

Minutes of the August 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Sawyer County  
Finance Committee  
Of the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors  
Assembly Room; Sawyer County



**Voting Committee Members (X) Present:**

- Chair: **Ron Kinsley**
- Vice Chair, John Righeimer
- Stacey Hessel
- Tom Duffy
- Dale Schleeter

**Others Present:**

Andy Albarado	Ron Buckholtz
Lynn Fitch	Linda Zillmer
Alex Butterfield	
Mike Markgren	

**Call to Order** –Chair Kinsley called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

**Certification of Compliance** with the open meeting law was met. Roll Call taken and quorum was met.

**Meeting Agenda** –

**Public Comments** –

**Minutes of the previous meeting** – A motion was made by Mr. Righeimer to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2022, meeting; second by Ms. Hessel. Motion carried without negative vote.

**Treasurer’s Report** -- An annual sales tax report was provided.

**ARPA** – No updates

**Opioid Settlement Update** – Mr. Albarado advised that there are no updates on the securitization process. We did receive our first payment of \$20,134 and anticipate another \$21,161 before the end of the year. They are in a segregated account. WCA is holding an opioid settlement summit in August.

**Update on Ambulance Billing** – Mr. Albarado reported that Public Safety received a full financial statement for last month. We are going to schedule a meeting with LifeQuest to have them help us understand their report. We have received our first payment from LifeQuest.

**Courthouse Expansion/Renovation Budget Update** – Mr. Albarado advised that we have a list of items on our responsibility list that continue to be reviewed and are now being ordered. Some of those costs remain above original quotes and we continue to look for other ways to reduce costs and stay within original budget.

**2023 Budget Update** – Mr. Markgren shared a packet of materials that were reviewed. He provided a summary of major funds; revenues are all over 50%. We are on course for expenditures. A report of department expenditures was shared. Out-of-county placements are tracking in line as expected. He projected the sales tax trends to predict next year and feels the current upward trend will continue. A Statement of Cash Position was shared. Some of our early ARPA funds projects are beginning to be disbursed. The 2023 Budget Year Worksheet indicated an increase over the 2022 budget and projected increases in costs of insurance are included in each department.

List of Mandated Services – Mr. Albarado is continuing to develop a list of mandated services.

**Elected Officials Compensation Update** – Mr. Albarado has not found any alternatives in his investigation.

**Review Board Policy & Procedure Manual** – Committee Roel & Responsibilities – A copy of proposed roles & responsibilities was provided. A motion was made by Ms. Hessel; second by Mr. Righeimer to approve the proposed roles & responsibilities as provided. Motion carried without negative vote.

**Meeting Date/Time** – The next meeting of the Finance Committee will be Thursday, September 8, at 8:30 am in the Assembly Room.

Meeting adjourned at 9:21 am

Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk