

**Minutes of the October 9, 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
☒ Jeff Hoehne

Brian Lehner
Liz Klein
Ron Buckholtz
Rhandi Ehn
Ron Kinsley

Others Present:

John Pinnow
Mindy Simons
Kerri Sabin-Virtual

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 – Mindy Simons

Minutes from the previous meeting dated: September 11, 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 County Land Sales. He will be attending the WCTA Fall Conference Oct 21-24 in River Falls.

Finance Department Report -

Ms. Ehn reviewed sales tax revenues, Budget Performance Reports for September 2025, and September CIP purchases.

Department Financial Updates--

Ambulance Budget Reports--Ms. Ehn reviewed December 2024 financials and September 2025 revenues and expenses for Ambulance. 2025 YTD revenues are at 86% of budget; expenses are at 84%.

Highway Budget Reports—Ms. Ehn reviewed the 2024 financials and September 2025 revenues and expenses for Highway. 2025 YTD revenues are at 60% of budget; expenses are at 66%.

Investments Review and Update—

August investment report was provided: interest rates are still holding above 4%.

2026 Administrator Budget Presentation—

Ms. Ehn presented Mr. Markgren's recommendations for the 2026 Budget.

2026 SC Fee Schedule--

The proposed 2026 SC Fee Schedule was reviewed.

Capital Summary—

Proposed 2026 capital purchases were reviewed.

FTE County 2026—

Proposed 2026 wages were reviewed.

Grids 2026—

Wage grids were reviewed.

Detail Admin Proposed Budget—

Detailed 2026 budgets for each department were provided. Discussion on Senior Resource Center request.

Establish County Board of Supervisors 2026-2027 Term Salary—

Motion to keep the 2026-2027 County Board of Supervisors salary per diem at its current rate for recommendation to the County Board by: Ms. Hessel Second by: Mr. Helwig

Motion carried without negative vote.

Board Appointed Committee Updates— None

Correspondence, Reports from Conferences and Meetings –

Mr. Kinsley advised the committee that the ATV/UTV item on the Public Works agenda has been tabled pending discussion with the TGB and will not be on the Oct 16 County Board agenda. The WOJB Tower lease is not resolved.

Future Agenda Items – Budget

Adjournment – 9:13 am

Next Meeting- November 6, 2025

Time: 8:30 am

Location: Board Room

Minutes recorded by Liz Klein, County Clerk