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Minutes of the meeting of the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors

Thursday, August 20, 2020; 6:30 p.m.;

Large Court Room, Sawyer County Courthouse

Chair Tweed Shuman called the August meeting of the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors to order. Roll call was as follows (x indicates present)

district - supervisor - T = Town, V = Village, C = City, W = Ward

X 01 - Dale Schleeter – T Lenroot W 1, T Hayward W 7, C Hayward W 5 and 6

V 02 – Jesse Boettcher – T Lenroot W 2, T Round Lake W 1

X 03 - Tweed Shuman – T Hayward W 1 and 2

X 04 – Troy Morgan – T Hayward W 3 and 4

X 05 – James H. Schlender Jr. – T Hayward W 5 and 6

V 06 – Marc D. Helwig – C Hayward W 1 and 2

X 07 - Thomas W. Duffy – C Hayward W 3 and 4

X 08 - Bruce Paulsen – T Bass Lake W 1 and 2

X 09 – Susie Taylor – T Bass Lake W 3 and 4

V 10 – Chuck Van Etten – T Sand Lake, T Edgewater W 1

X 11 – Dale Olson – T Edgewater W 2, T Bass Lake W 5, T Hayward W 8, T Meteor, T Couderay, V Couderay

V 12 – Dawn Petit – T Spider Lake, T Round Lake W 2, T Winter W 1

X 13 - Ron Kinsley – T Hunter, T Radisson W 1, T Ojibwa W 1, V Radisson

X 14 – Ron Buckholtz – T Radisson W 2, T Ojibwa W 2, T Weirgor, V Exeland, T Meadowbrook

X 15 – Helen Dennis – T Winter W 2, T Draper, V Winter

Public Access to Virtual Meeting See agenda on website

Call to Order, Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance

Certification of Compliance with the Open Meetings Law

Meeting Agenda

Minutes from Previous Meeting: July 16, 2020

Appointments:

Appoint two citizens to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

Appoint Tom Winiarczyk to the Land, Water, and Forest Resource Committee

Designate County Administrator as the county's representative on the Joint

Review Board for the City of Hayward's Tax Incremental District #6.

COVID-19 Update – Julia Lyons

Zoning Committee Chair Report

Public Safety Committee Chair report

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Update

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding JusticePoint Proposal

Public Works Committee Chair Report

Land, Water, and Forest Resources Committee Chair Report

Ground Lease with American Birkebeiner Ski Foundation - Discussion and Possible Action

Memorandum of Understanding with American Birkebeiner Ski Foundation –  
Discussion and Possible Action  
Application to Purchase County Owned Land (OTC) – Town of Bass Lake  
Tax ID#'s 002-106-11-1300 & 002-106-16-2901 – Discussion and  
Possible Action

Health and Human Services Board Chair Report

Finance Committee Chair Report

Economic Development & UW Extension Committee Chair Report

County Administrator's Report

Review of County board of Supervisor's Policy and procedure Manual – Public  
comment Sections.

Discussion and Possible action

Correspondence, reports from conferences and meetings, other matters for discussion  
Only

**CLOSED SESSION** pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.85 (e) for the purpose of  
deliberating or negotiating an exchange of public property and other public business  
relating to the Sawyer County Courtroom Public Works project and the need for closed  
session discussions.

Chair Shuman called meeting to order at 6:30 pm

Motion by Dennis, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Duffy, to approve the minutes from the July 16, 2020 meeting.  
Motion carried

Motion by Kinsley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schlender, to appoint Gary Hilgendorf and Kathy McCoy as  
citizen members to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council. Motion carried

Motion by Dennis, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Buckholtz, to appoint Tom Winiarczyk to the Land, Water, and  
Forest Resources Committee. Motion carried

Motion by Buckholtz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kinsley, to designate the Sawyer County Administrator as  
the County's representative on the Joint Review Board for the City of Hayward's Tax  
Incremental District #6. Motion carried

Public Health Officer Julia Lyons gave a COVID-19 update. The power point is attached  
to the agenda on the website.

Zoning Committee Chair Ron Buckholtz reported to the Board.

Public Safety Committee Chair James Schlender reported to the Board. Jail population  
is near capacity, seven inmates out on electronic monitor.

County Administrator Tom Hoff presented a proposal from Justice Point to provide  
services previously performed by Sawyer County employees Diane McNamer and  
Richard Welsch. Justice Point works in other counties in the State of Wisconsin and has  
the expertise needed for these programs. Justice Point will do drug testing, provide

programs and assist with the TAD grant application. The proposal was discussed at the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council meeting and forwarded to the County Board for approval. Motion by Schleeter, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Helwig, to approve the Justice Point proposal. Motion carried

Public Works Chair Ron Kinsley reported to the Board on the Maintenance Department, the Highway Department, and the Sawyer County Airport.

Land, Water, and Forest Resources Committee Chair Bruce Paulsen reported to the Board

Administrator Hoff presented a Ground Lease and Memorandum of Understanding with the American Birkebeiner Ski Foundation. The Ground Lease is specific to the Birkie building on "OO" that is on County land. The MOU covers all areas in the County the Birkie uses and defines the rights and responsibility of the Birkie.

Motion by Buckholtz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Duffy, to approve Resolution #2020-34 Authorizing Ground lease on Sawyer County Property with American Birkenbeiner Ski Foundation. Motion carried

Motion by Morgan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Duffy, to approve Resolution #2020-35 Authorizing Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement with American Birkenbeiner Ski Foundation. Motion carried

The LWFRRC approved an application to purchase county land at their meeting on August 12, 2020. Motion by Buckholtz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Olson, to approve the purchase of county land in the Town of Bass Lake, Tax IDs 002-106-11-1300 & 002-106-16-2901. Motion carried

Health and Human Services Board Chair Dale Schleeter reported to the Board.

Finance Committee Chair Bruce Paulsen reported to the Board. The Committee discussed pros and cons of short and long term loans. A long term loan will increase property taxes by 4-6%. A short term loan will increase property taxes by 14-16% and will have minimal interest expense. In June the County Board passed a resolution authorizing issuing debt to balance the 2021 budget. Two resolutions will come before the board this fall. The first one will be for borrowing to balance the 2021 budget. The second will be for borrowing to build the second courtroom facility.

Economic Development and UW Extension Committee Chair James Schlender reported to the Board. The Sawyer County/Lac Courte Oreilles Economic Development Corporation hired Mike Garner as Executive Director. Mr. Gardner attended the August Committee meeting and reviewed current activities of the SC/LCO EDC.

Sawyer County Administrator Tom Hoff reported to the Board. The Maintenance Department is installing Plexiglas in department windows to allow face to face customer

service when needed. Hoff sent a memo to Department Heads regarding the masking requirement in the courthouse and asked for cooperation. Employees are encouraged to work remotely where possible. Continue to work on an ordinance for local enforcement. Have met with most departments regarding the 2021 budget. Met with City of Hayward officials regarding vacating 5<sup>th</sup> Street for building the second courtroom. Winter Depot will hold a grand opening on September 4. The Census responses are very low in Sawyer County. The County receives funding based on Census Statistics. Everyone is encouraged to report to the 2020 Census. If you do not file a report, someone will be coming to your door soon. Working with the Zoning and Highway Department regarding high water on Perch Lake.

The board took a break at 8:09. Reconvened at 8:15. Supervisor Olson left the meeting.

The Administration Committee discussed the current Board Policy regarding Public Comments at their meeting on August 13, 2020. The committee failed to forward a recommendation to the County Board on this agenda item. The County Board Chair received a request that this item be put on the County Board agenda. In order for this item to be discussed, the board needs to have a 2/3 vote of the members present. Motion by Morgan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Buckholtz, to review the County Board Supervisors Policy regarding Public Comments. The roll call votes was as follows: Paulsen – yes; Taylor – yes; Van Etten – yes; Olson –absent; Petit – yes; Kinsley – no; Buckholtz – yes; Dennis – yes; Schleeter – no; Boettcher – no; Shuman – yes; Morgan – yes; Schlender –no; Helwig – yes; Duffy – no; the motion failed with 9 voting yes and 5 voting no.

Motion by Kinsley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schleeter, to convene in Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.85 (e) for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating an exchange of public property and other public business relating to the Sawyer County Courtroom Public Works project and the need for closed session discussions. Motion carried unanimous

Motion by Buckholtz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dennis, to come out of closed session

Adjourned 9:10 pm

Audio of the County Board meeting is on the website.

Minutes prepared by Carol Williamson