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Minutes of the November 7, 2019, Finance Committee Meeting, Sawyer County Board of Supervisors

Members present: Troy Morgan, Bruce Paulsen, Ron Kinsley, Dawn Petit

Others present: Tom Hoff, Carol Williamson, Mike Keefe, Harold Treland, Tatum Treland-Schlapper, Joey Johnson, Signe Lawson-Jones, Jim Onarheim, Kris Treland-Newman, Amanda Wilson, Linda Zillmer,

Chair Paulsen requested item #9 Senior Resource Center be moved above #7 and 12c moved before 12a. Motion by Kinsley, 2nd by Morgan, to approve the agenda with the two changes. Motion carried

Motion by Kinsley, 2nd by Petit, to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2019 meeting. Motion carried

Joey Johnson from the Senior Resource Center requested the County advance the Center \$10,000 in 2019 from the 2020 budget allocation to help with cash flow. Motion by Morgan, 2nd by Petit, to advance \$10,000 to the Senior Resource Center of the 2020 budget allocation pending budget approval by the County Board on November 12, 2019. Motion carried

The Health and Human Services Board approved the HHS Collection Policy at their meeting on November 5, and forwarded to the County Board.

Accounting Manager Mike Keefe provided 2020 budget information. Public Hearing noticed for tonight. The Economic Development Committee recommends reinstating funding for the Hayward Lakes and Visitors Convention Bureau back to the 2019 level of \$50,000. Amanda Wilson, HLVCB President addressed the Committee on the importance of tourism and the efforts of the HLVCB in Sawyer County. HLVCB received \$60,000 from room tax from the Town of Hunter for the first three quarters of 2019. HLVCB lost \$18,000 in membership revenue from 2018 to 2019. Net revenue is up. Marketing is more expensive. Harold Treland, Sawyer County Resort Owner, informed the Committee \$123,800,000 came in to Sawyer County in 2018 through tourism. Linda Zilmer stated the county is responsible for public health, safety and welfare. Jim Onarheim spoke in support of the HLVCB.

The Committee discussed the Resource Development Fund Balance designations and balance. The projected balance on December 31, 2020 is \$71,589. The Committee discussed the pros and cons of borrowing verses depleting fund balance.

Sawyer County Administrator Tom Hoff and Accounting Manager Mike Keefe provided a resolution to adopt the 2020 Sawyer County Budget and 2019 Property Tax Levy to be collected in 2020, the 2020 Compensation Plan, the 2020 Authorized Employees, the 2020 Fee Schedule

and the 2020 Capital Improvement Plan. Motion by Morgan, 2nd by Petit, to approve the proposed resolution. Motion carried

The Finance Committee guidelines for 2020 budget were provided for information only.

The Committee discussed the advantages and disadvantages of other sources of revenue including Borrowing, Wheel tax, referendum, raising fees, Grants, Fund Balance, and special assessments. This will be an ongoing agenda item.

The Finance Calendar was provided to the Committee.

The Committee discussed possibly changing the time the Finance and Administration Committee meetings start. The meetings will continue to start at 8:30 and 10:00.

Sawyer County Treasurer Dianne Ince provided a Financial Report and Sales Tax Report. The Accounting Manger Mike Keefe provided a Watch list.

Adjourned 9:36 am

Minutes prepared by Carol Williamson