment – 9:07 am

Next Meeting- May 8, 2025

Time: 8:30 am

Location: Board Room

Minutes recorded by Liz Klein, County Clerk