

**Minutes of the April 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Sawyer County  
Public Works Committee  
Of the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors  
Assembly Room; Sawyer County**



**Voting Committee Members Present:**

- Chair: **Ron Kinsley**
- Marc Helwig
- Ed Peters– Vice Chair
- Chris Rusk - virtual
- Brian Bisonette - virtual

**Others Present:**

Andy Albarado  
Lynn Fitch  
Cathy LaReau  
Brad Beise

**Others Present:**

Linda Zillmer  
John Pinnow

**Call to Order** – Chair Ron Kinsley called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

**Certification of Compliance** with the open meeting law was met. Roll Call was taken; quorum was met.

**Meeting Agenda** – #10 was moved to position #8 motion by Mr. Bisonette; second by Mr. Peters. Motion carried without negative vote.

**Public Comments** – Cheryl Treland, James Strandlund, Greg Collins, Tim Davison, Gary Gedhart, Kris Treland-Neuman, Jane Schroeder, Kevin Kroll, Chad Lauderbauck, Sue Gerkey

**Minutes from the previous meeting dated: March 8, 2023**

Motion to approve made by: Mr. Helwig                      Second by: Mr. Bisonette  
Motion carried without negative vote.

**Maintenance Department Report -**

A written report was provided. The focus has been on work on the building project; much of the relocation work has been completed.

**Sawyer County Airport Report -**

A written report was provided. Mr. Albarado reviewed the highlights of the written report. Before the road bans went on the airport was able to bring in a full load of fuel. The terminal building is considered complete.

Updating Petition for Airport Improvement Projects – The State has not provided the packet yet so no action was taken on this item.

Hermel Hangar Lease – David Hermel – Mr. Albarado presented the Resolution and new lease for David Hermel. A motion was made by Mr. Helwig to approve the Resolution and lease; second by Mr. Peters. Motion carried without negative vote.

**Highway Commissioner's Report -**

A written report was provided and highlights were reviewed. Mr. Beise introduced the new Highway Commissioner, John Pinnow. Mr. Kinsley welcomed our new Highway Commissioner, John Pinnow, and thanked Mr. Beise for filling in. Mr. Beise reviewed the highlights of the report, including several county projects, one of which is trying to move up the CTH D bridge rehabilitation project.

ATV/UTV Ordinance Update – Mr. Kinsley asked Ms. LaReau to provide an update regarding a meeting held with LCO today. All routes were reviewed, and they discussed opening most sections of the routes except two. They seem to agree on a possible plan, and she is awaiting results from the Tribal Governing Board soon. Trails are scheduled to open May 1<sup>st</sup> so an answer prior to that is needed in order to provide sufficient notice to riders and possibly consider re-routes to any routes not re-opened. No action was taken; a special committee meeting will be held Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 pm.

Mr. Albarado provided an updated copy of the ATV/UTV ordinance included in the packet. Text in blue identifies the only changes made since the March meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Helwig to forward the most recent copy of the ordinance with the recommendations made tonight to the special committee meeting and then forward to full board; second by Mr. Peters. Motion carried without negative vote. A motion was made by Mr. Bisonette; second by Mr. Helwig to have the changes put in the ordinance in regard to the hours of operation amendment and the sections of roads to be broken down within tribal boundaries, that it will also be made available for the April 18<sup>th</sup> meeting, and to place this item on the full county board agenda. Motion carried without negative vote.

**Courtroom Remodeling Update -**

Mr. Albarado advised the AV contractor could not complete the work on the original planned schedule so this delays the move to the new building, thus the old courtroom must remain available through next week. We should be in the new courtroom April 24<sup>th</sup>. The judge and several staff have moved into their new spaces. The contingency fund is used up at this point.

**Future Agenda Items -**

**Correspondence, reports from conferences and meetings -**

**Adjournment – 7:49 pm**

**Next Meeting:** May 10, 2023      **Time:** 6:30 pm      **Location:** Assembly Room  
Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk