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Minutes of the meeting of the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors

Thursday, May 21, 2020; 6:30 p.m.;

Large Court Room, Sawyer County Courthouse

Chair Tweed Shuman called the May 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 – Jesse Boettcher – 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

X 09 – Susie Taylor – T Bass Lake W 3 and 4

X 10 – Chuck Van Etten – T Sand Lake, T Edgewater W 1 (virtually)

X 11 – Dale Olson – T Edgewater W 2, T Bass Lake W 5, T Hayward W 8, T Meteor, T Couderay, V Couderay

X 12 – Dawn Petit – T Spider Lake, T Round Lake W 2, T Winter W 1 (Virtually)

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

Public Access to Virtual Meeting See agenda on website

Call to Order, Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance

Certification of Compliance with the Open Meetings Law

Meeting Agenda

Public Comments

Minutes from Previous Meetings: April 21, 2020 and April 30, 2020

Appointments

Farm Service Representative Appointment to LWFRC

Zoning Committee Appointment

COVID-19 Update – Julia Lyons

Land, Water, and Forest Resources Committee Chair Report

Health and Human Services Board Chair Report

ADRC Recognition Month 2020

Economic Development & UW Extension Committee Chair Report

Zoning Committee Chair Report

Zoning Amendment Request #20-003, Jon & Markus Armstrong

Zoning Amendment Request #20-004, Buff Creek Concepts INC

Public Safety Committee Chair report

Second Sawyer County Circuit Court

Public Works Committee Chair Report

Finance Committee Chair Report

John Cain from Venture Architects, options for second courtroom – discussion only

County Administrator's Report

Correspondence, reports from conferences and meetings, other matters for discussion only

Chair Shuman called meeting to order at 6:30 pm

Motion by Duffy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Helwig, to approve the minutes from the April 21 and April 30, 2020 meetings. Motion carried

Farm Service representative appointment to LWFRC will be on June agenda.

Need a change to members on the Zoning Committee. Chair Shuman proposed removing Marc Helwig, changing Jesse Boettcher from alternate to permanent member, and add Tweed Shuman as alternate. Motion by Helwig, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kinsley, to approve the Zoning Committee membership as proposed. Motion carried

Public Health Officer Julia Lyons provided a review and update of COVID 19 in Sawyer County. The Power point presentation is on the website under the County Board agenda.

Land, Water, and Forest Resources Committee Chair Bruce Paulsen reported to the Board. The LWFRC discussed timber revenue. Projections are on track for 2020 and at the high end of limits allowed by the DNR.

Health and Human Services Board Chair Dale Schleeter reported to the Board. Governor Tony Evers proclaimed May 2020 as Aging and Disability Resource Center Month throughout the State of Wisconsin. The Board appreciates the ADRC and commends the employees.

Economic Development and UW Extension Committee Chair James Schlender reported to the Board. Schlender recognized the Sawyer County/Lac Courte Oreilles Economic Development Corporation for their active involvement providing webinars and assistance to county residents and businesses regarding COVID-19, including PPE (personal protective equipment), policies, and other pandemic issues.

Zoning Committee Chair Ron Buckholtz reported to the Board

Zoning Administrator Jay Kozlowski presented Rezone #20-003, Jon & Markus Armstrong. Request to rezone 20 acres from Residential/Recreational 1 to Commercial 1 on County Hwy E. Town of Sand Lake approved. Zoning Committee approved. Motion by Helwig, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Buckholtz, to approve Resolution # 2020-21 amending the official Zoning Map. Motion carried.

Zoning Administrator Jay Kozlowski presented Rezone #20-004, Buff Creek Concepts INC. Request to rezone 5.03 acres from Agricultural One to Commercial 1 on County Hwy B. Town of Hayward approved. Zoning Committee approved. Motion by Helwig, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dennis, to approve Resolution # 2020-22 amending the official Zoning Map. Motion carried.

Public Safety Chair James Schlender reported to the Board. Bus Safety will be on the June agenda. CJCC did not have a quorum at May meeting. Adding two At Large citizens from the County. Need to clarify by-laws, discuss staffing changes, and bail bond testing.

Public Works Chair Ron Kinsley reported to the Board. The Sawyer County Airport receiving COVID funds. At the May meeting, John Cain from Venture Architects presented optional plans for a second courtroom.

Finance Committee Chair Bruce Paulsen reported to the Board. The Finance Committee discussed a second courtroom, a referendum, and postponing property tax payments until October. The County Board needs to make a decision on building a second courtroom. The projected 2021 budget deficit is \$900,000 before any consideration of a second courtroom or additional court staff. The Finance Committee agreed to hold a referendum to exceed the levy limit for current operating expenses and requested County Administrator Tom Hoff to bring forward a Resolution to the June Finance meeting. To allow postponing property tax payments would require software reprogramming for four counties in a consortium. School districts would still need their distributions in July. The Committee decided not to pursue postponing payments based on discussions with the Treasurer and the County Administrator.

John Cain from Venture Architects appeared by phone. Cain presented several more options for a second courtroom utilizing existing courthouse space with some additions. The Board reviewed eleven options. All but one of the additional plans require relocation of existing offices. A second courtroom and proposed plans will be on June agendas at Public Safety, CJCC, Public Works, Finance, Administration, and County Board

County Administrator Tom Hoff reported to the Board. The Administrator's Report is attached to the agenda on the website. There is a single point of entry to the courthouse from the parking lot. Daily meetings regarding COVID-19. County Offices are locked and serving public by appointment only. The Maintenance Department added additional cleaning routines. Administrator Hoff met with Department heads to review staffing and budgets. Employees have been great to work with. CJCC meeting lacked a quorum; the Criminal Justice Coordinator is retiring and the Council needs to look at services and programming.

COWS (County Officials Workshops) will hold virtual meetings in June. Four 1½-hour webinars.

Adjourned 8:45 pm

Audio of the County Board meeting is on the website.

Minutes prepared by Carol Williamson