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Minutes of the meeting of the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors

Thursday, June 18, 2020; 6:30 p.m.;

Large Court Room, Sawyer County Courthouse

Chair Tweed Shuman called the June 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
- 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
- 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
- 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

Minutes from Previous Meeting: May 21, 2020

Recognition of Officer Richard Welsch Jr.

Proclamation Honoring the life and efforts of Mike Sanchez–Discussion and possible action

Public Safety Committee Chair report

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Update including CJCC Resolution to amend bylaws

Public Works Committee Chair Report

California Avenue Extension to Nyman Avenue-Information only

Second Courtroom update – Discussion and possible action

Economic Development & UW Extension Committee Chair Report

WEDC \$2500 grants for small businesses – Discussion and possible action

Annual Report Economic Recovery Response Team

Zoning Committee Chair Report

Land, Water, and Forest Resources Committee Chair Report

Windfall Cemetery Resolution – Discussion and possible action
Sawyer County Waste Storage Ordinance Version 3 – Discussion and possible action

Health and Human Services Board Chair Report

Finance Committee Chair Report

Recommendation from Finance Committee to approve a resolution to issue debt for Capital Improvements

Virtual Attendance at Meetings – Discussion and possible action

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 Helwig, 2nd by Duffy, to approve the minutes from the May 21, 2020 meetings. Motion carried

Sheriff Doug Mrotek recognized the late Officer Richard Welsch for his service to Sawyer County Law Enforcement for over 11 years. Welsch served as a dispatcher, jailer, and programs officer. He will be greatly missed. Chair Shuman requested a moment of silence in honor of Officer Welsch.

Public Safety Chair James Schlender read the Proclamation honoring the life and efforts of Mike Sanchez and presented for approval. Motion by Helwig, 2nd by Dennis, to approve the Proclamation. Motion carried

Public Safety will hold a special meeting on June 29, 2020, at 2:00 at the Lac Court Oreille Ojibwa College to discuss School Bus Safety. Three areas of discussion will be: Identifying hot spots; possible county ordinance to address charging offenses; and bus monitors.

The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council amended their bylaws to include a second LCO member, two citizen members, and removed language referring to the Executive Committee. Motion by Dennis, 2nd by Petit, to approve Resolution #2020-23 to adopt the amendments to the CJCC bylaws. Motion carried

Public Works Chair Ron Kinsley reported to the Board. The Sawyer County Airport is remodeling the terminal building and planning on resurfacing taxiways. The Highway lost an employee and is down 2 positions. The Maintenance Department is doing an excellent job cleaning the building.

Preliminary discussion regarding the City of Hayward possibly extending California Avenue out to Nyman Avenue. The extension crosses land owned by Sawyer County. Sawyer County is willing to trade the land to be able to use 5th street for a courthouse addition. This will be discussed by the City of Hayward on July 13, 2020.

Discussed second courtroom options. If 5th street can be used for the addition, that option is supported by Sheriff Doug Mrotek and Judge John Yackel. This option offers safety for employees and inmates and would cost less to build than Option 3. The 10th District assures the County no additional staff is needed to add a second judge. Motion by Olson, 2nd by Helwig, to postpone a decision on where to build the second courtroom until we hear from the City of Hayward regarding 5th street. Motion carried

Economic Development and UW Extension Committee Chair James Schlender reported to the Board. WEDC, Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation has \$2500 grants for small businesses. A point of contact is required. Motion by Morgan, 2nd by Dennis, to recognize the County Clerk as point of contact for any WEDC All In Grant letters. Motion carried

The board was provided the Sawyer County/Lac Courte Oreilles Economic Development Corporation Annual Report.

Zoning Committee Chair Ron Buckholtz reported to the Board

Land, Water, and Forest Resources Committee Chair Bruce Paulsen reported to the Board.

Windfall Cemetery Board contracted with Jesse Suzan to plat a third addition to the Windfall Cemetery. The Town of Weirgor has approved. Motion by Duffy, 2nd by Morgan to approve Resolution #2020-24 to expand the Windfall Cemetery in the Town of Weirgor. Motion carried

Zoning Administrator Jay Kozlowski presented the Sawyer County Waste Storage Ordinance for approval. This ordinance covers operations with less than 1000 animal units. Motion by Dennis, 2nd by Helwig, to approve Resolution #2020-25 to adopt the Sawyer County Waste Storage ordinance. Motion carried

Health and Human Services Board Chair Dale Schleeter reported to the Board. In 2019 it cost the county \$250,000 for residents in mental health facilities. Over \$250,000 has already been spent in 2020.

Finance Committee Chair Bruce Paulsen reported to the Board. The Committee continues to discuss how to close the budget deficit. County Administrator Tom Hoff presented 2021 preliminary budget guidelines. In 2020 the levy limit of \$10,000,000 allowed an increase in the levy of \$73,000. The County needs to decrease services or increase taxes. The county has looked at the options available. They do not want to decrease services. Fees have been increased. They do not want to implement a Wheel Tax. The only options remaining are borrowing or passing a referendum to increase the levy limit. A referendum is the last result. This leaves borrowing.

The Board took a break at 7:54. Back in session 8:00.

Accounting Manager Mike Keefe presented and reviewed county demographics of Sawyer, Ashland, Bayfield, Burnett, Price, Rusk, and Washburn counties. The 2021 projected operating shortfall is \$973,000 and an additional \$500,000 projected for Capital Improvements. The County can create additional operating levy by funding capital projects. The County can no longer pay as we go, we need to start borrowing for capital purchases. Motion by Helwig, 2nd by Dennis to approve Resolution #2020-26 authorizing issuance of debt in the 2021 annual budget. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

The Administration Committee forwarded a recommendation to suspend Rule 2, subsection 10 in the County Board Rules regarding virtual attendance at County meetings for one year. The rule only allows three meetings per year for virtual attendance. Motion by Schlender, 2nd by Petit, to approve the change to the board rules for one year. Motion carried

Supervisor Olson left the meeting at 8:45.

County Administrator Tom Hoff reported to the County Board.

Adjourned 8:52 pm

Audio of the County Board meeting is on the website.

Minutes prepared by Carol Williamson