

Minutes of the meeting of the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors  
Tuesday, December 17, 2020; 6:30 p.m.;  
Large Court Room, Sawyer County Courthouse

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

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 – Jesse Boettcher – T Lenroot W 2, T Round Lake W 1
- X 03 - Tweed Shuman – T Hayward W 1 and 2
- 04 – Troy Morgan – T Hayward W 3 and 4
- X 05 – James H. Schlender Jr. – T Hayward W 5 and 6
- V 06 – Marc D. Helwig – C Hayward W 1 and 2
- X 07 - Thomas W. Duffy – C Hayward W 3 and 4
- V 08 - Bruce Paulsen – T Bass Lake W 1 and 2
- X 09 – Susie Taylor – T Bass Lake W 3 and 4
- V 10 – Chuck Van Etten – T Sand Lake, T Edgewater W 1
- X 11 – Dale Olson – T Edgewater W 2, T Bass Lake W 5, T Hayward W 8, T Meteor, T Couderay, V Couderay
- V 12 – Dawn Petit – 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
- X 15 – Ed Peters – 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

COVID Update

Minutes from Previous Meeting: November 10, 2020

Zoning Committee Chair Report

Zone District Map Amendment Request RZN #20-008

Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Temporary Guest Quarters

Public Safety Committee Chair report

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Update

Public Works Committee Chair Report

Hangar Lease Agreement and Lease with Hayward Aviation – Discussion and possible action

Land, Water, and Forest Resources Committee Chair Report

2021 Tree Sale

Health and Human Services Board Chair Report

Finance Committee Chair Report

Approve bank signature cards effective January 4, 2021, for new County Clerk

Economic Development & UW Extension Committee Chair Report

Support Legislation for Transportation Aid to Counties and Municipalities with Tribal Facilities – Discussion and Possible Action  
County Administrator's Report  
Recognition of Retiring County Clerk  
Correspondence, reports from conferences and meetings, other matters for discussion  
Only

Public Health Officer Julia Lyons provided a COVID-19 update. Sawyer County has had 1,088 positive cases. Nine individuals who tested positive for COVID have died; they were over 65 and had additional health issues. There are currently 121 active cases. LCO started giving COVID vaccinations. This is a two part vaccination given either 21 or 28 days apart.

Motion by Duffy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Petit, to approve the minutes from the November 10, 2020 meeting. Motion carried

Zoning Committee Chair Ron Buckholtz reported to the Board. The Zoning Department is busy issuing permits.

Zoning Administrator Jay Kozlowski presented Rezone request RZN #20-008 for Bruce Jasek in the Town of Couderay. The request is to rezone 4.94 acres from Residential/Recreational Two to Agricultural One. Motion by Paulsen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Buckholtz, to approve the rezone under Resolution #2020-52. Motion carried

Kozlowski presented a resolution to amend Sawyer County Ordinance, Section 2.0 Definitions (13, 22, 31, 57, 81, 102) & 4.26(4) Accessory Uses and Structures & Section 9.2 Land Use Permits (2, 5) & Section 9.24 General Requirements for Obtaining a Land Use Permit. This ordinance regulates bunk houses and temporary guest quarters. Motion by Buckholtz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Boettcher, to approve Resolution #2020-53. Motion carried

Public Safety Committee Chair James Schlender reported to the Board. Sawyer County has had eleven traffic fatalities in 2020. The annual average is three. Heroin overdoses are up. CJCC contracting with JusticePoint for alternatives to incarceration. LCO tribe contributing to help offset cost of JusticePoint contract. Beginning discussion on joint jurisdiction for citations issued on tribal land.

Public Works Committee Chair Ron Kinsley reported to the Board. Kinsley presented a resolution approving mutual termination of lease agreement. This is the last step for the sale of the White Eagle hangar to Hayward Aviation. Motion by Buckholtz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Peters, to approve Resolution #2020-54. Motion carried

Land, Water, and Forest Resources Committee Chair Bruce Paulsen reported to the Board. Paulsen commended County staff including Kelly Nechuta for creating an on line site for the 2021 tree sale. Paulsen informed the Board the timber revenue will hit budget.

Health and Human Services Board Chair Dale Schleeter reported to the Board. The HHS Board discussed Comprehensive Community Services at the December meeting. Guests from Taylor County offered insight into how these programs can reduce placements.

Finance Committee Chair Bruce Paulsen reported to the Board. Motion by Kinsley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schleeter, to approve bank signature cards effective January 4, 2021 for the new County Clerk, Lynn Fitch. Motion carried. The County received COVID grants of \$340,000. The County was originally allocated \$275,000. Accounting Manager Mike Keefe worked with the towns to collect another \$70,000 for the County. Paulsen commended Keefe and County Administrator Hoff for their efforts.

Economic Development & UW Extension Committee Chair James Schlender reported to the Board. The LCO tribe contributed to the Economic Development Corporation. Birkie Bridge over 77 is complete.

Chair Shuman presented a draft letter to Governor Evers in support of the state allocating gaming compact dollars back to the 10 counties that have tribal headquarters and to the towns that border the reservations. Motion by Helwig, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kinsley, to authorize Shuman to sign the letter. Motion carried

Sawyer County Administrator Tom Hoff reported to the Board on on-going county business and 2020 accomplishments. A full report is in the meeting packet on the website. The County received a reimbursement of over \$100,000 from 2020 Workers Compensation Insurance premiums and the 2021 premium came in over \$100,000 lower than 2020. The average experience MOD is 1.0; Sawyer County was at 1.3 and is now .95. This was mostly due to the hard work of Rose Lillyroot, Human Resource Coordinator and department heads. They worked together to reduce time off from work injuries and offered light duties. The County received \$340,000 in grant funding for COVID expenses. Departments tracked qualified reimbursable expenses in 2020 and Keefe submitted for reimbursement.

The Board recognized retiring County Clerk Carol Williamson for her years of service to Sawyer County. Williamson was presented a plaque from Supervisor Dale Schleeter.

Adjourned 7:40 pm

Audio of the County Board meeting is on the website.

Minutes prepared by Carol Williamson