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Minutes of the March 12, 2020, Finance Committee Meeting, Sawyer County Board of Supervisors

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

Others present: Tom Hoff, Carol Williamson, Mike Keefe, Linda Zillmer, Tweed Shuman, Dale Schleeter, Frank Zufall, Derek Leslie

Motion by Kinsley, 2nd by Petit, to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2020 meeting.
Motion carried

County Administrator Tom Hoff provided information on the ramp reconstruction project to the Committee.

The Health and Human Services Board approved a resolution to increase the fees charged by the Sawyer County Environmental Health Agent for Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) services. The increase in fees will offset expenses and allow the program to continue without affecting the levy. Motion by Kinsley, 2nd by Morgan, to approve the HHS Agent of the State Resolution and forward to County Board with a list of the fees. Motion carried. Fees will be reviewed annually through the budget process to remain budget neutral.

The Committee discussed accounts receivable balances for Ambulance Billings, Clerk of Court, and Health and Human Services. Large amounts are written off in Ambulance Billings due to Medicare paying only a portion of the bill. Clerk of Court balances include charges back to the 1990s and the total splits into many pots. HHS has recently approved a Collection Policy.

The Committee discussed a second circuit court and funding considerations. A \$4.5 million building financed for 20 years at 4% would increase taxes on a \$100,000 home by \$10.00 per year. Sawyer County needs to have a second courtroom built by May 31, 2023 to be approved for a second circuit judge.

At the April meeting, the Committee will discuss referendum language to exceed levy limits to continue to provide current services.

Sawyer County Treasurer's Department provided a Financial Report and Sales Tax Report.

Adjourned 9:55 am

Minutes prepared by Carol Williamson