

**Minutes of the July 7th 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
- Dale Olson
- Brian Bisonette

Others Present:

Tom Hoff
Mike Coleson
Lynn Fitch
Tim Halberg
Tweed Shuman
Gary Gedart
Harold Treland
Clifton Korn

Others Present:

Derik Leslie
Don Mrotek
Rebecca Roeker
Andrew Daniels
Doug Mrotek
Linda Zillmer
Tim Davison

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 – Public comments by Linda Zillmer

Minutes from the previous meeting – A motion was made by Mr. Helwig to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2021, meeting; second by Mr. Peters. Motion carried without negative vote.

Sawyer County Airport Report – A written report was provided. Mr. Leslie advised the committee of an incident that recently happened with a plane landing on the runway. No injuries were reported. He is talking with Emergency Management supervisor, Pat Sanchez, about developing plans to handle emergency situations like this in the future.

2024 Runway Rehabilitation Project – A written report was provided. Mr. Leslie advised that the State has made a commitment to Sawyer County that will provide some 2023 funding for this runway project. It will remain on the agenda for August.

Highway Commissioner's Report – A written funds balance report and Highway Commissioner's report was provided. Mr. Gedart stated that thus far the County has recovered more in incidental labor costs than it has spent for fringe benefits. Mr. Gedart reported that the culvert on Glover Lake failed and was recently replaced. One summer seasonal employee position and one flagger position are open, causing staffing shortages in the department.

The ATV/UTV Route request process was reviewed. Public comment was heard by Harold Treland, Tim Davison and Linda Zillmer. Legal counsel will help review this process and the item will remain on the agenda for the August meeting.

Maintenance Department Report – A written report was provided. Sheriff Mrotek commended Mr. Halberg and his staff on their efforts to keep the jail cool during the recent HVAC issues they were having.

Courtroom Remodeling Update – A written report was provided. Mr. Hoff reported that department staff met with Miron Construction and Venture Architects this week to begin floorplan discussions. Updated plans resulting from this discussion will be available in two weeks.

Miron Construction Contract – Mr. Kinsley advised that the Courthouse Construction ad hoc committee approved the contract at their July meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Helwig; second by Mr. Peters to approve this contract and forward to the July County Board meeting for its approval. Motion carried without negative vote.

Potential Uses of ARPA Funds – Mr. Hoff stated that all department heads and committee heads are being asked to bring ideas forward for consideration in using ARPA funds. Safe drinking water can be among the discussions. Public comment was made by Linda Zillmer.

County Cell Tower Lease Options with ATC– At 7:53 pm a motion was made by Mr. Helwig; second by Mr. Peters to enter closed session pursuant to Wis. Statutes § 19.85(1(e) for the purposes of deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business. A roll call vote was taken and the vote carried unanimously 3-0 (Kinsley, Helwig and Peters).

At 8:23 pm a motion was made by Mr. Helwig; second by Mr. Peters to enter open session. Motion carried without negative vote. A motion was made by Mr. Helwig to leave the Hayward cell tower lease as it currently stands and to enter negotiations with ATC regarding the lease for the Radisson tower with the assistance of legal counsel. A second was made by Mr. Peters; motion carried without negative vote.

Future Agenda Items – ATV/UTV route request process and jurisdiction, second courtroom remodel project, runway project funding

Meeting Date/Time – The next meeting of the Public Works Committee will be Wednesday, August 11, at 6:30 pm in the Assembly Room.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm

Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk