

Minutes of the January 20th meeting of the Sawyer County
Board of Supervisors
Large Courtroom; Sawyer County Courthouse/Virtual



Voting Committee Members

Present (X)	District	Wards
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dale Schleeter	01	T Lenroot W-1, T Hayward W-7, C Hayward W-5
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jesse Boettcher	02	T Lenroot W-2, T Round Lake W-1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tweed Shuman	03	T Hayward W-1 & 2
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stacey Hessel	04	T Hayward W-3 & 4
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jason Weaver	05	T Hayward W-5 & 6
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marc D. Helwig	06	C Hayward W-1 & 2
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Thomas W. Duffy	07	C Hayward W-3 & 4
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bruce Paulsen	08	T Bass Lake W-1 & 2
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brian Bisonette-Virtual	09	T Bass Lake W-3 & 4
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chuck Van Etten	10	T Sand Lake, T Edgewater W-1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dale Olson	11	T Edgewater W-2, T Bass Lake W-5, T Hayward W-8, T Meteor, T Couderay, V Couderay
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dawn Petit-Virtual	12	T Spider Lake, T Round Lake W-2, T Winter W-1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ron Kinsley	13	T Hunter, T Radisson W-1, T-Ojibwa W-1, V Radisson
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ron Buckholtz	14	T Radisson W-2, T Ojibwa W-2, T Weirgor, V Exeland, T Meadowbrook
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ed Peters – Virtual	15	T Winter W-2, T Draper, V Winter

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance– Chair Tweed Shuman called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Roll Call taken; quorum was met.

Certification of Compliance with the open meeting law was met.

Mr. Kinsley made a motion to adjust the agenda by moving item 9a, Awards from Highway Department, to new position right after public comments; second by Mr. Buckholtz. Motion carried without negative vote.

Public Comments – Linda Zillmer

Awards from Highway Department – Mr. Gary Gedart presented Years of Service awards to the family of Scott Vaverka and to Jay Sands.

Minutes – A motion was made by Mr. Kinsley; second by Mr. Duffy to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2021, meeting. Motion carried without negative vote.

Covid Update – Written reports were provided. Ms. Lyons provided highlights of the report indicating though the county case rates are slightly higher than last month, we remain in line with state averages. She expects more home tests to become available and anticipates that we may be close to peaking in the Omicron variant. New CDC guidelines are attached to this packet.

Economic Development & UW-Extension – Mr. Duffy presented a letter of support requested by the Town of Hayward to apply for grant funds to finish bicycle routes. A motion was made by Mr. Duffy; second by Mr. Helwig to approve this letter of support. Motion passed 14 – 1; “Nay” vote from Mr. Boettcher. Mr. Duffy advised that the Sawyer County Fair

will host a barn dance fund raiser at the fair grounds on June 11th. Mr. Ben Popp provided a Birkie update stating that there are nearly 13,000 skiers registered for the 2022 event, nearly a record number.

Public Works Committee Chair Report – Mr. Kinsley advised that the courthouse remodeling bids are due back by February 14th. A Certified Survey Map of California Avenue for the remodeling project was presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Weaver; second by Mr. Helwig to approve this map. Motion carried without negative vote.

Zoning Committee Chair Report – Mr. Kozlowski presented a rezone request #21-011 for Kevin Fischer, Terry & Marilyn Fischer to rezone all Forestry One to Residential/Recreational One. A motion was made by Mr. Boettcher; second by Ms. Hessel to approve this rezone request. Motion passed 14-0 with Mr. Olson abstaining.

Land, Water and Forest Resources – Written documentation attached. Mr. Kozlowski presented the Proposed Decontamination Ordinance for water invasive species. The ordinance would allow for fines to be assessed for individuals not abiding by the decontamination procedures. A motion was made by Mr. Bisonette; second by Mr. Weaver to approve the Resolution to Adopt Sawyer County Decontamination Ordinance. Motion carried without negative vote.

Mr. Paulsen presented an over the counter land sale request #002-109-12-3300 in the Town of Bass Lake. A motion was made by Mr. Buckholtz; second by Mr. Boettcher to approve this request. Motion carried without negative vote. Mr. Paulsen presented a second over the counter land sale request #176-106-04-0800 in the Town of Radisson. A motion was made by Mr. Buckholtz; second by Mr. Kinsley to approve this request. Motion carried without negative vote. Mr. Paulsen presented the 2022 Forestry Annual Plan for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Schleeter; second by Mr. Helwig to approve this Plan. Motion carried without negative vote.

Public Safety Report – No update

Health and Human Services – Mr. Schleeter presented the SCHHS APS Guardianship Policy Draft that was approved at the HHS Board meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Olson; second by Mr. Buckholtz to approve this Policy Draft. Motion carried without negative vote. Mr. Schleeter advised that the Senior Resource Center is in dire need of volunteer Meals on Wheels Drivers and requested members of the public to consider volunteering for this public service.

Finance Committee – Mr. Paulsen presented a Resolution to Increase the 2022 Criminal Justice Budget for the TAD Grant Application that has been approved at the State level. A motion was made by Mr. Kinsley; second by Mr. Duffy to approve this Resolution. Motion carried without negative vote.

Mr. Paulsen advised that Sawyer County Housing Authority has requested that \$300,000 of Sawyer County ARPA funds be approved for the building of two housing duplexes on Hwy 27 South. Combined with their funds and a mortgage loan they would assume, this would allow the buildings to break ground in September. A motion was made by Mr. Helwig; second by Mr. Buckholtz to approve this Resolution. Motion carried without negative vote.

Municode Codification – Mr. Hoff advised that due to a change order in one section of the code, he recommends this item moves forward to a future meeting. No action was taken.

Ad Hoc Recruitment Committee – A motion was made at 7:28 pm by Mr. Duffy; second by Mr. Buckholtz to enter closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(c) to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. Roll call vote was taken and passed 15 – 0 with “aye” votes from Schleeter, Boettcher, Shuman, Hessel, Weaver, Helwig, Duffy, Paulsen, Bisonette, Van Etten, Olson, Petit, Kinsley, Buckholtz, and Peters.

At 7:53 pm a motion was made by Mr. Boettcher to return to open session; second by Ms. Hessel. Motion carried without negative vote.

Open session at 7:54 pm.

Resolution to Increase 2022 County Administrator Budget – Recruiting Fee – A motion was made by Mr. Helwig; second by Mr. Duffy to approve the Resolution authorizing an increase in the administrator budget not to exceed \$20,000 for the purpose of hiring Public Administration Associates, LLC (PAA) for the recruitment process. Motion carried without negative vote.

Correspondence, Reports from Conferences and Meetings, Other Matters for Discussion --

Meeting Date/Time – The next meeting of the County Board of Supervisors will be Thursday, February 17, at 6:30 pm in the Large Courtroom.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm
Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk

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