

**Minutes of the June 12, 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
- ☒ Vice Chair: Stacey Hessel
- ☒ Marc Helwig
- ☐ Tom Duffy - Excused
- ☒ Jeff Hoehne

Others Present:

Mike Markgren
Liz Klein
Ron Buckholtz
Ron Kinsley

Call to Order – Mr. 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 – Linda Zillmer

Minutes from the previous meeting dated: May 8, 2025

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

Treasurer's Report –

Mr. Lehner provided a written report; he is attending a conference.

Finance Department Report -

Monthly Sales Tax Reports—

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

2026 Budget Timeline—

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

Act 10—

Mr. Markgren discussed the potential fiscal impacts if Act 10 were reversed in Wisconsin.

Department Financial Updates--

General Government--Mr. Markgren reviewed 2024 financials and assessed April 2025 revenues and expenses for General Government.

Airport—Mr. Markgren reviewed the 2024 financials and assessed April 2025 revenues and expenses for Airport.

UW Extension—Mr. Markgren reviewed the 2024 financials and assessed April 2025 revenues and expenses for UW Extension.

Investments Review and Update—

April Investment report was provided: interest rates are holding above 4%. The ARPA broadband fund has been paid out and projects closed.

Public Safety Radio Network Financing—

**Resolution 2025- Initial Resolution Authorizing the Borrowing of Not to Exceed \$2,825,000; and Providing for the Issuance and Sale of General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2025 was approved for forwarding to the County Board on a motion by: Mr. Helwig Second by: Mr. Hoehne
Motion carried without negative vote.**

Veterans Memorial—

Closed Session--

At 9:10 am, a motion to convene in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1) (e) “Deliberating 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 purchase of property for the purpose of a County Veterans Memorial” was made by: Ms. Hessel
Second by: Mr. Hoehne

A roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Righeimer, aye; Ms. Hessel, aye; Mr. Helwig, aye; Mr. Hoehne, aye; motion carried.

At 9: 50 am, the committee reconvened in open session on a motion by: Mr. Helwig Second by: Ms. Hessel
Motion carried without negative vote.

Open Session Discussion/action:

**Motion to approve the purchase of the property at 15785 US Hwy 63 in Hayward for a cost not to exceed \$105,000, for the purpose of constructing a Veterans Tribute, for consideration by the County Board by: Mr. Helwig Second by: Mr. Hoehne
Motion carried without negative vote.**

Correspondence, Reports from Conferences and Meetings – None

Future Agenda Items – None

Adjournment – 9:53 am

Next Meeting- July 10, 2025

Time: 8:30 am

Location: Board Room

Minutes recorded by Liz Klein, County Clerk