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Minutes of the meeting of the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors
Thursday, August 16, 2018; 6:30 p.m.;
Assembly Room, Sawyer County Courthouse

County Board Chair Tweed Shuman called the July meeting of the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors to order. Roll call was as follows (x indicates present)

district - supervisor - T = Town, V = Village, C = City, W = Ward

- X 01 - Dale Schleeter – T Lenroot W 1, T Hayward W 7, C Hayward W 5 and 6
- X 02 - Kathy McCoy – T Lenroot W 2, T Round Lake W 1
- X 03 - Tweed Shuman – T Hayward W 1 and 2
- X 04 – Troy Morgan – T Hayward W 3 and 4
- 05 – James H. Schlender Jr. – T Hayward W 5 and 6
- X 06 – Marc D. Helwig – C Hayward W 1 and 2
- X 07 - Thomas W. Duffy – C Hayward W 3 and 4
- X 08 - Bruce Paulsen – T Bass Lake W 1 and 2
- X 09 - Brian Bisonette – T Bass Lake W 3 and 4
- X 10 – Elaine Nyberg – T Sand Lake, T Edgewater W 1 (arrived 7:20 pm)
- X 11 - Jim Bassett – T Edgewater W 2, T Bass Lake W 5, T Hayward W 8, T Meteor, T Couderay, V Couderay
- X 12 - William Voight – T Spider Lake, T Round Lake W 2, T Winter W 1
- X 13 - Ron Kinsley – T Hunter, T Radisson W 1, T Ojibwa W 1, V Radisson
- X 14 – Ron Buckholtz – T Radisson W 2, T Ojibwa W 2, T Weirgor, V Exeland, T Meadowbrook
- 15 – Helen Dennis – T Winter W 2, T Draper, V Winter

The agenda for the meeting was presented as follows:

Call to Order, Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance

Certification of Compliance with the Open Meetings Law

Meeting Agenda

Public Comments

Minutes from the July 19, 2018 meeting

Sawyer County Ambulance Department: Appoint Sawyer County Ambulance Director and Wisconsin Length of Service Award Program for EMS Employees

Economic Development & UW Extension Committee: Broadband Forward Ordinance

Zoning Committee: Zone District Map Amendment Request, Great Northern Pines Properties Inc. Rezone #18-006 and Zoning Committee Chair Report

Finance Committee: Roles and responsibilities, Discussion and possible approval; Sawyer County Board of Supervisor's Manual Section Part I Section C.2 Finance Committee, Discussion and possible approval; Board Rules including Finance Roles and Responsibilities; and Finance Committee Chair Report

Public Safety Committee Chair Report

Public Works Committee Chair Report

Land, Water, and Forest Resources Committee Chair Report

Health and Human Services Board Chair Report

Administration Committee: 2019 Preliminary Budget Presentation and Administrator's Report

Namekagon Transit Update from Director Karen Melasecca
Sawyer County Fair Update from County Board Representative Ron Kinsley
Correspondence, Reports from Conferences and meetings, other matters for discussion only
Closed Session: pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(g) to confer with legal counsel who is rendering advice regarding strategy and options.

County Board Chair Shuman called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

Motion by Duffy, 2nd by Helwig, to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2018 meeting. Motion carried

County Administrator Tom Hoff presented his recommendation to appoint Nate Dunston as the Sawyer County Ambulance Director. Motion by Morgan, 2nd by Duffy to approve the recommendation and appointment. Motion carried

Accounting Manager Mike Keefe presented the Resolution to End Participation in the Wisconsin Length of Service Award Program for EMS Employees. This program is for volunteers and Sawyer County Ambulance employees are no longer eligible to participate. Motion by Schleeter, 2nd by Bassett, to approve Resolution #2018-30 to terminate participation in the program and process payouts to participants. Motion carried

Economic Development & UW Extension Committee Chair Tom Duffy reported to the Board. The Committee sent letters of support to the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin supporting broadband expansion and to the IRS supporting SC/LCO Economic Development Corporation's application to be granted 501(c)(3) Status. The Committee is disappointed with the failure to pass room tax at the municipal level.

Administrator Hoff presented the Broadband Forward Ordinance. This ordinance was designed around the model ordinance created by the Wisconsin Public Service Commission. Motion by Paulsen, 2nd by Morgan, to approve the Broadband Forward Ordinance. Motion carried

Zoning Administrator Dale Olson presented a Zone District Map Amendment Request; Rezone #18-006, Great Northern Pines Properties. The request is for 140,000 square feet, which is 3.21 acres, to be rezoned from Agricultural Two to Commercial to allow a restaurant on the parcel. The Zoning Committee approved the request. Motion by Morgan, 2nd by Voight, to accept the recommendation of the Zoning Committee and approve Resolution #2018-29 to amend the Sawyer County Zone District Maps. Motion carried

Zoning Committee Chair Ron Buckholtz reported to the Board. The Zoning Department is updating the ordinances on the website.

The Board discussed the proposed Finance Committee Roles and Responsibilities. Motion by Morgan, 2nd by Helwig to approve with revisions from Supervisor Paulsen. Motion by McCoy, 2nd by Bassett, to postpone until September Finance Committee meeting. The roll call vote was as follows: Bassett – yes; Voight – no; Kinsley – yes; Buckholtz – yes; Dennis – absent; Schleeter –

yes; McCoy – yes; Shuman – yes; Morgan – no; Schlender – absent; Helwig – yes; Duffy – yes; Paulsen – no; Bisonette – yes. Nyberg – absent. The motion passed with 9 voting yes and 3 voting no. Motion carried

Public Safety Committee Chair Voight reported to the Board.

Committee Chair Kinsley updated the board on the Public Works Committee. Received approval to move forward with site preparation at the Ojibwa Ambulance Station.

Committee Chair Paulsen reported on the Land, Water, and Forest Resources Committee. Birkie requested an easement for Excel Energy to run a line and install a permanent power source at Birkie Ridge. Other organizations can use the power source throughout the year. County Forest Administrator Greg Peterson will work with the Birkie in creating an MOU for use of the power.

Health and Human Services Board Chair Kathy McCoy reported to the Board. Working on updating the HHS by laws and collection policy. The new services provided as Agent of the State are coming in budget neutral.

County Administrator Tom Hoff presented the preliminary 2019 budget with a \$969,705 excess operating levy. Hoff will present the 2019 budget at the September 13, 2018 Finance Committee meeting for a preliminary review. Net new construction allows a \$71,562 net increase in operating levy for 2019. The projected total EMS levy is \$1,150,891.

Hoff presented options to consider to help balance the budget: Referendum to exceed levy limit; Municipal borrowing and bonds; Wheel Tax; Premier Resort Area Tax; and Room Tax. There are 16,200 vehicles registered in Sawyer County. A ten-dollar wheel Tax would generate \$162,000. Fifteen would generate \$243,000. The Wisconsin Department of Transportation would administer the wheel tax and keep 17 cents per registration.

Administrator Hoff reported to the Board. Hired Diane McNamer as the Criminal Justice Coordinator. Justice Point is collecting data at the jail and will report to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council on Monday. Members of the CJCC will attend diversion training in Eau Claire in September.

Namekagon Transit Director Karen Melasecca reported to the board. Melasecca provided a ridership report through July 30, 2018 to each board member. There have been 40,448 trips year to date. In 2017, there were 70,138 total trips. The Namekagon Transit serves Sawyer County and parts of Barron and Washburn counties. The Transit also provides services to Barnes one day each week.

Supervisor Ron Kinsley reported on the Sawyer County Fair August 23-26.

Motion by Buckholtz, 2nd by Duffy, to convene in to closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statute section 19.85(1)(g) to confer with legal counsel who is rendering advice regarding strategy and options. Motion carried, unanimous

Motion by Bassett, 2nd by Morgan, to come out of closed session. Motion carried

Meeting adjourned 8:45

Approved Resolutions are on the Sawyer County website under "Archive Center" at <http://www.sawyercountygov.org/archive.aspx> and copies are available in the Sawyer County Clerk's Office.

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