

**Minutes of the August 18th 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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jesse Boettcher	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-3 & 4
<input type="checkbox"/> Jason Weaver	05	T Hayward W-5 & 6
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marc D. Helwig	06	C Hayward W-1 & 2
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Thomas W. Duffy	07	C Hayward W-3 & 4
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marshal Savitski	08	T Bass Lake W-1 & 2
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brian Bisonette - virtual	09	T Bass Lake W-3 & 4
<input type="checkbox"/> Michael Maestri - virtual	10	T Sand Lake, T Edgewater W-1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chris Rusk 6:55 virtual	11	T Edgewater W-2, T Bass Lake W-5, T Hayward W-8, T Meteor, T Couderay, V Couderay
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Righeimer	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 - virtual	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 was taken; quorum was met.

Certification of Compliance with the open meeting law was met.

Public Comments – Linda Zillmer, Roberto Escamilla II

Minutes – A motion was made by Mr. Duffy; second by Mr. Buckholtz to approve the minutes of the July 21 County Board meeting. Motion carried without negative vote.

Appointment Adjustment – Sawyer County Board of Appeals is recommending Joe Beran to be the 2nd Alternate member. A motion was made by Mr. Kinsley; second by Mr. Righeimer. Motion carried without negative vote.

Humane Officer – Brandon Blicharz – Mr. Albarado advised that Mr. Blicharz has been working in the revised “Coding Officer” position for a couple months and is recommended to be appointed to the position of Humane Officer. A motion was made by Mr. Helwig; second by Ms. Hessel to approve this appointment. Motion carried without negative vote.

Advisory Referendum Prohibiting Outside Funding Sources for Elections – A co-sponsored resolution, sponsored by Supervisor Righeimer, co-sponsored by Ron Kinsley and Tom Duffy was presented for a roll call vote to discuss. A motion was made by Following a roll call vote, the vote for discussion failed 8 – 5 with “aye” votes from Schleeter, Boettcher, Hessel, Helwig, Duffy, Savitski, Righeimer, and Kinsley; “nay” votes from Shuman, Bisonette, Maestri, Buckholtz, and Peters.

Zoning Committee Chair Report – No Update

Public Safety Report – Sheriff Mrotek reported on the active shooter training at the high school, a collaborative effort with all Law Enforcement agencies, EMS, and the hospital. They held two different scenarios and was well received.

Mr. Buckholtz advised there is a staff resignation in the Clerk of Courts, IT is assisting in communication issues resulting from the storm, and h provided an update on call/jail statistics.

Public Works Committee Chair Report – Mr. Kinsley advised the Oasis building now has signage, the airport terminal building is almost complete, and the roles and responsibilities for the committee were approved.

Land, Water and Forest Resources – Mr. Boettcher advised that no action was taken in the closed sessions at committee. Timber sales have seen a recent dip but expect to rebound. A Class I E-Bike trail use was approved.

County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan – Mr. Peterson introduced the Plan that has been in process for several years during the pandemic. Public comment has had a minimum of 30-day comment time. The Plan includes all changes made as a result of the process. A Resolution to Approve the 2021-2035 Sawyer County Comprehensive Land Use Plan was made by Mr. Buckholtz; second by Mr. Helwig. Motion carried without negative vote.

Land Purchase Proposal discussion was postponed until future meeting..

Health and Human Services – Mr. Schleeter advised that the annual Public Hearing regarding the proposed 2023 budget was held but had no attendance. Department head reports were shared. Committee reviewed the 2023 budget proposal and voted to approve it and pass it on to Finance and the County Administrator.

Finance Committee Chair Report – Mr. Kinsley advised that the first opioid settlement payment has been received and our ambulance billing service is now fully converted. Department heads are working on the budget with the Finance Department and Administrator.

Economic Development and UW Extension Committee – Mr. Duffy reported that there were no action items. UWEX advised the Farmers' Market is doing well and reports were heard from the libraries and NWRPC. A motorized and non-motorized trail report was shared.

Petition for Annexation – City of Hayward – Clerk Fitch and Mr. Albarado advised that the City of Hayward is requesting a redrawing of boundaries to include their new annexation. A motion was made by Mr. Helwig; second by Mr. Buckholtz to approve the Resolution Changing Supervisory District Boundaries in Districts Resulting from a City of Hayward Annexation; the County is allowing the redrawn boundaries. Motion carried without negative vote.

Updates to Board Policies and Procedures – Mr. Albarado advised that board members received a copy of the proposed revisions of our Plans & Policies. A final revision will be presented next month for review after supervisors finish submitting their suggestions.

County Administrator's Report – Mr. Albarado provided his Administrator's report. A new copy of the revisions of the Board Plan & Policies will be shared with Board members for review before finalizing. The courthouse renovation is experiencing some product delivery delays and they are working to remain close to the original contingency budget. He is working with the new LCO broadband point person to try to identify gaps. The second opioid settlement payment should arrive before the end of the year. Monthly department head meetings are being held. The diversion program is up and running and we are applying for 2023 grant funds to get the drug court up next year.

Correspondence, Reports from Conferences and Meetings –

Meeting Date/Time – The next meeting of the County Board of Supervisors will be Thursday, September 15, at 6:30 pm in the Large Courtroom.

Meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm
Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk

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