

Minutes of the July 15th meeting of the Sawyer County
Board of Supervisors
Large Courtroom; Sawyer County Courthouse/Virtual



Voting Committee

Members Present (X)	District	Wards
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dale Schleeter	01	T Lenroot W-1, T Hayward W-7, C Hayward W-5 & 6
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jesse Boettcher-Virtual	02	T Lenroot W-2, T Round Lake W-1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tweed Shuman	03	T Hayward W-1 & 2
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stacey Hessel	04	T Hayward W-1 & 3
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> James H. Schlender, Jr.	05	T Hayward W-5 & 6
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marc D. Helwig - Virtual	06	C Hayward W-1 & 2
<input type="checkbox"/> Thomas W. Duffy	07	C Hayward W-3 & 4
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bruce Paulsen	08	T Bass Lake W-1 & 2
<input type="checkbox"/> Brian Bisonette	09	T Bass Lake W-3 & 4
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chuck Van Etten	10	T Sand Lake, T Edgewater W-1
<input type="checkbox"/> Dale Olson leaving	11	T Edgewater W-2, T Bass Lake W-5, T Hayward W-8, T Meteor, T Couderay, V Couderay
<input type="checkbox"/> Dawn Petit	12	T Spider Lake, T Round Lake, W-2, T Winter W-1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ron Kinsley	13	T Hunter, T Radisson W-1, T-Ojibwa W-1, V Radisson
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ron Buckholtz	14	T Radisson W-2, T Ojibwa W-2, T Weirgor, V Exeland, T Meadowbrook
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ed Peters	15	T Winter W-2, T Draper, V Winter

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance— Chair Tweed Shuman called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Roll Call taken; quorum met.

Certification of Compliance with the open meeting law was met.

Public Comments – Public comments: James Paine

Minutes – A motion was made by Mr. Buckholtz to approve the minutes of June 17, 2021, meeting; second by Mr. Kinsley. Motion carried without negative vote.

Zoning Committee Chair Report –

Covid-19 Update

Public Safety Committee Chair Report – Mr. Schlender reported that jail staff is at critical staffing levels with much overtime being used both in the jail and patrol. JusticePoint is nearing triple capacity in monitoring case load. The ambulance staffing is currently filled.

Mr. Paulsen made a motion to discuss the July 2020 Sawyer County Hazard Mitigation Plan that was recently updated. The Plan provides funding for hazard mitigation issues. Since the review did not go through the Public Safety Committee, a two-thirds roll-call vote was required to discuss. Mr. Boettcher seconded the motion; roll call vote passed 12-0 with all members present voting “aye”. A motion to approve the Resolution adopting the Sawyer County Hazard Mitigation Plan was made by Mr. Peters; second by Mr. Kinsley. Motion carried without negative vote.

Public Works Committee Chair Report – Mr. Kinsley reported that three construction planning meetings have taken place to date; minutes provided. He advised that the Miron Construction contract presented today has been approved at both Courtroom Construction Ad Hoc committee and Public Works. A motion was made by Mr. Paulsen; second by Mr. Schlender to approve the resolution for the Miron Construction contract. Motion carried without negative vote.

An ordinance for the Couderay River repair was presented. The DNR would like to commence repair work on the Bridge on Highway E in August. Since the request arrived after the committee meeting date, a two-thirds roll-call vote was required to discuss. Mr. Schlender made a motion; second by Mr. Buckholtz to allow County Board to discuss the ordinance request. A roll call vote was taken; the motion carried 12-0 with twelve “aye” votes. A motion was made by Mr. Olson to approve the resolution for the Couderay River with a correction on the document to read “CTH E” instead of “CTH B”. Mr. Peters seconded the motion. Motion carried without negative vote.

Land, Water, and Forest Resources Committee Chair Report – Mr. Paulsen advised there were no action items at the July LWFR meeting. Members discussed potential uses of ARPA funds and broadband expansion and enhancements to Hatchery Creek Park were suggested.

Health and Human Services Board Chair Report – Mr. Schleeter advised the behavioral health budget is on target to be an expense of approximately \$1.6M for out-of-county placements by the end of the year. Action regarding Oasis Group Home is still in progress.

Economic Development and UW-Extension Committee Chair Report – Mr. Schlender advised that funding requests from outside agencies will be reviewed during the budget process. He recognized the work Supervisor Hessel did in getting the two large murals done in downtown Hayward.

Letter of Support for Mosaic – Mr. Paulsen presented a letter supporting a broadband grant project for Mosaic expanding services from Lake Chetac to Stone Lake. No county funds are being requested. A motion was made by Mr. Kinsley; second by Mr. Peters to approve the letter of support. Motion carried without negative vote and without Mr. Olson being present for the vote between 6:59 pm and 7:01 pm.

Review of Virtual Meetings Policy – Ms. Roeker provided several options for the Board to consider regarding Rule 2(10) in the Meetings and Quorum section of Board Plans and Policies. A motion was made by Ms. Hessel; second by Mr. Peters to extend the virtual meeting option until September 16, 2021, and remand the topic to the Administration Committee for review and suggestions. Motion carried 11-1 with one nay vote by Mr. Helwig.

County Administrator’s Report – Mr. Hoff advised that the Governor has vetoed the bill to postpone redistricting until 2022. Ms. Fitch reported that the new timeline is now condensed from 180 days to approximately 90+, which will be a difficult in rural communities where many clerks work only one day a week and newspapers are weekly versus daily. Numerous public notices and meetings need to take place before the final project is completed. Governor Evers has signed the state budget, and the County budget process is underway. The Municode project is nearly ready and department heads are going to review ordinances and accuracy.

Correspondence, Reports from Conferences and Meetings, Other Matters for Discussion --

Meeting Date/Time – The next meeting of the County Board of Supervisors will be Thursday, August 19, at 6:30 pm in the Large Courtroom.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm
Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk