

**Minutes of the September 15th 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Maestri - virtual	10	T Sand Lake, T Edgewater W-1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chris Rusk	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, Cathy LaReau

Minutes – A motion was made by Mr. Duffy; second by Mr. Helwig to approve the minutes of the August 18th County Board meeting. Motion carried without negative vote.

Appointments– A motion was made by Mr. Buckholtz; second by Mr. Schleeter to re-appoint Laura Rusk as a member and Gordon Christians to the Board of Appeals. Motion carried without negative vote.

The Sawyer County Housing Authority is requesting an appointment of Roberto Escamilla II to fill the term of a departing member. A motion was made by Mr. Schleeter; second by Mr. Weaver to approve the appointment as our Sawyer County Housing Authority representative. Motion carried without negative vote.

Zoning Committee Chair Report – Mr. Boettcher advised that they have one rezone application which was unanimously approved at Committee. Mr. Kozlowski presented Case #22-020 for Terrence Petit which was approved at Town Board level. A motion was made by Mr. Kinsley; second by Mr. Buckholtz to approve the rezone Case #22-020. Motion carried without negative vote.

Public Safety Report – Mr. Buckholtz asked Sheriff Mrotek to advise the board member about some concerns in the department, primarily in staffing shortages. Mr. Albarado presented an overview of the potential switch from Coroner position to Medical Examiner position and provided documentation that has been shared at Committee. Statewide, counties are seeing an increase in the expectations that are required of the Coroner position. The ME position is an appointed position. The current Coroner is in support of the change. A motion was made by Mr. Weaver; second by Mr. Schleeter to approve the Resolution to Eliminate the Coroner Position and Establish a Medical Examiner; roll call vote was called. Motion carried 14 – 1 with “aye” votes from Schleeter, Shuman, Hessel, Weaver, Helwig, Duffy, Savitski, Bisonette, Maestri, Rusk, Righeimer, Kinsley, Buckholtz and Peters; “nay” vote from Boettcher.

Public Works Committee Chair Report – Mr. Kinsley reported that the Maintenance Department is working with Miron closely and the airport is finishing remodeling. The ATV/UTV route ordinance will come forward in October. He advised that the contingency is within our \$300,000 range yet.

Land, Water and Forest Resources – Mr. Boettcher reported that timber sales are on track for this budget year. Property sales will now be featured on the online auction, potentially reaching a large audience.

Health and Human Services – Mr. Schleeter advised that a Resolution Designating Sawyer County as an Intoxicated Driver Assessment Facility is being presented in order to designate our HHS department to meet state 515 certification. A motion was made by Mr. Boettcher to approve the Resolution; second by Mr. Buckholtz. Motion carried without negative vote.

Finance Committee Chair Report – Mr. Kinsley reviewed activities of the September meeting. Mr. Markgren presented a preliminary 2023 budget. He reviewed the highlights of the report that was provided in the packet. The 2023 estimated tax rate is \$3.15. The budget public hearing will take place in October.

Economic Development and UW Extension Committee – Mr. Duffy provided an overview of Committee reports. They are searching for individuals to revitalize the bike trail committee. The CAMBA bike race is this weekend.

Municode Update – The final Municode revision was presented for review and consideration. Mr. Albarado provided a review of the development process. No updates have been sent to be added until the final version is approved. A motion was made by Mr. Buckholtz to postpone the approval until the October meeting; second by Mr. Rusk. Motion carried without negative vote.

Updates to Board Policies and Procedures – County Board Plans & Policy Revisions – Mr. Albarado provided a review of the Ethics Draft policy. The policy outlines the process for presenting and acting on a complaint. The Code applies to both employees and officials. A motion was made by Mr. Boettcher to approve the Ethics code procedure; second by Mr. Peters. Motion carried without negative vote.

An updated version of the Sawyer County Board Plans and Policies was presented. This has been through all committees. A motion was made by Mr. Kinsley; second by Mr. Duffy to approve the Resolution Updating Sawyer County Board of Supervisors Policy and Procedure Manual. Mr. Boettcher made a motion to amend the original motion and to retain the deleted language prior to this revision in Rule 1:3; second by Mr. Helwig. Roll call vote was taken and motion failed 6-9 with “aye” votes by Boettcher, Hessel, Helwig, Savitski, Maestri, and Righeimer; “nay” votes by Schleeter, Shuman, Weaver, Duffy, Bisonette, Rusk, Kinsley, Buckholtz and Peters. The original motion was amended by motion makers to revise “and expiring” in Rule 2 and to correct the typo in the word “case” which should be “cast” in Rule 3:3. Motion carried without negative vote.

County Administrator’s Report – A written report was provided and Mr. Albarado reviewed the highlights.

Correspondence, Reports from Conferences and Meetings –

Meeting Date/Time – The next meeting of the County Board of Supervisors will be Thursday, October 20, at 6:30 pm in the Large Courtroom.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm

Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk

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County Board Member Roll Call

Date of County Board Meeting : 9/15/2022

Agenda Item :

Motion to approve the Resolution to Eliminate the Coroner Position
and Establish a Medical Examiner

Motion by: **Weaver** Second by: **Schleeter**

District	Name	Present	Yes	No	Abstain
1	Dale Schleeter		x		
2	Jesse Boettcher			x	
3	Tweed Shuman		x		
4	Stacey Hessel		x		
5	Jason Weaver		x		
6	Marc D. Helwig		x		
7	Thomas W. Duffy		x		
8	Marshal Savitski		x		
9	Brian Bisonette		x		
10	Michael Maestri		x		
11	Chris Rusk		x		
12	John Righeimer		x		
13	Ron Kinsley		x		
14	Ron Buckholtz		x		
15	Ed Peters		x		
Total			14	1	

Carried 14-1

Defeated

Amended

Voice Vote

Roll Call Roll Call

County Board Member Roll Call

Date of County Board Meeting : 9/15/2022

Agenda Item :

Motion to amend the original motion of the Sawyer County Board Plans & Policies and retain original language in Rule 1:3

Motion by: **Boettcher** Second by: **Helwig**

District	Name	Present	Yes	No	Abstain
1	Dale Schleeter			x	
2	Jesse Boettcher		x		
3	Tweed Shuman			x	
4	Stacey Hessel		x		
5	Jason Weaver			x	
6	Marc D. Helwig		x		
7	Thomas W. Duffy			x	
8	Marshal Savitski		x		
9	Brian Bisonette		x	x	
10	Michael Maestri		x		
11	Chris Rusk			x	
12	John Righeimer		x		
13	Ron Kinsley			x	
14	Ron Buckholtz			x	
15	Ed Peters			x	
Total			6	9	

Carried

Defeated

Amended

Voice Vote