

Draft

Minutes of the September 10, 2020, Finance Committee Meeting, Sawyer County Board of Supervisors

Members present: Bruce Paulsen, Ron Kinsley, Tom Duffy, Dawn Petit-V, Troy Morgan-V

Others present: Tom Hoff, Carol Williamson, Mike Keefe, Tweed Shuman, Mike Coleson, Tim Hagberg, Rose Lillyroot, Linda Zillmer-V, Dianne Ince-V, Brian Della-V

Chair Paulsen called the meeting to order at 8:30.

Motion by Kinsley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Duffy, to approve the August 13, 2020 minutes. Motion carried

Resolution presented to apply Capital Improvement Program Fund Balance to the 2020-Capital Improvement Program Maintenance Department for Equipment. Maintenance Director Tim Hagberg explained to the Committee the need for equipment that can be used on the sidewalks for snow removal and be used around pedestrians. The Resolution was presented at Public Works and approved. Motion by Kinsley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Duffy, to approve the resolution. Motion carried

Financial advisor Brian Della appeared by phone and reviewed the revised Operating Levy and Debt Service Levy Projection Model with the Committee. The model showed borrowing less this fall and more when the courthouse addition is built creating a levy increase of 5% for the next four years. Currently 2021 proposed capital projects total \$1,004,000.

Accounting Manager Mike Keefe reviewed the Sawyer County requested levy for 2021. Potential costs for housing at Winnebago are not included in the Health and Human Services budget levy and will be covered by fund balance. Cost of repairs to the County Highway B Bridge will be added to borrowing if funding is not provided through grants and working with LCO. Preliminary 2021 overall levy request totals \$12,366,860 which is an excess of \$500,223.

The Committee was provided an initial resolution authorizing not to exceed \$\_\_\_\_\_ General Obligation promissory notes for public works Highway Department equipment purchases and road construction projects. Motion by Kinsley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Duffy, to approve the resolution authorizing not to exceed \$1,100,000. Motion carried. This will go to County Board and need a ¾ vote to pass. Administration will proceed with bank to issue debt not to exceed \$1,100,000 to balance the 2021 budget.

The Committee discussed Ambulance services to neighboring communities outside the county. Keefe provided per diem options based on methodology of distributing the total EMS levy by population and equalized value. This will go back to the Public Safety Committee for a decision.

Keefe provided 2020 revenue projections for accounts he is tracking due to COVID 19.

Sawyer County Treasurer's Department provided a Sales Tax Report and Financial Report.

Adjourned 10:01 am

Minutes prepared by Carol Williamson