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Minutes of the meeting of the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors

Thursday, March 19, 2020; 6:30 p.m.;

Large Court Room, Sawyer County Courthouse

Chair Tweed Shuman called the March 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

X 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

09 - Brian Bisonette – T Bass Lake W 3 and 4

X 10 – Elaine Nyberg – T Sand Lake, T Edgewater W 1

X 11 - Jim Bassett – T Edgewater W 2, T Bass Lake W 5, T Hayward W 8, T Meteor, T Couderay, V Couderay

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 – Helen Dennis – T Winter W 2, T Draper, V Winter

Supervisors Duffy, Kinsley, and Basset appeared by phone

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

Minutes from Previous Meeting: February 20, 2020

Health and Human Services Board Chair Report

COVID 19 Update - Sawyer County Public Health Officer Julia Lyons

Declaration of Emergency

Agent of the State Fee Increases – Discussion and possible action

Finance Committee Chair Report

Public Safety Committee Chair report

Resolution to Proceed with Levy Limit Referendum

Joint Meeting between Sawyer County Board and Lac Courte Oreilles Tribal

Governing Board

Land, Water, and Forest Resources Committee Chair Report

Resolution for Outdoor Recreation Aids – Discussion and possible action

Elected Officials Wages

Motion by Buckholtz, 2nd by Helwig, to approve the minutes from the February 20, 2020 meeting. Motion carried

Sawyer County Public Health Officer Julia Lyons gave an update on COVID 19. Lyons stressed the importance of social distancing to slow down the impact of the virus and enable the medical community the ability to handle patients. Registered nurses will provide screening via telephone. If a patient is suspect of carrying COVID 19, the RN will issue a doctor's order. As of today, one confirmed case in Eau Claire and one confirmed case is Bayfield County.

On March 13, 2020 at 4:00 pm, Sawyer County Administrator Tom Hoff signed a Public Health Emergency Declaration. Motion by Schlender, 2nd by Schleeter, to approve Resolution 2020-13 Sawyer County Board of Supervisors – Resolution and Action regarding County Public Health Emergency. Motion carried

Health Officer Lyons presented Resolution #2020-14 to Authorize Sawyer County Health and Human Services Department to Increase License Fees for Agent Program. When Sawyer County implemented the Agent of the State program, they used the state fee amounts as a guideline. The state takes 10% off the top. The proposed fees include an approximate 15% increase. With the increase, the program can be budget neutral. The state has proposed increasing their 10% to 12.5% to 15%. When that increase happens, the county may need to do another increase to fees. Motion by Schlender, 2nd by Helwig, to approve the Resolution to increase the fees. Motion carried

Finance Chair Paulsen provided information on a referendum. The Finance Committee has been looking at alternative sources of revenue needed to sustain services and balance the budget. The Finance Committee asked Sawyer County Administrator Tom Hoff to bring a 2021 budget projection to the April Finance meeting and inform the Committee if the county needs a referendum to balance the 2021 budget for the current level of services.

Public Safety Chair James Schlender reported to the board. Schlender dispersed the questions from the Finance Committee and will bring answers to the April Public Safety meeting.

The Board discussed a resolution from Public Safety to proceed with analysis of process of setting referendum to exceed levy limit. This will allow Administration to look at details of a referendum and bring back to the County Board to decide if they want to go to a referendum. One change to line 28, Finance meeting was March 12. Supervisor Paulsen suggested an Adhoc Committee consisting of Administrator Hoff, and the Chairs of the Finance Committee, Public Safety Committee, and the Public Works Committee. Motion by Buckholtz, 2nd by Schlender, to approve Resolution #2020-15. Roll Call vote 12 yes, Kinsley voted no. Motion carried

Motion by Schleeter, 2nd by Nyberg, to approve Resolution #2020-16 for Outdoor Recreation Aids. Motion carried

Administrator Hoff presented Resolution #2020-17 Establishing Salaries of, and Providing Health Insurance information regarding, Elected Officials. Motion by Helwig, 2nd by Dennis, to approve the resolution. Motion carried

Audio of the County Board meeting is on the website.

Minutes prepared by Carol Williamson