

**Minutes of the June 8th 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 – Vice Chair
- Ed Peters
- Chris Rusk
- Brian Bisonette

Others Present:

Andy Albarado
Mike Coleson
Lynn Fitch
Cathy LaReau
Tim Hagberg
Cliff Korn

Others Present:

Derick Leslie
Gary Gedart
Linda Zillmer
David Keating-Virtual
Mike Kelsey

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 –

Public Comments – Linda Zillmer

Minutes from the previous meeting – A motion was made by Mr. Helwig to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2022, meeting; second by Mr. Peters. Motion carried without negative vote.

Highway Commissioner's Report -- A written report was provided. Mr. Gedart advised that a large culvert pipe on Hwy 27N and Hwy 77 had to be replaced which will require a section of the road to be closed again later this year.

ATV/UTV route request – Mr. Gedart presented a request for an ATV/UTV route from Fire #13116 (Schmuck property) eastward, then south to existing ATV route located on Deer Lake Road, approximately 1.5 miles. Ms. LaReau reported that residents on the road are requesting this access and the Town of Meteor approved the request on May 9th. A motion was made by Mr. Helwig; second by Mr. Peters to approve this request. Motion carried without negative vote. Mr. Albarado and key stakeholders will look into developing a County ordinance.

Sawyer County Airport Report – A written report was provided. Mr. Leslie advised that the first EMS training session was held. The Young Eagles event will be held June 25th for ages 8-17.

Funds from Airport for Civil Air Patrol – Mr. Albarado reported that the \$5000 ARPA funds request was reviewed. The airport will receive additional State ARPA funds that could be used for this request. A motion was made by Mr. Helwig; second by Mr. Rusk to use the airport State ARPA funds for this purpose which would not affect the County's ARPA budget. Motion carried without negative vote.

A list of airport rental activity list was provided. Mr. Albarado advised that a few instances of non-compliance have not been appropriately addressed, and they will be coming back to Committee in the future. We are responsible for how leased buildings are used. Our attorneys have reviewed the terms of the lease template to reflect the aeronautical use clauses in future leases.

Internet Service to Highway Department – Mr. Coleson provided a history and recent developments regarding the internet service levels at the airport and highway shop. There are several options available that could improve service. An antenna on the Hayward Fire Tower is an option and the cost involves equipment only. Other vendors are giving quotes for service, as well. Mr. Coleson will continue to research options.

Maintenance Department Report – A written report was provided. Mr. Hagberg advised they are still working on getting hail damage repairs complete for County buildings and vehicles.

Oasis Building Update -- They have not been able to maintain original remodeling expectations due to staffing issues.

Courtroom Remodeling Update -- Courtroom Remodeling Update – Mr. Dave Keating, Miron Construction, provided a copy of the initial County Owner’s Monthly Report. The groundbreaking ceremony was held; site utilities have been excavated, the work fence is up and excavation for footings has begun. All subcontractors are on board.

Meeting Date/Time – The next meeting of the Public Works Committee will be Wednesday, July 13, at 6:30 pm in the Assembly Room.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm
Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk

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