

**Minutes of the August 11th 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 - Virtual
- Ed Peters
- Dale Olson
- Brian Bisonette

Others Present:

Tom Hoff
Mike Coleson
Lynn Fitch
Tim Hagberg
Tweed Shuman
Ginny Chabek
Don Mrotek

Others Present:

Derik Leslie
Gary Gedart
Linda Zillmer
Jack Blume
Laura Rusk
Tim Davison
Joan Cervenka

Call to Order – Chair Ron Kinsley called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

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

Meeting Agenda -- A motion was made by Mr. Olson; second by Mr. Peters to revise the order of the agenda to move headings 8 and 10 after the approval of the minutes. Motion carried without negative vote.

Minutes from the previous meeting – A motion was made by Mr. Peters to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2021, meeting; second by Mr. Kinsley. Motion carried without negative vote.

Highway Commissioner's Report – Written reports were provided. Mr. Gedart advised that the pre-construction teleconference for work on the Conners Bridge will be on August 12 at 1:00 pm. The construction start is expected to take place sometime during the week of August 16th. The department remains short-staffed in one flagger position and one mower position. The Hwy E bridge construction project will have a detour, not a one-lane use option.

ATV/UTV Resolution – Mr. Kinsley requested more time to review this topic. Mr. Helwig made a motion to postpone the ATV/UTV route approval process to the October committee meeting. A second was made by Mr. Peters; motion carried without negative vote. Public comment was heard by Ms. Cervenka, Ms. Chabek, Mr. Davison, Mr. Mrotek, Ms. Rusk, and Ms. Wilson.

Funds Balance Report – The department is currently on target with funds expected to arrive from the State to assist in the upcoming culvert replacement projects.

Courtroom Remodeling Project – Mr. Jack Blume of Venture Architects reviewed the design schematics. The next phase of the project is to determine the first cost estimate which is due to be presented on August 24th. Mr. Helwig made a motion to approve the design schematic plans knowing there will still be changes, and move them forward to the August County Board meeting for approval; second by Mr. Peters. Motion carried without negative vote.

Sawyer County Airport Report – A written report was provided. The airport has had an unseasonably busy summer. The terminal remodel is tentatively due to be completed the end of September while the bathroom remodels are expected sometime at the end of the year or in 2022.

2024 Runway Project – The County can expect to pay approximately \$150,000 of the \$3M cost for the runway repaving project; the State will fund the remainder. A motion was made by Mr. Helwig; second by Mr. Olson to approve this project and move forward to the August County Board meeting. Motion carried without negative vote.

Mr. Leslie advised that two hangar lessee's have requested an audience to have a new hangar lease completed. The application process for lease applications will need review.

Maintenance Department Report – A written report was provided. Mr. Hagberg advised that the department has been busy assisting the jail in preparing for the pending jail inspection.

Meeting Date/Time – The next meeting of the Public Works Committee will be Wednesday, September 8, at 6:30 pm in the Assembly Room.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm

Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk

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